



Mr. Denys Ivelaw Nigel Grant

February 22, 1945 - January 5, 2026

Denys Ivelaw Nigel Grant, affectionately known as “DING,” went home to be with the Lord on January 5, 2026. He passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his loving family.

Denys was born on February 22, 1945, in Beterverwagting (B.V.), Guyana, to the late Humphrey Oswin Griffith Grant and Barbara “Eloise” Isadora Grant. Raised in a home built on faith, education, and sports, Denys developed values that guided him throughout his life. He attended Chatham High School, studied Management at the University of Guyana, and later continued his education at a university in London. A passionate cricketer, Denys played for clubs in B.V. and for the Guyana Sports Club in Georgetown. He went on to work for several government ministries, including Public Service, where he met the love of his life, Gillian.

In 1985, Denys migrated to the United States, where he built a successful career as a Land Surveyor with Western Group Consultants. He had a deep appreciation for the outdoors and took great pride in pointing out his surveying projects to family members. With a sharp eye for nature, he enjoyed identifying trees and landscapes. After many years of dedication, he retired in 2019.

Beyond his professional life, Denys found joy in the simple pleasures—spending quality time with family and friends, watching sports, traveling, and helping others. Known for his radiant smile and welcoming personality, he had a way of making everyone feel like family.

Denys leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and devotion. He was the beloved partner of Gillian for over forty years and a proud father of three daughters: Cheryl Grant, Christine Thomas-Hill (spouse, Corey Hartley), and Sheshonie Harris (spouse, Aubrey Harris). He was a cherished grandfather to nine grandchildren—Jaylan, Keanan, Jayda, Albert, Alexandria (Lexi), Jackson, James, Aubrey Jr., and Elise—who brought endless joy to his life. His siblings survive him: Errol (spouse Louise Ann), Paulette, Hurley, and Colin (spouse Marilyn); predeceased by his brother Norbert. Also mourning his passing are his in-laws: Donna, Wilfred, Trevor, Merle, Albert, and the late Howard; along with many nieces, nephews, and extended family members, including Candyce, Cary, Chawn, Cheyenne, Colleen, Colwyck, Coswin, Curt, Danielle, Dueart (spouse Joyce), Dueart Jr., Eleanor, Erin, Grandison, Ian, Jason, Jocelyn, Kaseem, Pierre, Precious, Shaun, and Willette; predeceased by Ronell and Uaan. His circle of friends was vast, reaching across generations and continents.

Denys will be fondly remembered for his generous heart, joyful spirit, and deep love for his family. His signature “whining” on the dance floor and his infectious laughter will remain cherished memories. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Cemetery Details

Forest Park Westheimer

Houston, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

The Church Without Walls
5725 Queenston Blvd
Houston, TX 77084

Funeral Service

JAN 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Signature Memorial Chapel - The Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Denys Ivelaw Nigel Grant*



Signature Memorial Chapel - The Funeral Directors - January 16 at 10:43 AM



“ *Signature Memorial Chapel - The Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Denys Ivelaw Nigel Grant*



Signature Memorial Chapel - The Funeral Directors - January 14 at 03:11 PM

PD

*My sincere condolence to the Grant's family.
From: Patrick L. Douglas & family*

Patrick Douglas - January 14 at 06:13 PM

VW

This service was beautiful

Vernon Wallerson - January 16 at 10:03 AM

FB

May his soul rest peacefully

Faye Barnes - January 16 at 11:04 AM

TB

“ *Deepest condolences to the Grant's. May Denys RIP.
Olive, Lana, Omar Barton*



The Barton's - January 20 at 12:14 PM

TG

“ *Denys you were a champion back in the days enjoyed our friendship and your advise .
Those was some special days. Going to miss you until we meet again.*



Terence Garraway

Terence Garraway - January 17 at 09:02 AM

VD

“ *Condolences to Denys family and friends. I met Denys at Guyana Sports Club (GSC) in the early 70's, he was the captain of the Case Cup team. An astute leader, Denys was a good manager of men. He was quick with a smile and even quicker with encouragement and assistance to the young players! RIP Denys 🙏*

Victor Darrell - January 16 at 07:42 PM

KG

“ I met Denys when I started my first job at Public Service Ministry in 1975. Fresh out of High School, Denys took it upon himself that he was my big brother and protector, after all I was a Grant and Grants stick together even if it wasn't a blood relation. I haven't seen Denys in over 40 years since I emigrated to the US but we kept in touch. He really was very kind at heart and it was a pleasure to have known him. To Gillian, his kids and the rest of his family, my heartfelt condolences on your loss. 🙏🙏



Kim Grant - January 16 at 12:44 PM

“ Denys was a unique individual, and the very spelling of his name speaks for itself. I served with Denys from December 7, 1975, to 1985, when he left Guyana as workmates, at the Ministry of the Public Service. -Still today the premier Ministry of the Guyana Public Service. He was a Senior Personnel Officer, and I was an Office Assistant. I later rose to become a Principal Personnel Officer in the same Ministry and subsequently performed the functions for 8 months as the Permanent Secretary during the Coalition Government. All this became possible in part, to Denys being an inspiration for me going back to school and study; later earning a BSc in Sociology, from the University of Guyana.

He was very affable and did not impose rank unless it was for misbehaviour, of which I was not given to become involved in, so much that I was very much liked and respected among my peers and the senior staff like Denys and others, Even the Permanent Secretary, Mr. Douglas. I was later, privileged to work with the Minister as her office Assistant and am now deemed to be a family member, in her life currently at age 91 years old.

Denys brought joy and much fun to all whom his associates and friends and workmates. My admiration of him, caused me to choose the career of human Resource. If I were to do it over again. I would pursue the same career. The resolution that persons experience to their problems in conditions of service and general satisfaction of being employed and just knowing that persons can give of the best and be the very best of themselves to nation building, due to the efficiency and effective dedication to duty of the Human Resource/ Personnel Officer. Denys as one such operative, embodied these skills set and qualification for the job. The Guyana Public Service lost among others-Denys, either to retirement as a must and migration as a necessary or change of career location choice. It is no wonder that somebody wrote that he became a very adept land Surveyor. It was in His DNA.

I am very much acquainted with his siblings-Paulette, Norbert, Colin. I got to know his current wife when she was working at the Tapakuma Irrigation Project Office. I knew his father too.

We played indoor games in the office, and I took my very first sip of

alcohol in the Office being around, Denys, Willie, Cyril, Rudy playing cards or dominoes on Saturdays, or in the afternoons. If you did not bend, you would have been taunted of being a girl and if you killed the alcohol with soda, you were told that you could take a bun too.

I was elated to meet he, his wife and daughter on a brief home visit in 2024. We reminisced briefly on old times, and he even told me that he read the scriptural meditations I send each day or whenever I thought he read them.

He will always be in my memory, as do Cyril and other old pals and Public Service workmates and acquaintances.

My prayers and heart are with the family: Gillian, children and siblings and families and friends, as long as God is and Jesus is still the resurrection and life, Denys passing is a reminder that, we should try to stay with Jesus and live with Jesus. So, when we go to the other place of abode, we will reign with Jesus forever and we can all be together.

He lived and made a difference, and his life made others different in a positive way. The world is till the better because he passed our way, so that we too can become the possible difference and many of us have.

So long my friend and brother. My life in part have become different because you were aa part. I did give you donation to the offering of the church. So continue to be at peace.

I am a Grant, withput the double thumb, but I am a grant.

God Bless you all. You are in my prayers.

Andrew - January 16 at 12:43 PM

NB

“ Heartfelt condolences to the relatives and friends of Denys Grant. May the fondest memories live on in your hearts.

Ninian Blair - January 16 at 11:57 AM

VS

“ Condolences to Denys' wife, children, grandchildren, siblings and other family members. Bask in the good memories. "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted." [Victorine Grannum-Solomon]

Victorine R Solomon - January 16 at 10:33 AM

AB

“ 46 files added to the tribute wall



Andrea Bradshaw - January 15 at 05:14 PM



“ *To Mrs. Gem, Christine and Family. I send my dearest condolences to you 🙏🏻*

-Jessica Johnson



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Jess John - January 15 at 10:54 AM

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“ *Losing someone like Uncle Denys hits different. He wasn't just family, he was one of those steady, genuine souls who brought calm, jokes, and wisdom without even trying. His presence was always solid, and his absence is already loud.*

Even though he's no longer here with us, the impact he made isn't going anywhere. The way he carried himself, the way he looked out for people, the way he moved through life with strength and humility — that's the legacy he leaves behind. Those memories, those lessons, those stories... they'll stay with us forever.

To the family: stay close, stay grounded, and lean on each other. Grief comes in waves, but nobody has to carry it alone. May his soul rest in perfect peace, and may we honour him by living with the same level of kindness, courage, and love he showed all of us.

Sleep well, Uncle Denys. Your journey continues, just on a different side.

Curt Richards-Grant - January 15 at 09:48 AM

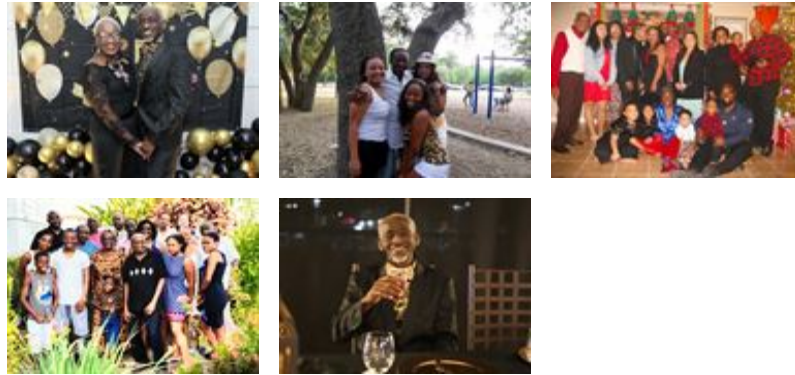
RG

“ *The family of Dennis my deepest condolences May his soul continue to RIP*

Rachel Grant - January 14 at 04:06 PM



“ *149 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Signature Memorial Chapel - The Funeral Directors - January 14 at 03:06 PM

AM

Always family oriented and loving. A very affable person. Well Like by all.

Andrew carver Morris-Grant

Andrew Carver Morris-Grant - January 16 at 11:21 AM

SH

“ *Love you Daddy, miss you lots already. <3*



Sheshonie Harris - January 14 at 02:51 PM