



Mr. Anthony "Tony" Grant

September 5, 1962 - June 7, 2025

UTICA – Mr. Anthony “Tony” Grant, affectionately known as “Big T.” and “OG” Grant, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at the age of 62. At the time of his transition, he was in the company of his wife, sister, and his brother in Christ, Kayle.

Born in Harlem, NY, on September 5, 1962, Anthony was the tenth of eleven children of the late Emel Grant and Lula Walton. He was raised in Harlem and educated in the New York City public school system. In 1989, Tony relocated to Utica to attend and area trucking transportation institute.

At one time, Tony was wed to Crystal Lanaux, and from that love came the blessing of three beautiful daughters, who have been inspired by their father’s steadfast benevolence. He was also a wonderful father figure to his additional children, Marco Lanaux, and Shydone Lanaux.

On September 13, 2014, he was united in marriage with the former Ketra Hopper. They began as friends, and their relationship blossomed into a beautiful life together. One of Tony’s greatest virtues, in Ketra’s eyes, was his introduction of her to the Lord, deepening her faith and understanding of Him. The couple was blessed to renew their vows on April 26, 2024, a memorable and captivating event.

Anthony appreciated the position he held at Bohling's Auto Service and the many friendships he made through his work there. He was truly passionate about good food and its preparation, a love which he put to good use during his career working for several area restaurants. He was well known and loved by those he served at the Salvation Army. He furthered his charitable works at the Rescue Mission of Utica, which was driven by his faith and compassion for those less fortunate. He truly was a man of great humility who took any opportunity to care for others. You graciously knew when he had done a good deed... there was always a smile on his face.

Doing the Lord's work was his ministry in his life, and he loved nothing more than helping endless souls find the Lord. This desire began at Faith Baptist Temple, a home away from home that provided him with the motivation, dedication, and strength to spread the Word. He read his Bible and quoted only appropriate scripture. Anthony opened his heart to many – he will never be forgotten for the great and unconditional love that he showed to others.

Anthony had a wonderful, smooth, sly, and funny personality. Everyone loved being around him. He was even considered a dancing machine. Whenever he would turn on his mixed tapes or CDs, his foot would start tapping and soon he would stick out his tongue... then you knew he was on fire! Gospel music was the closest to his heart and he glorified the blessings found in the lyrics of each song. When the family played "It's Something About the Name Jesus," toward the time of his passing, he shook his head, put his hands up, and asked the Lord to open the gates and take him home.

Tony was proud to have graduated from MVCC and SUNY IT later in his life – he believed it was never too late to continue his education, and that was one of his greatest accomplishments.

Among the family, he was renowned as a greatest cook. Whether it was for a

casual cook out or a formal holiday dinner, his dishes always got people's mouths watering. Truly a hospitable man, he was usually in charge of cooking for any large gatherings and events for family and the community. All were invited to enjoy his hospitality. Even when his health conditions changed, he found a way to minister from the healthcare facilities and brought joy to those who needed hope and peace. He was all inclusive and gave wonderful advice to everyone. He would tell people that "it's not about what you do, but how you do it." As he is greeted by his Lord he will surely hear the sentiments of Matthew 25:23, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master."

Anthony is survived by his wife, Ketra; his children, Toni Grant, Gloria Grant, Krystal Grant, Marco Lanaux, Shydone Lanaux; and Kyahir, Dayshawn, and Essence, whom he loved as his own children; and grandchildren, Kyanni; Ivy; Autumn; Kayla, Romeo, Dayshawn, Jr., and Infinity; and his siblings and their families, Gloria Grant, Sharon Edwards, Kim Grant, Daryl Grant, and David Weathers. He was preceded by additional siblings. He also leaves to cherish his memory a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; goddaughters, Jewel, and Elisina; and members of Ketra's family, especially his mother-in-law, Melody Potter, and brothers-in-law, Javon Potter, and Raymond Hopper. Tony was blessed with many friendships throughout his life, with an outstanding notable mention of Dwayne Holmes, and Andrea Scott, who were all vitally important to him.

The Grant family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff of the Grand Rehabilitation and Nursing Center at Utica, who cared for Anthony with grace and kindness, and treated him as family.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond

Ave. Anthony's Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will commence at 12:30 p.m. at the funeral home. For those unable to attend, you may be present virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85040022283>. Interment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida St
Utica, NY 13501-6006
(315) 735-2701

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I meet Tony at were I work at the Grand. He was a ray of sunshine always smiling if I was having a bad day I could go and talk to him and he would say ms Ella trust God give it to him it will be alright I know he got his wings well done my brother in Christ rest on until we meet again

Eleanor Slater - June 19, 2025 at 09:12 AM

RM

“ My Condolences, sleep in Peace Tony,
I will always be grateful for all the Gospel Music you shared with me.
My Brother, My Friend.

Rochelle Middleton-Grant - June 18, 2025 at 12:12 PM

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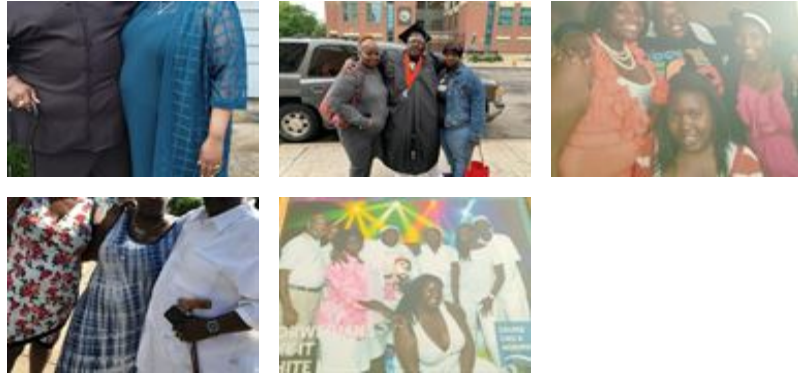
“ Sending my sincere condolences and prayers to the family. Gonna miss brother Ant (Big Ant) we called him loved seeing Ant at church we came a long way as friends. My blessings



ida cook - June 17, 2025 at 01:37 PM



“ 75 files added to the album Life Tributes



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - June 16, 2025 at 05:58 PM

KC

“ rest up uncle tony ill always remember Saturday mornings how u was the first one up to watch cartoons on t. v n u walking me to school every morning as kids ur hustle game was on one thousand from selling news papers to washing cars u was one of the big brothers that i looked up too later in life i use to drive over two hour every weekend to ur home for dinner going to miss u uncle/big brother rest up until we meet again

Kenneth clee - June 12, 2025 at 12:36 PM

CP

“ Cynthia Patterson-Bivens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Anthony "Tony" Grant



Cynthia Patterson-Bivens - June 12, 2025 at 11:54 AM



I'm sending Love to my family. Mr. Grant has got his Crown 👑 job well done. How come home to rest with Jesus. Amen

Alana Brown - June 14, 2025 at 09:37 AM



“ *Elizabeth Patterson-Moyer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Anthony "Tony" Grant*



Elizabeth Patterson-Moyer - June 12, 2025 at 09:00 AM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to all Anthony's family and loved ones.*

Anthony was a man who truly did his work as the Lord directed him and his Faith was evident in his greetings, smile, works and ever present Praise of God's Grace.

Rise in Glory Dear Friend and former college mate. Truly I met a Soldier of God when I met you !

Elizabeth Patterson-Moyer

Elizabeth Patterson-Moyer - June 12, 2025 at 09:00 AM



God Bless You Tony . Thank you for Ministering to me at The Grand . May you Rest in Peace with Jesus. Yours is Christ, Doug Joslin

Doug Joslin - June 19, 2025 at 09:01 PM

DB

“ *Denise Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Anthony "Tony" Grant*



Denise Brown - June 12, 2025 at 08:33 AM

SP

“ *My condolences to the family! Tony I will always cherish your memory! Gonna miss you coming to the 7th floor saying hey Mrs Phillips I just wanted to come and say good morning! SIP*

Shamiya Phillips - June 11, 2025 at 06:47 PM