



Aline Duminy St. Julien

January 17, 2024

It is with the deepest sorrow that the children of Aline Duminy St. Julien announce her passing at just short of 98 years young. The youngest child of Paul and Ella Duminy, Aline attended Craig Elementary and Xavier Prep High School. In 1946, she married the love of her life, Harold Joseph St. Julien. From this union they had eight children: Mtumishi (born Michael), Tayari (born Cecily), Eric, Nilima (born Lisa), Eli, Jeffery, Una, and the late Jude. Aline loved her family, taught her children to uphold the truth, stand for justice and equality, and be kind to those in need.

In her life, Aline challenged all forms of discrimination in the community, patriarchy in the church and the many limitations that society imposes on women. As lifelong residents of New Orleans, Aline and Harold were very involved with the Catholic Church and participated in various areas of community service, including providing meals for homeless people on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. She was deeply active with the National Office of Black Catholics and in the Black Catholic Movement.

Aline attended Southern University at New Orleans where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in History with a Black Studies concentration, graduating Magna Cum Laude. After her husband's death in 1982, she began studies in the Masters program at Howard University in Washington, DC. Aline was a prolific writer with published articles in newspapers, magazines, and

two books, *Colored Creole* and *Your Daddy Slim*. She taught yoga and literacy to adults, swam twice a week and remained purposefully active. She loved to gather with family and friends, and sing to all kinds of musical genres. Her passion was dance. She would attend dances constantly and would often remain on the dance floor between songs rather than return to her seat. Throughout her life, Aline consistently celebrated the maxim “Black is Beautiful”.

She is survived by her children, Mtumishi (and his wife Shawishi) St. Julien, Tayari Kwa Salaam, Eric (and his wife Gaynelle) St. Julien, Nilima Mwendu, Eli (and his wife Alisa) St. Julien, Jeffery St. Julien, and Una St. Julien-West; sister-in-law, Yvette (George, deceased) St. Julien; 21 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Aline is preceded in death by her husband, Harold St. Julien, her son Jude, and her siblings, Walter (and his wife Dorothy) Duminy, Lucille Duminy (and her husband Richard) Baquet, Louise Duminy (and her husband Joseph) Simms, and Manuel Duminy.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Corpus Christi Church, 2022 St. Bernard Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana on Saturday, February 3, 2024, Holy Mass at 10:00 am, Visitation from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Interment: St. Roch Cemetery # 2. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Avenue. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the guestbook.

In lieu of flowers, donations should be sent in honor of Aline St. Julien to Ashe Cultural Arts Center, 1712 Oretha C. Haley Blvd., New Orleans, LA, 70113.

Cemetery Details

St. Roch #2 Cemetery

New Orleans, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Corpus Christi Catholic Church
2022 St. Bernard Ave
New Orleans, LA 70117

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

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2022 St. Bernard Ave
New Orleans, LA 70117

Tribute Wall

JD

“ Aunt Aline we will miss you greatly. I will make a novena in your memory. The Dupuy family. John Dupuy

John Dupuy - March 20, 2024 at 03:44 PM

AG

“ Dear Mtumishi and family: My condolences on the loss of your Mother.
No matter what age, it is still too soon.
With deepest sympathy,
your friend,
Arnold M Goldberg

Arnold M Goldberg - February 05, 2024 at 04:17 PM

AU

“ Mama St. Julien had a way of making all she encountered special. She poured into your spirit and connected to your spirit as she smiled!!! You knew that she had a connection to the Divine. She is undoubtedly dancing around the throne and loving up on everybody up there!! When she called my name and beckoned me, she would always whisper great words that I will always cherish.....She arises and her children call her blessed!!

Ausettua - February 03, 2024 at 04:58 PM

RP

“ Our prayers and condolences to the St Julien family during this difficult time. 🙏🙏
Gregory and Roseanna Pappion

Roseanna Pappion - February 03, 2024 at 02:53 PM

MJ

“ I shall always remember the light and delight in your eyes and smile each time I was blessed to be with you. You always made me feel that I was the only one in the room. I will always remember dancing with you.

You have left a rich legacy, Mama. I'll see you again.

Mama Jamilah - February 03, 2024 at 09:04 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Aline Duminy St. Julien.



February 01, 2024 at 07:06 PM

AD

“ *Maw St. Julien*

*You are my model for life and how to live it
Especially and particularly in later life
And my Dancing Queen, you will forever be
I don't need videos or pictures to see you on the dance
floo
Whenever I summon the memories and the music starts
... there you go
The music and movement consumed you and captured
me
How often I wished I could emulate you
Thank you for the energy, presence, and memories
Thanks to you I know how to move through these so-called
senior years
As long as I live, you are still here.*

Adamu

Adamu - January 31, 2024 at 09:04 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the
family of Aline Duminy St. Julien.*



January 31, 2024 at 04:12 PM

ST

“ *A most gracious human to ever encounter. Her presence resonates
forever in all she touched.*

Stan Taylor - January 30, 2024 at 11:34 AM

TH

“ I have known Ms. St. Julien for over 30 years and have always been amazed at her multitude of accomplishments and endless energy. She always made me feel a part of the family. It comforts me to know her spirit is now with the love of her life who was taken from her too many years ago. Often she would call and sing "I love you a bushel and a peck" in recent years and months. How did she know my own mother used to sing that exact same song to me when she would bathe me as a small child back in the late 1940s? I knew her love of mangoes and would send them to her son Jeffery for her regularly fresh right from my tree here in Ft. Lauderdale. Jeffery would bring them to her topped with vanilla ice cream and she would gobble them up. My heart is heavy and I will miss her. There was no one like this incredible woman on this Earth. My love and deepest sympathy to the family.

Tom Hayes - January 27, 2024 at 12:39 PM

TG

My Sincere Sympathy Goes to the Entire St Julien Family. Having lost a Mother myself, I know the Difficult Pain that you All are going through...May God

Ty Green - January 31, 2024 at 10:22 AM



“ Mama St. Julien, thank you for initiating my mother's love for her getting therapeutic treatments from me, as you did in 2004. Mama St. Julien, I loved taking dance classes from you-You really put the "D" in dance! Yes Indeed. Love you forever. Kamili Nilata.

Kamili Nilata - January 27, 2024 at 05:07 AM

VP

“ *With fond memories of Maw St. Julien on Christmas Eve; she would hold the babies while we served the Bowls of Gumbo. She really will be missed. With deepest sympathy I will pray the family can cherish her memory.*

Vanissia Prout - January 26, 2024 at 07:45 PM