



*In Loving Memory of*

*Oswald James Grant, Jr.*

September 23, 1948 - January 18, 2016

Service

Friday, January 29, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

**ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

384 E. 160th Street  
Bronx, New York 10451

# Obituary

**Oswald James Grant, Jr.** was known by many names, The Wizard, Oz, and Ozzie to name a few. He was sixty-eight years old at the time of his demise and residing in the South Bronx. Although he moved quite a bit, he always ended up “back home” in the South Bronx.

Oz, as he was called by his childhood friends, was born September 23, 1948 to Oswald Grant, Sr. (deceased 1987) and Rose Lee Grant (deceased 1996.) He has one sister, Fina Douglas of Florida. On November 1, 1969, he married Portia Frazier (divorced) Oz attended and graduated from Dewitt Clinton H.S., which was an all-boys school at the time. He'd often tell stories of how they would terrorize the girls at Walton (all-girls) High School. Over the years he held many jobs, though the most talked about was his time as an exterminator and working as an insulator with Local 12 International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators. Oz proudly served his country in the U.S. Army from August 31, 1967 to August 18, 1970 receiving an Honorable Discharge. He was said to have gone AWOL at one point because Portia, his girlfriend at the time, was going to break up with him. They subsequently had a daughter, so we know how that turned out!

A true New Yorker Oz has lived in every borough except Staten Island, several cities in New Jersey, and Honduras from the ages of eight to ten. He was fluent in Spanish as his father was born in Honduras after his grandfather migrated there from Jamaica, WI. Oz traveled a lot and even visited Vietnam as part of his tour of duty. He was a dedicated grandfather and loved spending time with his granddaughters. Such a fixture he was in their life that he was just as much a grandfather to each of their friends. Aside from spending time with his family, he enjoyed playing chess; it was almost a daily thing to see him in the VA Hospital cafeteria playing chess for hours. He also took pleasure in playing cards, especially bid whist and pinochle and could be found at either 145<sup>th</sup> St. and Lenox Ave. or 23<sup>rd</sup> Street playground on 166<sup>th</sup> Street and Union Ave.

Oz was an inactive member of Wisdom Lodge #57 A.F. &A.M. under Hiram Grand Lodge. Once a mason, always a mason! He was also a proud member of St. David's Episcopal Church and saw to it that each of his grandkids was baptized there.

Oswald James Grant, Jr. is survived by ex-wife, Portia Coleman (GA); daughter, Tamara “Tea” Grant (NY); step-daughters, Ebony Chappel (GA) and Zakia “Kia” Coleman (GA); step-son, Kwame Coleman; grandchildren, Kyanna “Kiki” Morton (NY), Jaleecia “Juju” Morton (NC), Zsa-Zsa “Za” Grant (NY), Jakerra (Kerra) Grant (NY), Haqueensha “Queenie” Johnson, De’Ontae Chappel (GA), Eternity Chappel (GA), Maalachi Coleman (GA), Briana “Bre” Williams (GA); great-grandchildren, Nyasia “Tugga” Brown (NY), Rayanna “Ray Ray” Brown (NY), Za’Niyah “Fat Chunky” Morton (NY), Harmony Johnson (GA); sister, Fina Douglas (FL); nephew, Brian Bermudez (JP-Military); aunts, Betsy Douglas (NJ) and Vera Johnson (GA); uncle, Mario “Snook” Douglas; cousins, Ronnie, Veronica (NJ), Belinda, and Olethia (GA). “Adopted” daughters, Brenda Allen (FL), Lorna Haynes (NY), Chantel Richards (NY), and others. Oz left behind a host of cousins, distant relatives, and friends none more special than Atiba Dey (NY), his friend of forty-two years. In addition, tons of childhood friends from St. Mary's P.J.'s and a whole network within Narcotics Anonymous. (Oz was extremely proud to have twenty-four years clean and sober as he attended meetings on a regular basis.) Lastly...veterans worldwide.

## *The Order of Service for the Burial of the Dead: Rite Two*

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### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **The Lessons**

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**Psalm 121** ..... p. 779

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**The Gradual Hymn 194** ..... “Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now”

**The Holy Gospel** – John 14:1-6

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### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

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“Alleluia! The strife is o’er, the battle done”

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Lift up your hearts (*Sursum Corda* and *Preface*).....p. 361

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#### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Christ Our Passover

Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*)

**All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion**

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**The Postcommunion Prayer** ..... p. 498

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#### **Interment**

*Monday, February 1, 2016*  
Calverton National Cemetery  
Long Island, New York

## Poem To Our Grandfather♡

Our grandfather was so brave ,  
He spoke his mind when we miss behave.  
We know you are listening from above,  
There's nothing that we value more other than your love.  
No matter where we are or what we're doing,  
Your memories will keep us happy.  
Although you are gone you will always live in our heart.  
Only thing better than having you as a grandpa,  
is having you as a dad also.  
Now that you're gone we have no one to run to.  
Do you know; how much we all love you?  
Do you realize how much we trust you?  
You're officially gone but forever in our heart  
We know deep inside that it's better up there.  
But we're not together which makes it unfair.  
Seems like yesterday that we were together  
Then when we open our eyes to realize gone means forever.  
For the rest of our life we shall be apart

WE LOVE YOUUUUU GRANDPA !!!!♡

Love Always  
Kerra and Zsa-Zsa

## Special Thanks

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~The Grant Family

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