



## Joseph L Rateau

April 9, 1950 - December 19, 2024

Joseph was a devoted family man who selflessly sacrificed his time to ensure his loved ones were comfortable and cared for. He worked tirelessly, holding various positions such as a Security Officer, and Chauffeur, always prioritizing his family's well-being. Joseph found joy in spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren, relishing in family gatherings, school pick-ups, and preparing bouillon and Haitian spaghetti for those he loved. A compassionate humanitarian, he worked with Catholic Charities to help Haitian refugees transition from Guantanamo, Cuba to Jackson, Mississippi. His kindness and generosity touched many, leaving a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of knowing him. He will be deeply missed.

Joseph is survived by his loving siblings: Jean Priol Rateau, Killick Rateau, Jean Noubert Rateau, Marie Dulia Rateau, Marie Carmen Mirville, and Melanie Clark. Their bond was a testament to the strength of family and the love they shared.

Joseph was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and brother. He and his wife, Marie Janet Rateau, shared 46 years of love and partnership. Together, they raised four children: Jerry C. Rateau, Jeff Rateau, Aicha Rateau, and nephew Johnny Moricette. Joseph's legacy continues through his grandchildren: Jeremiah Rateau, Jirah Rateau, Jeff Rateau, Mya Rateau, Anasia Eliazard, Alivia Eliazard, and Aashi Eliazard. Joseph peacefully made

his transition into eternity at age 74 on Thursday, December 19, 2024. His memory will forever be cherished by his family and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Forts Funeral Home  
16480 N.E. 19th Avenue  
North Miami Beach, FL 33162  
info@stfortsfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.stfortsfuneralhome.com/>

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JAN 3 (ET)

First Glorious Church Of Love  
1200 NE 135th Street  
North Miami, FL 33161

# Tribute Wall

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“ *“For God Loves a Cheerful Giver”*

*Dear Ton Nene, you had a Heart of Solid Gold. I will always remember the time you drove my mom and Dad from Miami to Tampa. Knowing you had to work the next day, you made the 9hr overnight roundtrip because you didn't want them to make the trip on a bus. Dear Ton Nene, you were a Cheerful Giver who always gave and help others not because you had plenty but because it was in your nature. Your kindness and Love will always be remembered. Rest in paradise Uncle.*

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**Benz Rateau** - January 02, 2025 at 03:51 PM



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**St. Forts Funeral Home** - January 02, 2025 at 11:27 AM

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“ *With deepest sympathy Benz Rateau purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Joseph L Rateau.*



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**With deepest sympathy Benz Rateau** - January 02, 2025 at 11:15 AM



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... services, our governments, serving  
to family gatherings, school graduations, and  
preparing families and friends together  
for those he loved. A compassionate  
Nurturer, he worked with Catholic  
Charities to help families adjust  
narrative from Guatemala, Cuba to  
Mexico. Message: His sacrifice and  
generosity touched many, leaving a lasting impact  
on all who had the privilege of knowing him. He will be  
deeply missed.

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Jose Manuel Ramos, Maria Dalia Ramos, Maria Carmen Miralles, and  
Mildred Clark. Their bond was a testament to the strength of family and  
the love that endures.

My hope comes from the Lord who will sustain and guide. "He will not allow you  
to be tempted. He will keep you safe and steady." (Matthew 6:13) He who has loved  
shall neither desert nor sleep. "The Lord is your shield at  
your right hand. The Lord will not forsake you. He will be with you in every  
trouble and will rescue you from all distress. He will protect you from all harm."  
The Lord will preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and now  
forevermore.

Prayer & Reading  
Book  
Musical Solo  
Marian Devotion, Regina  
Ave Maria  
Hail Mary, Hail  
Prayer: Our Lord, Our God  
Our Lord, Our God, Our Lord, Our God  
Special Thanks  
Jan Nester, Susan, Brooke

Friday, January 3, 2025  
Morning 10:00 AM Service 10:00 AM  
St. Forts Funeral Home  
10000 NE 10th Avenue, North Miami Beach, FL 33162

*The Lord*  
There are mountains on galaxies  
and oceans that are true  
If we are not as certain, I could reassure you  
As a father, I could see, a million times, I could  
If I were alone, could I have saved you  
you were not alone  
In life, I loved you deeply, in death, I love you still  
To see how you held a place in my heart, you could see all  
If I were not here, I would see and know you had a love, I could  
The path to heaven and bring you back again.  
Our family home is broken, and nothing is the same, but in God  
we will see you again, and we will see you again.

St. Forts Funeral Home - January 02, 2025 at 09:30 AM