



Mr. Orin Lee

July 7, 1960 - August 11, 2025

Orin Lee, a man whose infectious spirit, generous heart, and love for family and food touched countless lives, passed away on August 11, 2025. Born on July 7, 1960, in Georgetown, Guyana, Orin's journey was one marked by dedication, entrepreneurship, and an unwavering commitment to those he loved. He was lovingly raised by his grandmother, Olga.

Orin began his education at St. Ambrose Primary School in Guyana. As a teenager, he moved to the United States, settling in Brooklyn, New York, where he proudly graduated from Tilden High School. It was in Brooklyn that Orin met Ellen, the love of his life. They married in 1987, beginning a beautiful partnership that would span decades.

Orin's professional life was a testament to his strong work ethic and ambition. He started his career in the mailroom at Simpson Thacher and Bartlett Law Firm, diligently working his way up. His dedication led him to leadership roles at esteemed companies such as RR Donnelley, Brown and Wood, and IKON, where he made significant contributions. Demonstrating his commitment to lifelong learning, Orin earned his bachelor's degree in Finance from Jersey City State College.

In 1989, Orin and Ellen moved their growing family to Jersey City, New Jersey, continuing to build a life filled with love and laughter. The family then relocated to Katy, Texas, in 2006, where Orin quickly charmed new friends with his vibrant personality.

A lifelong passion for cooking culminated in 2011 when Orin realized his

dream of opening Island Spice Bar and Grill. Through his restaurant, he shared his culinary talents and his love for food with the wider community. Orin will be fondly remembered for his charisma, his incredible generosity, and his deep devotion to his family.

Orin was preceded in death by his mother, Dotridge Rohena "Dotsy" Timmerman, his father, James Lee, and his siblings Terry, Selina, and Anthony. He is survived by his beloved wife, Ellen, and his cherished children, Amanda, Amber, Tristian, and Tyler. He also leaves behind his siblings, Mark, Gillian, Yonette, Rawle, Clairmont, Kurt, Anastacia, Debra, Carol, and James, along with a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends who will miss him dearly.

Cemetery Details

Forest Park Westheimer

Houston, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 22. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

The Church Without Walls
5725 Queenston Blvd
Houston, TX 77084-6409
(281) 649-6800

Funeral Service

AUG 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Signature Memorial Chapel - The Funeral Directors - August 22, 2025 at 10:49 AM



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Signature Memorial Chapel - The Funeral Directors - August 22, 2025 at 10:39 AM

MP

Beautiful Service.

Michelle J paul - August 22, 2025 at 11:51 AM

MF

Sleep on my brother! Sleep on!

Milroy Ferdinand & Tribe

Milroy Ferdinand - August 23, 2025 at 10:36 AM



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Signature Memorial Chapel - The Funeral Directors - August 21, 2025 at 10:09 AM

LL

Wonderful

Laverne Love - August 21, 2025 at 11:27 AM

DK

Beautiful

Debra Kelly - August 22, 2025 at 08:26 AM

OP

So beautiful 🥰 🙏

Olda Palencia - August 22, 2025 at 08:51 AM

MW

Wow! What great memories! My condolences to you all! 🙏 🥰 ❤️ 🌸

Michelle Woode - August 22, 2025 at 09:16 AM

IS

You will always be remembered sleep in peace

Ingrid Stuffle - August 22, 2025 at 09:16 AM

PB

SIP Orin Timmerman Lee

Pauline Brown - August 22, 2025 at 09:29 AM

FM

Very lovely memories. Gone but never forgotten ❤️🙏❤️

Faye Mateen - August 22, 2025 at 09:43 AM

DR

Beautiful Memories 💔

Doreen Cowherd Richardson - August 22, 2025 at 09:49 AM

PH

Beautiful tribute. My condolences

Patricia Hicks - August 22, 2025 at 10:02 AM

WM

Beautiful memories. RIP Orin ,remembering the wonderful times ❤️❤️❤️

Warren and Donna Mansell - August 22, 2025 at 10:03 AM



This is so beautiful. May he rest in eternal peace.

Nola Bailey - August 22, 2025 at 10:41 AM

BD

Rest In Power my friend. Thanks for the memories.

Bernard Davidson - August 22, 2025 at 11:22 AM

VC

Beautiful family May you rest in peace 🙏🕊️😊
It was so nice to meet you.

Vera Connor - August 22, 2025 at 12:08 PM



Our sincere condolences to the family and friends. May his soul rest in peace.

Lee Camp - August 22, 2025 at 12:22 PM

DC

What a great lost to our Caribbean community. Wishing the Lee's family peace and comfort as you grieve.

David Chin - August 22, 2025 at 01:10 PM

SS

Beautiful Memories ❤️ Condolences to Helen and Family may his Soul find Peace and Rise In Glory. Will Miss You Orin

Sandra Marks Schultz - August 22, 2025 at 01:27 PM

RC

My condolences

reggie clarke - August 22, 2025 at 02:12 PM

PA

Rest peacefully my uncle.

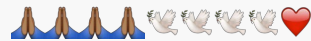
PATRICIA ASSANAH - August 22, 2025 at 05:47 PM



Deepest condolences to the entire family. Our thoughts and prayers are with. Rest in eternal peace Mr Lee (bossman)

Jenard Evans - August 23, 2025 at 10:20 AM

JW



Jamaya winters - August 23, 2025 at 08:43 PM

SH

“ Our condolences and prayers for strength. I will always remember your welcoming smile.

Samantha Hughes - August 22, 2025 at 08:58 PM

TT

“ Expressions from the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Texas. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we express our condolences to the Lee Family. Mr. Orin Lee was a supporter of our work, and we will keep his memory in the highest esteem for how he opened his heart to our community here in Houston. He will be missed. Accept our condolences.

Trinidad and Tobago Association of Texas - August 22, 2025 at 10:45 AM

MP

“ Michelle J Paul lit a candle in memory of Mr. Orin Lee



Michelle J paul - August 22, 2025 at 10:37 AM

RW

“ Rudolph Woode lit a candle in memory of Mr. Orin Lee



Rudolph Woode - August 22, 2025 at 10:28 AM



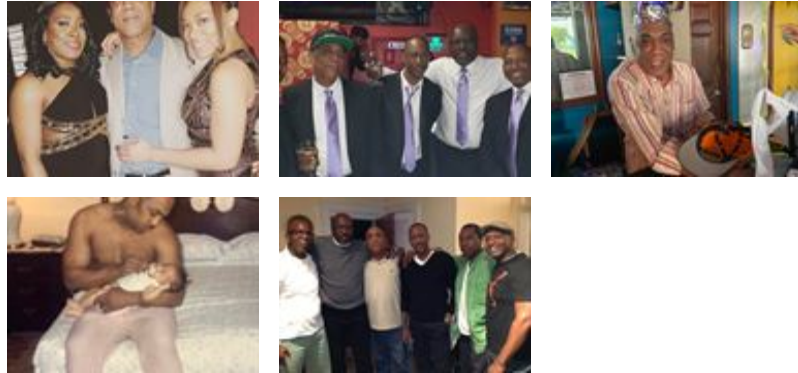
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August 21, 2025 at 01:18 PM



“ 196 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Orin Lee.

August 20, 2025 at 07:35 AM



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PA

“ I will always remember uncle Orin as a kind helpful man when I came to America he got me my first job and give me helpful advice. He was not perfect but always took care of his family and was a great provider. I'm sad to see him leave this world but I know he will be rewarded for the work he did. May he rest peacefully in God's hands.
Always Love.
Roxanne.

PATRICIA ASSANAH - August 19, 2025 at 10:17 PM

AS

Rest Cousin Orin as You Join Your Ancestors and in Eternal Peace 🙏

Annie Skeete - August 21, 2025 at 10:56 AM