



Elaine Christiani

June 25, 2025

Elaine Christiani, at age 96, was called to her Heavenly Home on Wednesday June 25, 2025. She was born in Enmore East Coast Demerara, Guyana on May 18, 1929 to Marie Cato and Augustine Fernandes.

From age 8 she lived with her aunt and grandmother who later moved to Vigilance. She attended St. Anthony's R.C for about 8 years. In 1947, after the death of her grandmother she moved to Georgetown to live with her mother. A few years later she met and married Rudolph Christiani and gave birth to 4 children. Claudine, Lorraine, Juliana and Rudolph Jr. In 1978, she moved to New York where she lived with her daughter Claudine and worked as a home health aide for many years. She later then moved to Louisiana with her late daughter Juliana where she quickly and happily made New Orleans home. In 2021, she moved back to New York and live with daughter Lorriaine where she spent her final years surrounded by love and family.

Elaine was a loving wife, mother and grandmother serving as the matriarch of the Christiani family. Elaine was caring, loving, and kind-hearted. She lived her life guided by her strong faith where she found comfort and strength in the Scriptures and church. She worshipped at St. David Catholic Church where she was dearly loved.

She is lovingly remembered by her children Claudine, Lorraine and Rudolph Jr. 9 grandchildren, Rawle, Carla, LaShaunda, Terry, Byron Jr., Rushawn, Asha, Ariel, and Elaine. 10 great grandchildren, Gabriel, Chenee, BJ, Chace, Ben, Zain, Eli, Bree, Braylon, Noor and host of friends who loved her dearly.

Relatives and friends of the family, also priest and parishioners of St. David Catholic Church are invited to attend a Funeral Mass of Christian Burial at St. David Catholic Church, 5617 St. St. Claude St., New Orleans, LA 70117 on Friday, July 11, 2025 at 10:00am. Visitation will begin at 8:00am until 10:00am. Please join us by Livestream at 9:50am by visiting www.facebook.com/D.W.RhodesFuneralHome/live. Internment: Mt. Olivet Cemetery, New Orleans, LA. Arrangements entrusted to D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave., New Orleans, LA 70125.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70122

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. David Catholic Church
5617 St Claude Ave
New Orleans, LA 70117-2533
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Funeral Mass

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