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The family of Gloria Grace Dinvaut Allain expresses their sincere appreciation to our friends and church members for your prayers, concern and countless expressions of kindness.



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MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL FOR *Gloria Grace Dinvaut Allain*

Saturday, March 11, 2017 | 11:00 A.M.

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
551 Harwell Road, Northwest | Atlanta, Georgia 30318

The Reverend Melvin A. Shorter, *C.P., Celebrant*
The Reverend Jerome McKenna, *C.P., Concelebrant*
The Reverend Mister Joseph Goolsby, *Deacon*
The Reverend Mister Hilliard M. Lee, Jr., *Deacon*
The Reverend Mister George Smith, *Deacon*

Order of Service

Entrance Procession	<i>"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"</i>	Frances Kennedy
Greeting of the Body		
Sprinkling of the Holy Water		
Placing of the Pall	Renee Allain-Stockton, Diane Allain-Turmon	
Placing of the Christian Symbols		
Opening Prayer		

Liturgy of The Word

First Reading	<i>Wisdom 3:1-6, 9</i>	Loretta Jacobs
Responsorial Psalm	<i>Psalm 23</i>	Frances Kennedy
<i>Response: The Lord is My Shepherd, There is Nothing I Shall Want</i>		
Second Reading	<i>Romans 6:3-9</i>	Karen Webster Parks
Gospel Acclamation		Frances Kennedy
Gospel	<i>John 6: 37-40</i>	Deacon Hilliard M. Lee, Jr.
Homily		Father Melvin A. Shorter, C.P.
General Intercessions		

Response: Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Liturgy of The Eucharist

Preparation of the Altar	<i>"Blessed Assurance"</i>	Kathleen Bertrand
Presentation of the Gifts	Nicole & Sydney Allain-Stockton, Sterling Turmon	
The Lord's Prayer		
Communion		
Communion Song	<i>"How Great Thou Art"</i>	Kathleen Bertrand
Prayer after Communion		
Remarks		Dmitri Stockton

Final Commendations

Invitation to Prayer		
Song of Farewell	<i>"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"</i>	Kathleen Bertrand
Prayer of Commendation		
Recessional Song	<i>"This Little Light of Mine"</i>	Frances Kennedy

Obituary

Gloria Grace Dinvaut Allain lived her life to the fullest with class, grace, love and style. A loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, Gloria passed away peacefully in her sleep on Saturday, March 4, 2017. Known for her generous spirit, joyful heart, sophisticated style, wit and charm, Gloria was as beautiful on the outside as her spirit on the inside. She devoted her life to her husband, daughters, friends and her church. This is her story.

Gloria was born in Edgard, Louisiana, the youngest of twelve children born to the late Alice Moll and Fernand Nicholas Dinvaut, Sr. on July 11, 1925. Gloria was educated at Xavier University Preparatory School in New Orleans, Louisiana. She attended Southern University and graduated from Wilberforce University with a degree in Home Economics.

Gloria met the love of her life, Leon Gregory Allain, at least twice before finally agreeing to go on a blind date arranged by mutual friends a few years after graduating from college. She met him the first time as a teenager while visiting his home with his sister and a mutual friend from Xavier Prep. She met him the second time while disembarking from the train in New Orleans on the way home from Wilberforce. Leon was picking up his friend who tried to hit on her during the train ride, so she thought "birds of a feather flock together." If you knew Gloria, those were her exact words whenever she told that story.

Gloria and Leon were engaged shortly thereafter and married on September 4, 1952. The newlyweds moved to New York City in order for her husband to pursue a career in architecture. Gloria was a part-time model who was once featured on the cover of Jet magazine only a few months pregnant with their oldest daughter, Renee. They moved to Atlanta in 1958 in order for Leon to form a business partnership with Edward C. Miller (Miller & Allain, Architects). Their youngest daughter, Diane, was born in Atlanta a couple of years later.



Gloria was a devoted wife and mother, volunteering her time and talents with many organizations for her daughters such as Mrs. Hendricks Pre-School, St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Elementary School, Jack & Jill of America, Mrs. Scruggs Girl Scout Troop. She spent her time taking them to ballet lessons at Spelman College, synchronized swimming lessons at the YWCA and piano lessons. She cherished her role as a homemaker, preparing delicious home cooked meals to share family time with her husband and her daughters in the evenings.



After both her daughters graduated from high school, she taught sewing and tailoring classes to senior citizens at Atlanta Area Technical School for several years. She was a perfectionist, always into details and "about the business" of doing things right. She also taught her own daughters and many other young girls how to sew clothes for themselves and their Barbie dolls.

Gloria and Leon were dedicated members of St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church for several decades. They provided Pre-Cana counseling for couples preparing to be married in the Catholic church based upon principles they practiced in their marriage of 48 years. She served as an Extraordinary Minister, assisting ordinary ministers in the distribution of Holy Communion to the faithful.



Gloria was an alumni member of The Girlfriends, Inc., Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Les Girls Bridge Club, and National Smart Set. She was known for entertaining her family and friends, hosting delicious Louisiana inspired parties featuring Gumbo on Christmas Eve after midnight Mass and Fried Oyster Po-Boy sandwiches with Leon's assistance as her sous chef. Always the perfectionist, she often commented after Renee inherited the tradition of cooking Gumbo that she never chopped up the bell peppers, celery and onions as finely as Leon did!

Gloria is survived by her daughters, Renee Allain-Stockton (Raleigh, NC) and Diane Allain-Turmon (Greenville, SC); their husbands, Dmitri Stockton and George Turmon; her grandchildren, Nicole and Sydney Allain-Stockton and Sterling Turmon; her sister, Franceline (Dinvaut)Bordenave (Los Angeles, CA); her brother and sister-in-laws, Wally and Celine (Allain) Choice (Montclair, NJ) and Theresa (Allain) Warner (Orlando, FL).



