



Dr. Marie Claude Rigaud

January 24, 1939 - April 18, 2024

Dr. Marie-Claude Rigaud was born in Jérémie, Haiti on January 24, 1939 and passed away peacefully, surrounded by family and friends, on April 18, 2024 at Bickford of Saint Charles.

She is survived by her 5 children, Carl-Andre Rigaud of Naperville, Illinois, Jean-Philippe (Maria) Rigaud of Steubenville, Ohio, Cassandre (Don) Anderson of Rockford, Illinois, Joseph

(Kari) Rigaud of Dekalb, Illinois, and Claudine (Marcel) Dulaney of Phoenix, Arizona. She

leaves behind 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren, and her beloved sister Yanick Saint

Jean. Marie-Claude is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Andre Rigaud, her son

Ralph Rigaud, her brother Max Saint Jean, and her sister Marie-Josette Saint Jean Erié. The

lifelong friends she leaves behind are too numerous to name.

Many people know Dr. Rigaud through her extensive charitable work and through service on the

boards of several organizations including Marmion Academy. However, she would say

that her most meaningful professional contributions were in the area of mental

health and most significantly within her beloved home country of Haiti. She practiced Psychiatry from the time she completed her medical training in Haiti in 1962 through her retirement in 2014. She also completed a Masters in Public Health and held positions on the boards of several organizations including AMHE (Association Médicale Haïtienne à l'Étranger) where she served as President from 1983 - 1987. Dr. Rigaud partnered with other organizations including the American Psychiatric Association (APA), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the World Psychiatric Association (WPA) to bring awareness of the mental health challenges in Haiti, particularly after the 2010 earthquake which brought much devastation to her beloved home country. She was a co-founder of Rebatî Santé Mentale - a non-profit organization "dedicated to providing the nation of Haiti with effective mental health care by integrating mental wellness into the nation's health care system and policies." Her efforts were recognized by the APA through a Profile of Courage Award in 2014. One of Dr. Rigaud's lifelong dreams was to complete and publish her book on Haiti - a book written from her unique perspective as a Haitian and a psychiatrist. "The Decaying Pearl" is a dream to which she dedicated much time and effort, even into her final years of life; a dream

that may still be fulfilled by her successors.

The entirety of Dr. Rigaud's accomplishments and accolades are too numerous to count, but

collectively serve as a testament to her and her late husband's commitment to active

participation in the communities they belonged to. Marie-Claude and André were amazing

examples to their children of what service and sacrifice looked like.

Although you can view Marie-Claude's life through these milestones, it is the time in between

these milestones that we, her family and friends, knew her best. Marie-Claude and her lifelong

partner André married on September 30, 1961 in Haiti. They moved to the United States and

laid a foundation for their large family - a family whose branches will continue to grow and

flourish as a result of them. They planted our roots deep and watered us with love.

We are grateful to have had Marie-Claude's influence, listening ear, love and support for all of

her years. She was a servant of God and a loving mother until the end. We mourn for the loss

of our mother but we know that she is at peace, with God, and reunited with her husband of 60

years. Poppy and Mom – we will see you again.

Please join us in celebrating her life at a Visitation to be held from 3:00 - 7:00 pm on Friday,

May 3, 2024 at Daleiden Mortuary, 220 N. Lake Street, Aurora, IL where there will be a Liturgical Wake Service at 3:00pm.

A Funeral Mass will be offered by Fr. Vincent Bataille, O.S.B. on Saturday,

May 4, 2024 at 10:00am at Marmion Abbey Church, 850 Butterfield Rd.,
Aurora, IL.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Rebâti Santé Mentale
(<https://rebatisantementalersm.org/>), AMHE (amhe.org), and/or Hope for
Haitians
(<https://hopeforhaitians.org/>).

Arrangements were handled by THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake
St., Aurora, 630-
631-5500. Please visit the website at www.daleidenmortality.com to sign the
virtual guest book or leave condolences for the Rigaud family.

Previous Events

Wake Service

MAY 3. 3:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

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Funeral Mass

MAY 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Marmion Abbey Church
850 Butterfield Rd
Aurora, IL 60502

Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Marie Claude Rigaud



Daleiden Mortuary - April 26, 2024 at 02:37 PM

SP

“ Dear Carl, Jean-Philippe, Cassie, Joe and Claudine, please accept our deepest condolences. Your mom and Dad were one of those couples who modeled for us commitment, love, and sacrifice from afar. They also always left us with joy and positivity and hope when we met them during family events. May her soul rest in peace and may we all continue to carry the legacy she left. We will be with you in spirit today, joining you from afar. Love, Sabine and Jean Paul

Sabine Paul - May 04, 2024 at 08:26 AM

SF

“ Saint-Jean Silva Germain Mosley families purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dr. Marie Claude Rigaud.



Saint-Jean Silva Germain Mosley families - May 03, 2024 at 02:47 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Marie Claude Rigaud.*



May 02, 2024 at 11:45 PM



“ *Regina Edwards planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Marie Claude Rigaud.*

Regina Edwards - May 02, 2024 at 11:45 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Marie Claude Rigaud.*



May 02, 2024 at 12:49 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Marie Claude Rigaud.*



May 01, 2024 at 09:41 PM



“ 30 files added to the album Marie-Claude Rigaud



Carl-Andre Rigaud - May 01, 2024 at 12:23 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Marie Claude Rigaud.



May 01, 2024 at 01:31 AM



“ 24 files added to the album Marie-Claude Rigaud



Carl-Andre Rigaud - April 30, 2024 at 07:16 PM



“ 153 files added to the album Marie-Claude Rigaud



Carl-Andre Rigaud - April 29, 2024 at 09:47 PM



“ *In this sorrowful time, we would like to extend to you our heartfelt condolences. We are honored that we could provide care and companionship to Marie and your family on her final journey. May our Lord comfort you and your loved ones.*



Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Love, your family at Lighthouse Hospice Care

Lighthouse Hospice Care, LLC. - April 26, 2024 at 04:13 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Daleiden Mortuary - April 26, 2024 at 02:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Marie Claude Rigaud.



April 26, 2024 at 12:01 PM



“ David L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Marie Claude Rigaud.

David L. - April 25, 2024 at 03:54 PM

DL

“ I was privileged to spend the majority of my career in psychiatry with Marie Claude as a colleague and friend. Her passion, knowledge and professionalism were unsurpassed, and the mark that she left on the world in psychiatry and public health was incredible. Blessings to the family and other loved ones she has left behind — she has left for you a most wonderful legacy.

David Leader - April 25, 2024 at 03:52 PM



“ Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Dr. Marie Claude Rigaud.



April 24, 2024 at 02:17 PM

FI

“ From Ergon West Virginia Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Marie Claude Rigaud.

From Ergon West Virginia Inc. - April 24, 2024 at 02:17 PM

KT

“ Heartfelt condolences to the Rigaud Family during this tough time.
hugs

Kane T - April 23, 2024 at 09:05 PM

CB

“ Cecilia B. purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Dr. Marie Claude Rigaud.



Cecilia B. - April 22, 2024 at 07:44 PM

CB

“ Cecilia B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Marie Claude Rigaud.

Cecilia B. - April 22, 2024 at 07:44 PM

GF

“ My sincere condolences to the family of my dear colleague, Dr Marie-Claude St-Jean Rigaud, one of the most brilliant, dedicated, patriotic physicians of our generation.. “HONOR...RESPECT “... PEACE.
Ghislaine FOUGY,M.D.

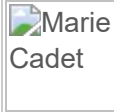
Ghislaine FOUGY - April 22, 2024 at 08:09 AM

 Marie Cadet

“ Marie Cadet sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Marie Claude Rigaud



Marie Cadet - April 20, 2024 at 08:55 PM



*Rest in Peace Marie-Claude.
Deepest sympathy to the family.*

Marie Cadet - April 20, 2024 at 08:56 PM



My deepest sympathy to the family of Dr Marie-Claude St-Jean-Rigaud, one of the most brilliant, dedicated, patriotic physicians of our generation.

*"HONOR, RESPECT", PEACE.
Ghislaine FOUGY, M.D.*

Ghislaine FOUGY - April 21, 2024 at 07:52 PM



*“ From your Niece Carole purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Dr. Marie Claude Rigaud.*



From your Niece Carole - April 20, 2024 at 12:40 PM



*“ Great Nephews and Great Neice In Berlin
Germany. Olivier, Xavier, and Renee purchased
the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of
Dr. Marie Claude Rigaud.*



**Great Nephews and Great Neice In Berlin Germany. Olivier,
Xavier, and Renee** - April 20, 2024 at 12:40 PM

PS

“ Such warmth , I feel when I think of Marie-Claude. She would light up a room ,when she entered. She had such positive energy that made people feel good...Yes, she is with OUR LORD , Andre, Ralph and all the heavenly angels glorifying and giving praise to Him....I love her very much and will miss her....
I can hear Jesus thanking her for raising her children to know , love and serve Him.....what a GREAT family Marie and Andre have....I am blessed that they are a part of my life
My love and prayers always.....Pat

Patricia Sheppard - April 20, 2024 at 12:20 PM

EP

“ I remember marie claude as a member of AMHE to which she dedicated her time and commitment for the benefit of or Haitian community and Haiti. Her passion for mental health was contagious and she always took at heart the well being of all who work with her. Her objective and candid opinion was always welcome to solve problems and advance a cause. Marie Claude was a role model for me and her affection meant a lot to me. She is at peace and now with her beloved husband ! She fought the good fight and will always be remembered for her legacy. Rest in peace my dear friend and until we see each other again....
Elizabeth

Elizabeth Philippe - April 20, 2024 at 08:16 AM

MM

“ Our children shared the stage,and made some beautiful memories.So many memories. The ride to Steubenville.Thank you for your friendship...Angie

Mary Angela McGehee - April 19, 2024 at 09:11 PM

AI

*C'est un des grands piliers de l'AMHE qui est partie. Que son âme repose en paix!
Condoléances aux membres de sa famille et à nous tous de l'AMHE.*

*Dr. Marie-Françoise Mégie
20 Avril, 2024*

AMHE, Inc. - April 20, 2024 at 01:09 PM

AI

Mes sincères Condoléances à AMHE et sa famille , ses enfants et petits-enfants à sa cousine Dr Maud Aarons Bertoni. ☐ J'ai bien connue Marie Claude à l'école de Sainte Rose de Lima où elle a fait toute ses études primaire et secondaires et à la Faculté de Médecine. Elle a rejoint André. Que son âme repose en Paix,

*Rita Bellevue, M.D.
April 20, 2024*

AMHE, Inc. - April 20, 2024 at 01:11 PM

AI

So sad to hear this news. Dr Rigaud was not only a faithful member of the AMHE, but Also a true Haiti patriot, a compassionate physician and a great lady. Her departure is a loss for the association, for the country and all of us.

*Louis Joseph Auguste, M.D.
April 20, 2024*

AMHE, Inc. - April 20, 2024 at 01:13 PM

GN

Dr. Rigaud was and is an ICON in the mental health field and always will be! No one champions the importance of mental well-being more than she did. It is a true joy to have been connected with her and Papi Rigaud! The building of Rebaté Santé Mentale was her legacy; through it, her memories and impact will forever live on. Guerda Nicolas, PhD

Guerda Nicolas - April 21, 2024 at 10:02 AM

FC

*With many fond memories of our dear friend Marie, the Marmion connection, family celebrations & milestones, Joy Luck Club, and last but not least, that special rum cake recipe. Rest in peace.
The Conforti Family*

Fred J Conforti - April 30, 2024 at 01:12 PM

EJ

Marie Claude Rigaud was a great member of AMHE. We did work together for many years for the benefit and success of the organization. I vividly remember the extraordinary convention of 2005 in Puerto Rico where Dr Rigaud became so influential in bringing with others the President of the AMA to our scientific meeting. My heart felt thoughts to the family. Eric L Jérôme, MD FASN

Eric Jerome - May 03, 2024 at 12:42 PM