

**HOMEGOING CELEBRATION OF**  
**ELLIS BALFORD GRANT**

*February 12, 1949 - November 9, 2021*



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021**

Viewing: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Service: 3:00 PM

**PHILADELPHIA SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**

909 East 233rd Street, Bronx, NY 10466

Pastor Earl Baldwin, Senior Pastor

## *Repast*

Following the service, please join the family for  
repast in the Church's Fellowship Hall.

## *Graveside Service*

**Monday, November 22, 2021**

Opening Prayers

Musical Selection

Committal

Closing Prayers

## *Interment*

Kensico Cemetery

Valhalla, NY

## *Pallbearers*

Richard Grant (Son)

Paul Grant (Brother)

Jeoffery Rowe (Brother-in-law)

Gary Anderson (Brother)

Walter Gallimore (Church Brother)

Norris Campbell (Church Brother) Glenville

Henry (Church Brother)

Robert Jackson (Church Brother)

*Service Information*

# Order of Service

Interlude .....	Bro. Dale Honeyghan, Pianist/Organist
Processional	
Opening Statement .....	Pastor Charles Blythe
Opening Hymn .....	Great is thy faithfulness, Congregation
Opening Prayer.....	Pastor Neil Turner
1st Scripture Reading	
John 14 verses 1-3.....	Zachary Mowatt, Grandson
Musical Selection .....	“We Shall Behold Him” Emmanuel Church Choir
2nd Scripture Reading	
Ecclesiastes 3 verses 1 – 8 .....	Andrea Jarrett-Rowe, Sister
Musical Selection .....	“I have decided to follow Jesus” Emmanuel Church Choir
Tributes .....	Rose Williams, Sister Philadelphia Church Elder Michael Green Pastor Desta Zablotney (Virtual)
Musical Selection .....	“I Bowed On My Knees And Cried Holy” Bro Errol Smith
Eulogy .....	Marvia & Marcia Grant, Daughters
Musical Selection .....	“My God Is Awesome” Emmanuel Church Choir/Praise Team
Homily.....	Pastor Charles Blythe
Prayer of Comfort .....	Sister Avis Berry
Musical Selection .....	“He’ll Do It Again”, Amanda Derrell
Closing Remarks.....	Elder Teddy Williamson
Instructions.....	Funeral Director
Musical Selection .....	“It Is Well with My Soul”, Congregation
Recessional	

# Obituary

Ellis Balford Grant aka Brother, Babba, Granty, Big Granty was born on February 12, 1949, to Nelzada Young-Grant and Gifford Grant in Hanover, Jamaica. Raised in the Seventh Day Adventist church and attended West Indies College in Mandeville, Jamaica, he was well known to his peers. While in college, he held a part-time job working in the bakery where he learned to make the best bread or, so I've been told. He then went on to becoming a great Cook.

As daddy became a young man and started to take his own part in life, he decided to leave the church and college and went to experience a life out into the world. He moved to Montego Bay, Jamaica where he started to experience what is it to be an adult. My dad's first job out in the working world was as a waiter. That's where he met my mom, Bernice who had walked into the restaurant to purchase her dinner. Smitten by her beauty, he decided to pursue her and that's where their relationship developed. They later got married in 1975 and their union produced three children Marvia, Marcia and Richard.

After leaving the waiter position in the late 70's, he went to work for the Jamaica Public Works for over 20 plus years where he held many job titles and was later promoted into a supervisory role where he oversaw the construction of road works and bridges. He then migrated to New York in 1999, where he joined his wife and children.

Daddy joined the Columbia University Press in 2000, where he worked as a Warehouse manager until the company closed in 2008. He later went on to retiring and would spend his time spoiling his grandkids, doing his find-a-word books, and enjoyed traveling to and from Atlanta to visit his mom, sister, nephews, and niece. He was instrumental in taking care of his mom when she became ill and ensured she was always comfortable.

Daddy was known for cooking many favorite dishes but the one that stood out most was his mannish water which he would prepare at our annual family BBQ in our backyard. Many always complimented daddy on his soup (a dish I was never able to enjoy).

Daddy had a very quiet demeanor and was a man of few words. He would sit and process what was happening around him. Seeming uninvolved, he would surprise us with a very interesting remark in our Jamaican dialect that frequently had us giving him the look like “Really daddy” or us responding – “how yuh come up with that?”

His love for music gave us an appreciation for different genres such as Reggae, R&B, Country (nothing like some good old Jim Reeves, Otis Redding, and Skeeter Davis). One of our many memories of daddy was watching him set-up his turntable/stereo on our verandah or front porch. We would spend our weekends, listening to the Manhattans, Teddy Pendergrass, Luther Vandross, Al Green and Beres Hammond, to name a few.

As years went by daddy decided to renew his faith in the Lord and re-baptized in the Emmanuel Seventh-Day Church located on Eastchester Avenue in the Bronx. Daddy gained a 2nd family and was well-loved by his church brothers and sisters. We would oftentimes sit and listen the number of phone calls he would get from his church family who was most times just checking in on him.

Daddy spent his entire Saturdays at church enjoying his faith and getting closer to the Lord.

On November 9, 2021, Daddy quietly went to sleep in the arms of the Lord. Although he will be greatly missed by all of us, we are comforted to know he transitioned peacefully and without suffering. Continue to rest in peace daddy, brother, Babba and Brother Grant.

Daddy leaves to mourn mom, Nelzada; wife, Bernice; Children, Marvia, Marcia & Richard; sisters, Andrea, Rose, Patricia, and Brother, Paul. Grandchildren, Zachary, Jordan and Dereshaun; one great-grand son, Tafari. A host of nephews and nieces, in-laws, his church family, and many friends. Dad was preceded by his father, Gifford.

We love you dearly.



*Precious Memories*

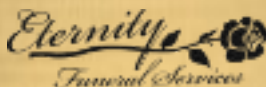






## *Acknowledgement*

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