



## Leolene Grant

July 8, 1939 - July 16, 2022

Leolene Jenis (Gem) Grant was born on Saturday, July 8, 1939, and transitioned to her place of rest with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday, July 16, 2022. She was born in the Pouderoyen Village of the West Bank of Demerara, Guyana. Leolene, best known to all as Gem, was the fourth child and second daughter of the late Claudius Wyckliff Benjamin and Mildred Agatha Henry Vanier. She was born into a prominent and God-fearing family on the West Bank. Her father was a Deacon at Ratray Memorial Congregational Church. Gem received her Primary Education from St. Thomas's Anglican School at Bagotville Village, West Bank Demerara. She then attended Central High School, where she received her training in Home Economics, Culinary Arts, and other disciplines. Upon graduation, she furthered her education at Teacher's Training College and the University of Guyana, where she received her credentials in teaching and later became an excellent teacher to numerous children in Guyana and the United States of America. In addition to her teaching career, Gem was also a telephone operator. Gem migrated to the United States of America in 1980 and continued her aspirations of a better life for herself and her family through the avenues of teaching and working in the medical fields until she retired in 2002. Gem loved the Lord, and she had a very close personal relationship with Him. She was a staunch member of The New Life Center Unitarian Church in Brooklyn, New York, under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Evelyn R. John, where she faithfully served her Church community for decades.

Leolene Jenis (Gem) Grant leaves to continue her amazing life and cherish her beautiful legacy of love and service, her husband, George Grant, daughter, Claire, and three grandchildren: Davon, Rosean, and Deion. Great grandchild: Shivone. Son-in-law: Terrence. Brother: Carl (Bobby) (Guyana). Sisters: Bernice, Mignon, and Beverly. Sisters-in-law: Ventrice, Elizabeth (V), Pearline (Yvonne), Megan, and Annie. Brothers-in-law: John, Cedric (Guyana), Ulric, and Eyon. Numerous Nieces and Nephews and a host of cousins. Lifelong friends: Mrs. Doreen Branch (Guyana), Mrs. Joan Graham, and Ms. Patricia Thomas (Joanne).

Leolene (Gem) was predeceased by her daughter, Michelle.

Gem, we will love you forever and you will be dearly missed by your precious family and many wonderful friends.

Take your well-deserved amazing Lady...Until we meet again

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sister Gem*

*May your soul rest in eternal peace. God saw you were getting tired so he called you name. Now you are dancing with the others that went before you.*

*You will always be in my hear.*

*Rest in peace.*

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**Megan Grant-Gravesande** - August 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My Dearest Auntie Gem,*

*It is still tough to comprehend that you are no longer with us. God called you to rest from your labor as He knew you finished your course, and you were becoming tired. It was His will for you, but that does not make your absence any lighter for me. I can still remember my last visit with you in May, how bright you were, and the sound of your beautiful voice when you called my name. My love for you will never fade as you have left a lasting impression on my heart and mind.*

*You were a champion to the very end, and that was so like you, a woman of strength. So, take your well-deserved rest, my precious Auntie Gem. I will really, really really miss you and the light that always radiated from presence.*

*Sleep In God's Peace my one-of-a-kind Aunt...*

*I will love you forever.*

*Yonette*

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**Yonette M. Anderson** - July 27, 2022 at 12:00 AM