



Thank You for
55 Wonderful
Years!

The Love of
my Life and
my Friend...

Cynthia L. Grant
(Cynt)



Thanks for being my Superman,
from your Number one Superman.

Jimmy

Thanks Dad for being my hero, my best friend,
my "rock". You earned your rest!

Chris

Thanks Dad, you will always be in my heart!

Crystal



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch.

If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Acknowledgements

The Family of James Edward Grant acknowledges with sincere appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers, calls, words of comfort and assurance, and the many other expressions of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. These expressions of love will serve as a source of comfort and strength in the days to come. May God continue to bless you with his abundant love.

Active Pallbearers

Jessie Jovan Wagner • Troy Crowell, Jr. • Darian Tucker
Patrik Tucker • Austin Stuckey • Lamah Grant

Honorary Pallbearers

Tristan Norris • Anthony Howard • Thomas Tucker
Cameron Means • Ashain Joseph • Samuel Norris

Flowerbearers

Friends of the Family



A Little While

Fill not your heart with pain and sorrow,
But remember me in every tomorrow...
Remember the joy, the laughter, the smiles,
I've only gone to rest a little while.
Although my leaving causes pain and grief,
My going has eased my hurt and given me relief.
So dry your eyes and remember me,
Not as I am now, but as I used to be.
Because I will remember you all and look on with a smile.
Understand in your hearts, I've only gone to rest a little while.

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Celebrating the Life of



James Edward Grant, Sr.

April 9, 1942 — June 11, 2022

Saturday, June 25, 2022

Visitation – 9:30 a.m. • Service – 11:00 a.m.

Rockdale Baptist Church/Rocklife Church
539 Forest Avenue • Cincinnati, Ohio 45232

Rev. Rousseau Andre O'Neal III, *Officiating*

Obituary

James Edward Grant, Sr. (also known as Coach Grant, Deacon Grant or Brother G) was born on April 9, 1942 in Cincinnati, OH, to the late Reverend William and Ruth Grant. He departed this life on Saturday, June 11, 2022. He was the eldest of two siblings. He was educated in Cincinnati Public Schools, graduating from Hughes High School in 1960.

James married Cynthia Linette Frazier on February 18, 1967. Cynthia and James lived across the street from each other — and the first time James saw Cynthia he said, “I’m going to marry her!” James and Cynthia were happily married for 55 wonderful years. To this union was born three children: James E. II, Christopher L. and Crystal L.

James was a dedicated husband, son, brother, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and uncle. He believed in hard work, honesty, education and leadership. James was a no-nonsense, straightforward, “man’s man”. He was full of wisdom and believed in taking care of his family. He was a resilient solid rock to those who knew him!

James attended Revelation Baptist Church as a teenager. One Sunday morning, James and his best friend (still to this day), Arthur Vaughn visited Rockdale Baptist Church (then located on Burnet Avenue). James told his parents about the church and that’s how the Grant family came to Rockdale.

James later joined The Church of The Living under the leadership of the late Chief Bishop W.E. Crumes. James remained a dedicated member of the church for over 30 years. James served as an Ordained Deacon, Trustee, Church Treasurer, President of the Men’s Work, Director of the Men’s Choir and a member of the Male Chorus, where he was known for writing the notorious award winning song, We Are the Men.

James was a member of the Boy Scouts of America in his youth. He proudly served in the United States Navy from 1960 to 1964, where he operated as a radioman. He was responsible for transmitting and receiving radio signals and relaying classified telecommunications aboard Navy ships.

James was the only African American to serve in this role during his time in the Navy.

James was an avid fisherman! He loved to spend the day on the lake. Other hobbies included: gardening, landscaping, bowling and playing chess! Moreover, James was a dedicated member of Ach Hughes Black Alumni Association, where he served in the role of treasurer for many years. The Ach Hughes Black Alumni Association was responsible for awarding educational scholarships to deserving students. During his tenure as treasurer, over 100 thousand dollars was awarded in scholarship monies. James was also a devoted youth football and baseball coach for many, many years! He was a mentor in the community — always offering words of wisdom and advice to everyone he encountered.

James retired from Mayers Electric as a skilled Journeyman Electrician (after 44 years of service) in August of 2001. He was a proud member of IBEW Local 212 Union. James took great pride in his work and he was a stickler for perfection! He was always willing to offer electrical services to his church, family and friends.

James leaves to cherish his memory: his beloved wife, Cynthia; mother-in-law, Dorothy Frazier; children, James Grant II (Tiffany), Christopher Grant and Crystal Grant-Stuckey; two sisters, Victoria Jones and Beverly Wagner; five grandchildren, Shakila Josephs (Ashain), Lamah Grant, Austin Stuckey, Ashlyn Stuckey and Tiana Grant; two great-grandchildren, Amara Joseph and Aasir Joseph; brother-in-law, Samuel Norris, Jr.; special friends, Leo Broussard, Kenneth Burt and Arthur Vaughn; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

James Grant’s Favorite Scripture:
Psalms 51:10 — “*Create in me a clean heart,
O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*”

Favorite Song:
“*I’ve Got A Feeling Everything’s Gonna Be Alright*”

2 Timothy 4:7-8 — “*He fought a good fight, he finished his course, he kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for him a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give him at that day!*”

Order of Service

Prelude	O’Deen Mays, Jr./Jesse Wagner
Parting View	Family
Military Salute	
Prayer	Rev. Rousseau Andre O’Neal III
Scripture – New Testament	Evangelist Ramona Malone (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
Scripture – Old Testament	Evangelist Regina Pinkleton (Psalm 46)
Musical Selections	The Northern Kentucky Brotherhood Singers
Acknowledgement of Cards and Condolences	Church Clerk, Evangelist Stephany Torbert
Obituary	Read Silently
Video Tribute	A Life Remembered
Musical Solo	Odeen A. Mays, Jr.
Remarks	Clergy, Family and Friends – All
Musical Selection	Jimmie Ford and the Rockdale Baptist Church/Church of The Living God Choir
Eulogy	Pastor Darnell Lee, Jr.
Benediction	Pastor Darnell Lee, Jr.
Recessional	The Clergy, Pallbearers and Family



Entombment

Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum
Lakeside Mausoleum

Repast – Rockdale Baptist Church