

FUNERAL FOR HAITIAN IMMIGRANT IS MONDAY

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Body

The **funeral** service for Nikenson Cenatus, the 19-year-old **Haitian** man who drowned last weekend at Fort De Soto Park, will take place **Monday** at St. Paul's Catholic Church.

Cenatus had come to the United States two years ago for surgery through Partners With Haiti, a ministry of the church. He remained after the earthquake ravaged Haiti, learned English, got a job and was preparing to take his GED. The youngest of five children, he helped to support his mother and siblings in Haiti with his earnings from a Sweetbay supermarket.

Partners With Haiti has sought the help of U. S. Rep. Kathy Castor to get an emergency non-**immigrant** visa for Cenatus' mother, Diuedonne Lindor, to travel from her home on the remote **Haitian** island of La Gonave for the **funeral**. Dr. Mark Morris, a member of the Partners With Haiti group, said Lindor has an appointment with the embassy at 7 a.m. today .

Monday's service at St. Paul's, 1800 12th St. N, will begin at 11 a.m. A viewing will be held earlier, starting at 10 a.m. A reception will take place in St. Paul's school cafeteria after the service.

Morris said Cenatus' body will be cremated and his ashes taken home for a service at the family's Wesleyan church.

Cenatus had been on an outing with a group from Sanctification **Haitian** Baptist Church, when he waded into the water Saturday afternoon. He could not swim. An autopsy by the Pinellas County Medical Examiner determined the cause of death was drowning.

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Donations to Nikenson Cenatus' family may be made to To Partners With Haiti, St. Paul's Catholic Church, 1800 12th St. N, St. Petersburg, FL 33704, or online partnerswithhaiti.com.

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