



MARIE REGINE CHARLES

October 7, 1956 - January 25, 2026

Marie Regine Charles, a woman of deep love, compassion, and unwavering devotion to family, was born on October 7, 1956, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to Lionel Charles and Adeline Ambroise Romain. The first of six children, she showed remarkable resilience early in life, surviving polio as a toddler. From a young age, her capacity to unite, nurture, and lead others became second nature. Throughout her life, she led by example—through her words, her guidance, and her actions. She was known for being honest, fair, loving, and never judgmental.

Regine began her education in Haiti at Les Sœurs Externat La Providence and Centre d'Études Secondaires, where she excelled academically. In 1971, at the age of fifteen, she and her brother immigrated to Boston, Massachusetts, to join their parents, Adeline and Jean Emile Romain. She attended Mission Church High School and St. Peter Catholic High School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, continuing to distinguish herself as a strong student. She also studied classical piano for fourteen years and was an accomplished player. Regine was active and well-loved in the close-knit Haitian community and was a member of L'Alliance Féminine de Boston, a multi-generational mother-and-daughter civic and social club.

She later attended the University of Massachusetts Amherst in pursuit of a degree in nursing but soon realized it was not her calling. After moving to South Florida, she enrolled at Miami Dade Community College and earned an associate degree in Broadcasting Communications, with hopes of returning to

Haiti to contribute to Télévision Nationale d'Haïti. Political instability in the country prevented that dream from materializing. Determined to continue her education, she later attended Nova Southeastern University part-time while working full-time and earned a bachelor's degree in legal studies.

Regine dedicated 39 years of service to the U.S. government. In 1979, she was hired as an immigration interpreter at the Krome Detention Center. She was promoted and transferred to Miami International Airport as an Immigration Inspector, and later to the immigration office on Biscayne Boulevard and 79th Street near Little Haiti as an Immigration Adjudicator. After resigning from the INS, she spent seven years with Catholic Charities in their legal services department, assisting clients in their pursuit of legal immigration status and advocating on their behalf. She eventually returned to public service with the Department of Homeland Security as an Immigration Adjudicator in the West Palm Beach office. She was also entrusted with hosting a weekly segment on Radio Haïti Amérique Internationale, providing the community with accurate and practical immigration information. She declined a higher position when it was offered and eventually retired in 2025 as a Senior Immigration Adjudicator. Throughout her career, she was known for her professionalism, integrity, compassion, and her willingness to always go the extra mile for those she served.

In her personal life, Ginou—as she was affectionately known—was a devoted single mother who cherished her children, grandchild, and extended family. On January 1, 2026, to celebrate Haitian Independence Day, she prepared a large pot of soup joumou, cooked every favorite Haitian dish and dessert, and welcomed her family for a day filled with food, drinks, music, and live drumming. Regine will be fondly remembered as a generous and gifted culinary artist who loved bringing people together around a table.

Cemetery Details

Fred Hunter's Hollywood Memorial Gardens North

3001 N 72nd Ave FL 33024
Hollywood, FL 3302

Previous Events

VIEWING

FEB 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Forts Funeral Home and Cremation
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Tribute Wall



“ From your WPB USCIS family. purchased the White Standing Open Heart for the family of MARIE REGINE CHARLES.



From your WPB USCIS family. - February 11 at 11:46 AM



“ From your WPB USCIS family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of MARIE REGINE CHARLES.

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“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



St. Forts Funeral Home - February 11 at 09:58 AM

YF

“ Young Haitian Doctors Network Fam purchased the Blue & White Funeral Standing Spray for the family of MARIE REGINE CHARLES.



Young Haitian Doctors Network Fam - February 11 at 09:17 AM

RF

“ Ruben Charles and family purchased the Lavender & White Standing Spray for the family of MARIE REGINE CHARLES.



Ruben Charles and family - February 10 at 10:14 PM

RF

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Ruben Charles and family - February 10 at 10:14 PM

YC

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Yanick Le Cadre - February 09 at 09:37 PM

AB

“ All the Children of Guy Berrouet planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of MARIE REGINE CHARLES.

All the Children of Guy Berrouet - February 09 at 04:06 PM

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LC

“ Love from all of us at CPA planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of MARIE REGINE CHARLES.

Love from all of us at CPA - February 09 at 10:55 AM



“ Lavender & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of MARIE REGINE CHARLES.



February 09 at 10:55 AM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of MARIE REGINE CHARLES.*



February 08 at 02:18 PM



“ *Solid White Standing Heart With Yellow Rose Break was purchased for the family of MARIE REGINE CHARLES.*



February 08 at 02:09 PM



“ *We were coworkers for years and shared a love of plants and tropical fruit trees. She was a wonderful friend.*

Leigh Maxwell - February 07 at 01:03 PM



“ *Andrew & Ellena Retterath purchased the Cherished Memories - All White for the family of MARIE REGINE CHARLES.*



Andrew & Ellena Retterath - February 06 at 09:06 PM