



## *Lamentations 3: 22-26*

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
His mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.  
"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,  
"therefore I will hope in him."  
The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul who seeks him.  
It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.*

## *Acknowledgments*

The family of **JAMES M. GRANT** wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

## *Arrangements Entrusted to:*

  
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## *Celebrating the Life of*



## *James M. Grant*

SUNRISE: AUGUST 28, 1936 - SUNSET: FEBRUARY 4, 2025



## *Funeral Service*

Thursday February 13, 2025 • 10:00 A.M.

**ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

132 Odell Clark Place  
New York, NY 10030

## *Entombment*

**TRINITY CHURCH CEMETERY & MAUSOLEUM**

New York, New York

# Order of Service

## ORGAN PRELUDE

## INVOCATION

SELECTION ..... “AMAZING GRACE”

## SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT: ISAIAH 25: 6-9 ..... DONNA GRANT HAMILTON

NEW TESTAMENT: JOHN 14: 1-6 ..... KENNETH GRANT

## PRAYER OF COMFORT

SELECTION ..... “HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW”

REFLECTION/ RESOLUTION ..... JERILL JOHNSON

ABYSSINIAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OBITUARY ..... JASMINE JOHNSON

SELECTION ..... “PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND”

EULOGY ..... REVEREND DR. KEVIN R. JOHNSON

## COMMITTAL & BENEDICTION

## RECESSIONAL

# Obituary

**JAMES M. GRANT** was born in Thomson, Georgia, to Guy Grant and Gussie Paschal on August 28, 1936. He had one sibling, a sister, Beatrice Grant. Most of his family and friends referred to him as “Jimmy.”

Jimmy moved from Georgia to New York City as a young boy. He attended P.S. 157 on 126th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue and graduated from Brooklyn Automotive High School. Jimmy excelled as a student and as an athlete. He won accolades in track and field and was a lifelong member of the New York Pioneer Running Club. Jimmy was a dutiful son and worked alongside his parents in the family delicatessen.

In the early 1960s, Jimmy met and married Cherrie Brown. Three children resulted from their loving union: Donna, Jasmine, and Janique. Jimmy and Cherrie steadfastly supported their community and owned and operated several businesses in Harlem and the Bronx, N.Y., for over three decades.

For several years, Jimmy worked with Gulf and Western Industries, Inc., and the Celtics Group, owners of the Boston Celtics. In his seventies, Jimmy stepped into an executive leadership role to continue the legacy of the Paschal family business upon the passing of his uncle, the late James V. Paschal of Atlanta, Georgia. Jimmy became President of Paschal Concessions in Atlanta, Georgia, and frequently traveled between Atlanta and New York.

Jimmy committed to membership at the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem for nearly forty years. As an active member of the Abyssinian Baptist Church, Jimmy served on the Board of Trustees. In 2020, Jimmy established two Legacy Scholarships at Abyssinian Baptist Church on behalf of the New York Pioneer Running Club in honor of the co-founder and former head coach.

To relax, Jimmy enjoyed bowling and listening to jazz music. He was an avid sports fan, following his favorite New York sports teams. Jimmy was a track and field enthusiast who often attended the Penn Relays with his friends. He also loved watching tennis matches and looked forward to attending the U.S. Open each year. Jimmy enjoyed photography and captured many beautiful pictures on camera throughout his life. A devoted father and grandfather, Jimmy was happiest spending time with his children and grandchildren, celebrating birthdays and holidays, and attending graduations and sports events.

Jimmy is preceded in death by his wife, Cherrie, and his parents, Guy and Gussie. He leaves three daughters, Donna Grant Hamilton, Jasmine Johnson, Janique Grant-Pena; three son-in-law, Kurt Hamilton, Duane Johnson, and Christian Pena; seven grandchildren, Angelica, Leila, Marisa, Jordyn, Christian (Jake), Erika, and Jillian; five great-grandchildren, Ava, Carter James, Mia, Charlotte, and Evelyn; a sister, Beatrice Grant; a nephew, Kenneth Grant; cousins Barbara Reaves and Corliss Nordmann; one great-nephew, Curtis Paschal, one grandson-in-law, Dennis Huang and a host of other relatives and special friends.

James Grant was a hardworking, generous, and family man whom his family and friends love deeply. His life is cherished, and he will be greatly missed.