

In Loving Memory of

Randolph Grant

"Randy"



Sunrise: March 19, 1938
Sunset: December 14, 2017

Obituary

"**Randolph "Randy" Jason Grant**, son of the late Rudolph Grant and Gwendolyn Linton, was born March 19, 1938 in Port of Spain, Trinidad. Randy was the first of seven children born to Rudolph and Gwendolyn.

Randy met his first love, Merle, back home in Trinidad. The two married and had one child together, Kenwin E. Grant. The marriage was short-lived, but Randy and Merle remained close throughout the years.

Randy left his home country of Trinidad to pursue a career on the stage in the early 1960s. His first stop was the U.S. Virgin Islands, followed by Puerto Rico. He lived in Puerto Rico for awhile, falling in love with the culture and the island's people, especially the women. By the time Randy departed Puerto Rico for New York City, he was fluent in Spanish and earned the nickname "Meringue," for his expertise in the dance.

Throughout his extensive career, Randy traveled the world and performed alongside Conroy Wilson as a member of the "Volcanoes." He has performed at Carnival in Trinidad, the World Music & Food Festival, and notably, as the first Trinidadian member of the Dance Theatre of Harlem.

In 1987, Randy accepted a position working for New York State at Riverbank State Park in Harlem, as a dance and fitness instructor. Throughout his tenure with the State of New York, Randy maintained his own small businesses, offering dance and fitness classes to senior citizens in his Bronx, NY neighborhood, because he believed that every able-bodied man and woman should stay active and maintain a fitness regimen. Randy was generally known to his family as a bit of a health nut, and he prided himself on eating clean and staying active into his late 70s.

After a long career, Randy retired at the age of 78 in March 2017. Shortly after retirement, Randy lived under the care of his younger brother, Raymond and his niece, Tiffany. He went peacefully into the next life on Thursday, December 14, 2017. He is survived by his son, Kenwin Earl Grant; his grandchildren, Fiana and Kenwin, Jr.; great-grandchildren, Malia and Malik; siblings, Ruth Liverpool, Rita Messier, Ralph Grant, and Raymond Grant; and dozens of nieces, nephews, and friends whose lives he has irrevocably touched."

Service
Saturday, December 23, 2017
Viewing: 2pm - 4pm
Funeral: 4pm

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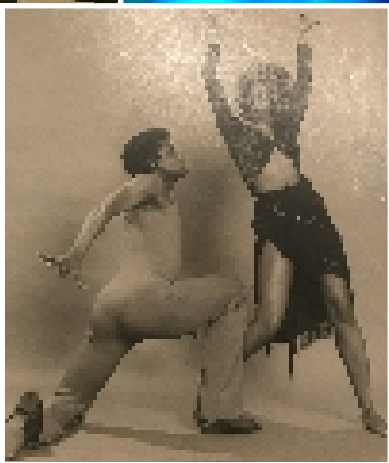
Viewing

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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 found that peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown



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May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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