



**CELEBRATING
THE LIFE
OF**

*Derrick
Grant*

Sunrise: November 22 1968 - Sunset: September 4, 2017

Service:

Friday, September 22, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating

Walt Sorey, Organist

Obituary

DERRICK GRANT, son of Leroy Grant and Ruby (Haynesworth) Grant, was born on November 22, 1968 in Newark, New Jersey. On September 4, 2017, he peacefully entered into eternal rest at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Derrick was a child of God and was baptized at Hopewell Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey at an early age. A native of New Jersey, he received his formal education in the Newark and Irvington private and public school systems and graduated from Irvington High School in 1986. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the United States Army, where he served for several years. For the past 25 years, Derrick worked as a Security Officer at several organizations: Department of Homeland Security, Securitas (AB), Seton Hall University, and Newark Liberty International Airport. Most recently he worked as a Security Officer at Gateway Security Services from November 2011 until his untimely death. He made lifelong relationships with his co-workers.

Derrick, known as “D-Nice” to his friends, was a hardworking man, dedicated father, beloved son, and loyal friend. He was the #1 fan of the Dallas Cowboys and never missed an opportunity to brag about his team! Derrick also loved basketball, baseball and enjoyed listening to music, especially House and classic Hip Hop. But his favorite past time was spending quality time with his kids – going to the movies or to the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, playing video games, or just hanging out around the house watching Netflix. He believed his most important job was to be a great father to his children.

Derrick leaves to cherish his memory, his dear mother, Ruby Grant; two children, Ta’jae Shawn Grant and Saniya Yvonne Grant; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He will be equally missed by his godmother, Carolyn Williams and his close friends, Wesley Banks, Greg Clark, Fred Shaw, and Tiawan Anthony Waters. Derrick was loved and will be missed by many.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship Clergy

Scripture Carolyn Martin
Old Testament – Psalm 23
New Testament – John 14: 1-7

Prayer of Comfort James Martin

Solo Cisely Breeden

Obituary and Acknowledgements Carolyn Martin

Musical Selection Reverend Barry Walker

Poem Anitrah Williams

Eulogy Reverend Young

Benediction

Funeral Director in Charge

Recessional Congregation

<p><u>INTERMENT</u> Rosedale Cemetery Orange, New Jersey</p>

I Miss You

I cried when you passed away,
I still cry today.
Although I love you dearly,
I couldn't make you stay.

Your golden heart stopped beating, hard-working hands at rest,
God broke my heart to prove to me he only takes the best.
Love Mom



I Made It Home

*I just wanted to let you know that I made it home.
The journey wasn't an easy one, but it didn't take too long.
Everything is so pretty here, so white, so fresh, so new.
I wish that you could close your eyes so you could see it too.
Please try not to be sad for me. Try to understand.
God is taking care of me... I'm in the shelter of His hands.
Here there is no sadness, and no sorrow, and no pain.
Here there is no crying, and I'll never hurt again.
Here is so peaceful, when all the angels sing.
I really have to go for now... I've just got to try my wings.*

Author Unknown

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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