



Melonye Ann Grant

August 1, 1961 - April 14, 2016

Services for Melonye Ann Grant, 54, of Tyler, will be held on Monday, April 18, 2016, at 2:30 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Jeff Gage and Rev. Robert Wallace officiating.

Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mrs. Grant died peacefully Thursday, April 14, 2016 at her home in Tyler surrounded by her loving family.

Melonye was born August 1, 1961 in Tyler to Robert Allen, Sr. and Velaree Harris Deaton. She attended Moore Middle School and graduated from John Tyler High School. She also studied under Utah Grounds in the drama department and performed at the Tyler Civic Theater. Melonye has been the owner of Dance Your Dreams Studio for 20 years and taught dancing lessons at Tyler Junior College for several years. She danced with RAKSZ productions and had a part in the movie "My Mom's New Boyfriend". Melonye loved her children and grandchildren and the time that she spent with them. She also enjoyed gardening and travel and spending "quiet time" with her husband Robert.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Robert Allen Grant, Sr.; grandson, Noah Ray Stone; brother-in-law, Doug Grant and step-father, Jimmie Ellis.

Melonye is survived by her loving family including her husband of 24 years, Robert Allen Grant; sons; Jeremy Stone and wife Amanda of Tyler, Adam

Stone and wife Chelsea Lynn Honeycutt of Tyler, Sgt. Daniel Robert Grant, U.S. Army ; mother, Velaree Deaton Ellis of Tyler; mother-n-law, Esther Mae Grant of Flint; sister, Anita Scurlock and husband Stephen of Lindale; brother and sister-n-law, Robert Deaton and wife Sheri of Whitehouse; brothers-in-law, Garry Grant and wife Laura of Tyler, Greg Grant and wife Diana of Houston; sister-in-law, Cynthia R. Grant of Shreveport, Louisiana; grandchildren, Dalen Stone, Robert Stone, Aliana Stone, C.J. Stone, Jaxon Kyler Stone and Coraline Stone; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Jared Stewart, John Stewart, Jordan Stewart, Bayley Deaton, Jeremy Stone, Adam Stone and Daniel Robert Grant. Honorary pallbearers will be Randy Stewart and Dalen Stone. Visitation is scheduled from 3:00 to 5:00 PM on Sunday, April 17, 2016 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

APR 18. 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Melonye Ann Grant



Stewart Family Funeral Home - April 18, 2016 at 02:30 PM



I loved my Melonye very much! She was a awesome individual 😊 I will miss her forever.

Cathy Fulton - June 15, 2022 at 04:34 AM



“ It has been a very long time since I last saw Des. I didn't find out until today 1/1/17 , that she had passed away. I am stunned and sick with grief over learning of her loss. She is now the brightest star in Heaven. I am so proud to have known her, and to own some of her one of a kind costumes. What a loss to all of her many friends and family. RIP beautiful dancer.

Doris Martin - January 01, 2017 at 05:43 PM

PC

“ Philip and Becky Craycraft and Kerrie Covert purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Melonye Ann Grant.



Philip and Becky Craycraft and Kerrie Covert - April 18, 2016
at 10:27 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Melonye Ann Grant.



April 18, 2016 at 09:28 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Melonye Ann Grant.



April 18, 2016 at 03:18 AM

LB

“ Memories are fickle things. I can not just think of one without another memory popping up in my head. One of my favorites is Mel saying, "Quita can we get a picture of you without food in your hands." Love her so much and you guys too.

LaQuita Bricka - April 18, 2016 at 02:29 AM

BE

“ I don't have a specific memory that I wish to share but you never forget how a person made you feel. Des had a way of making people feel special and beautiful. She was a patient teacher, always willing to take the extra time to teach me to dance when I could not figure out my right from my left. She would encourage me that I could do it. The time I had with her I still treasure to this day. The world will not be the same without her. My thoughts are with all of her loved ones.



Beverly

Beverly - April 17, 2016 at 11:03 PM

JM

“ VAL. SORRY FOR THE LOST. MAY GOD BE WITH YOU AND FAMILY AT THIS TIME . JUST LEAN ON GOD FOR COMFORT. I WILLNOT BE ABLE TO SEE YOU GUYS TODAY OR TOMORROW, BUT I WILL BE THINKING OF YOU. LOVE YOU AND THE REST OF THE NUTS, HA. JAMES MIZE

JAMES A MIZE - April 17, 2016 at 04:28 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Melonye Ann Grant.



April 17, 2016 at 01:41 PM

MB

“ *Bobbie and family, my sincere condolences on the passing of your loved one. Melonye fought the hardest battle in life with courage and strength. God saw she was getting very tired so he whispered to her "It's time." And God knows best. Melonye flew to her heavenly home on the wings of an Angel. Rest In Peace now.*



Marilyn Burns - April 17, 2016 at 01:20 PM

TF

“ *The Shanklin & Harris Families purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Melonye Ann Grant.*



The Shanklin & Harris Families - April 17, 2016 at 12:07 PM

AL

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Alana - April 17, 2016 at 09:53 AM

AS

My best friend...I still miss you so much..even after 7 years. You were one of a kind...I'm so glad you were my friend.

Alana Skylar - June 12, 2023 at 11:10 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Melonye Ann Grant.*



April 16, 2016 at 04:35 PM



“ *Love, light & peace to Melonye as she flies to her next phase... Her kindness, beauty, humor, and passion for life was without equal. She was a true friend and a loving person; we will miss her golden light and beautiful smile.*



Kristin Stephens - April 16, 2016 at 03:47 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Melonye Ann Grant.*



April 16, 2016 at 03:01 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Melonye Ann Grant.*



April 16, 2016 at 02:58 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melonye Ann Grant.*



April 16, 2016 at 02:05 PM



“ *EFFORT Racing Tam purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Melonye Ann Grant.*



EFFORT Racing Tam - April 16, 2016 at 01:55 PM



“ *WorldPMO purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Melonye Ann Grant.*



WorldPMO - April 16, 2016 at 01:42 PM



“ *Pattie J. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Melonye Ann Grant.*



Pattie J. - April 16, 2016 at 01:11 PM

LD

“ Linda & Bill (Serena's Mom & Dad) purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Melonye Ann Grant.



Linda & Bill (Serena's Mom & Dad) - April 16, 2016 at 12:56 PM

Steve Martel

“ Steve Martel purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Melonye Ann Grant.



Steve Martel - April 16, 2016 at 12:28 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melonye Ann Grant.



April 16, 2016 at 12:23 PM

Steve Martel

“ You brought such joy and spirit to those around you... you will be sorely missed by many



Steve Martel - April 16, 2016 at 11:20 AM



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April 16, 2016 at 10:58 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Melonye Ann Grant.*



April 16, 2016 at 01:07 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Melonye Ann Grant.*



April 15, 2016 at 10:42 PM

Kelly
Partin

“ I wouldn't be the woman I am today without Mel's kindness, generosity, humor, discipline, encouragement, and creativity. She inspired me, and I am so fortunate to have had her in my life. She was one of those rare people you never meet- she was larger than life to me.

Robert, the kids and grandkids are in my thoughts.

So much love.

Kelly Partin - April 15, 2016 at 10:20 PM

DP

“ *Debbie Papst sent a virtual gift in memory of Melonye Ann Grant*



Debbie Papst - April 15, 2016 at 09:57 PM

DP

“ *Des your presence will be greatly missed. You Will and always will be awesome! Teach them how to roll those quaters with their bellies right. Mel may you enjoy your one particular harbor.*

Debbie Papst - April 15, 2016 at 09:55 PM

LJ

“ *Mel was the kindest of ladies. I remember at Faire she hired my carriage several times for her guests or cast who had problems walking, as her stage was at the far end of the fairground from the entrance. Her laughter and love will be missed by so many.*

Lyn Jenkins - April 15, 2016 at 09:46 PM

AS

“ My beautiful "Sister from another Mister"...I will miss our sharing of pasts, brickloading, dirty martinis, making of soup and planting of seeds. Over the last few years, we had a "Beaches" kind of relationship....You, yes you, are the wind beneath my wings....and now you have your own and they are more wonderful than anything you ever wore on earth. We still have songs to sing. I pray for Robert, the boys, the grandkids, Anita and the rest of the family. We love you all.

Alana

Alana Skylar - April 15, 2016 at 08:50 PM

SS

“ Des was always on point with her character and made watching bellydancing shows so much fun! She was a bright star at Faire and is now a bright star above us! Teach the Angels how to shake their hips, Des! We'll see you "down the road" again one day! <3

Sharon "Jezy" Statler - April 15, 2016 at 06:42 PM

GC

“ gonzalo & shirley fernandez & nola fernandez chaffin purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Melonye Ann Grant.



gonzalo & shirley fernandez & nola fernandez chaffin - April 15, 2016 at 06:29 PM

RP

“ *Des always had a heart of love. She made feel a part of her dance family and made some awesome music. Your light may have dimmed here, but in heaven you're gonna be a super nova.*

Robert Pabinquit - April 15, 2016 at 04:41 PM

MG

“ *Stunned and so sorry. A star has ascended to heaven. A great talent. A beautiful spirit. Our loss heaven's gain. Thinking of you all.*

marta gillespie - April 15, 2016 at 01:32 PM



“ *The world is a little less bright without her light. She will be missed near and far*

Bethany Stretch - April 15, 2016 at 01:23 PM

 Maks Schleuter

“ *A beautiful person inside and out, loved and missed by so many...*

Maks Schleuter - April 15, 2016 at 12:55 PM



“ *What fabulous dancer Melonye was! I so enjoyed watching her in whatever form she did. She was my first belly dance teacher. She will be greatly missed! Shimmy on in heaven Desdemona!!!*

Patti Suggs - April 15, 2016 at 10:43 AM