



Eugene Richard Grant Sr.

September 16, 1930 - February 25, 2015

Eugene Richard Grant, Sr. departed this earthly life on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at Palmetto Health Richland Memorial Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina. Born on September 16, 1930 in Georgetown, SC, he was the sixth of eight children born to the late Marcus and Sarah Campbell Grant who blended a family that included a total of fifteen children.

He was raised and educated in Georgetown Public Schools and completed his GED while in the military. He enlisted in the United States Air Force and served his country honorably until his retirement in 1971. While in the military, Mr. Grant earned the Air Force Good Conduct Medal, the Longevity Service Award and the Expert Marksman Award amongst other honors. As a civilian, Mr. Grant was employed by the South Carolina Department of Corrections as a Correctional Officer, and would go on to retire as Deputy Warden after twenty two years of dedicated service.

Mr. Grant loved the Lord and was a faithful member of Greenview First Baptist Church where he was the devotional leader on the Senior Gospel Choir and a loyal choir member.

In his spare time, he enjoyed the following hobbies: landscaping— where he earned awards for “Yard of the Month”; spending time as a family man, especially with his grandchildren, and being a helpful servant of God. His

living legacy, that will never be forgotten, is one of sharing his ministry of gifts and talents with others. His persona demanded respect. He was outspoken, yet full of wisdom. Even though he was a strict disciplinarian, he always made sure one understood the behavior needing correction in the process.

On August 18, 1955, he was united in marriage to the former Daisy Mae Jones and to this union, raised four children: David Franklin Grant, Eugene Grant, Jr., Rena Cheeseboro and Gwendolyn Yvonne Grant. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by five siblings.

He leaves to cherish precious memories, his devoted children: David Franklin (Cynthia) Grant of Atlanta, GA, Eugene (Verna) Grant, Jr., of Rockingham, NC, Rena Cheeseboro and Gwendolyn Yvonne Grant, both of Columbia; twelve grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren, two brothers: Luther Grant of Lane, SC, and John Grant, Sr. of Columbia and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and a very special friend of twelve years, Ms. Leanna Coaxum of Columbia.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Eugene Richard Grant Sr.

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Mr Grant's passing. I remember him from my first year at SCDC as an intern at CCI. He was always so helpful, friendly and nice. He also always had a smile on his face--a rare sight in a med/max prison. God bless you Mr. Grant.

Laurie Osler-Gibbs - March 03, 2015 at 06:03 PM



“ Tim Hurt lit a candle in memory of Eugene Richard Grant Sr.



tim hurt - March 03, 2015 at 09:02 AM



“ Warden Grant set the standard for the leadership at CCI; and, was well respected by the staff and inmates alike.

I had the privilege of serving under his supervision in the late 80's; and, the knowledge and professionalism I gained, during this period, sustained me throughout my career in State Government. I'm grateful for his professional and personal guidance.

My condolences and prayers to Warden Grant's family. Montez W. Creed

Montez W. Creed - March 02, 2015 at 11:18 PM

TH

“ *Thank You Chief for everything you did for me during our time together at CCI. I remember many nights spent searching for escaped inmates or just trying to get the count right. You were right there with me. You taught me so much. I think Ron Adams said it best, You only knew one way, The right way. I will miss you my dear friend. My condolences to the entire family. Tim Hurt*

Tim Hurt - March 02, 2015 at 12:59 PM

TF

“ *The Gordon Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Eugene Richard Grant Sr..*



The Gordon Family - March 02, 2015 at 12:25 PM

DH

“ *It was a pleasure to work around Chief Grant at CCI. The staff back then truly cared about one another. Fly with the angels Chief Grant.*

Denise (Norton) Hinson - March 02, 2015 at 10:35 AM

JH

“ I have fond memories of working with Mr. Gene Grant at the Central Correctional Institution (CCI) in the early 1970's. I was pleased to be involved with his promotion to Chief Correctional Officer and later as Deputy Warden. CCI was South Carolina's original state prison. It was a dangerous place to work, and we had to rely on one another for survival. We had about 1,500 inmates and less than 70 Correctional Officers to cover three shifts. South Carolina owes a debt of gratitude to the men and women who worked there during those years. Gene Grant was one of them.

Jim Harvey

Jim Harvey - March 02, 2015 at 10:27 AM

RA

“ Never forget the way that you did things, you had only one way and that was the right way. I will never forget.

Ronald Adams - March 02, 2015 at 10:08 AM

RA

“ Ronald Adams lit a candle in memory of Eugene Richard Grant Sr.



Ronald Adams - March 02, 2015 at 10:03 AM

MW

“ I will truly miss your smiling face in our corner of the church at the 8am service. May God receive your gentle spirit and welcome you home!!

mary s. walker - March 01, 2015 at 11:38 PM