



## Garnett St. Paul Demetrius

May 22, 1943 - January 27, 2026

Garnett St. Paul Demetrius, 82, passed away surrounded by loved ones on January 27, 2026. Garnett St. Paul Demetrius was born on May 22, 1943, in Craighead, Manchester, Jamaica, West Indies, to Alfred and Edith Demetrius. From his earliest years, Garnett displayed the qualities that would define his life, kindness, independence, and a deep sense of responsibility to those he loved.

He received his formal education at Craighead All-Age School. As a young man, he moved to Kingston to live with his aunt, where he learned the trades that would shape his future: auto mechanics and culinary arts. Gifted with both skill and ambition, Garnett opened his own restaurant in the 1960s while still in his early twenties. His adventurous spirit later led him to Honduras and the Bahamas in search of new opportunities and broader horizons. In the 1970s, Garnett returned to Jamaica and established his own trucking business, demonstrating once again his entrepreneurial drive and strong work ethic. In 1980, he migrated to the United States, where he continued his career as an auto mechanic for many years. His hands were skilled, his mind sharp, and his heart always open to helping others.

Garnett was known for his extraordinary compassion and generosity. He consistently put the needs of others before his own, often sacrificing personal opportunities, including further education, to care for his parents, siblings,

extended family, and friends. He had a special place in his heart for the vulnerable, especially fatherless children whom he supported with quiet dignity and unwavering kindness. A man of honesty, fairness, and independence, Garnett was deeply respected in every community he touched, whether in Jamaica, New York, or Washington DC. He never judged others, forgave easily, and treated everyone with respect. Even when wronged, he chose understanding over resentment. His generosity was well known, and his good heart left a lasting impression on all who knew him.

Garnett lived a life rooted in service, humility, and love. His legacy is one of kindness, sacrifice, and unwavering devotion to family and community. Those who knew him can attest that he was a remarkably good man, gentle in spirit, strong in character, and rich in compassion. He will be forever remembered and deeply missed.

Garnett is preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Edith Demetrius, his sisters Beverly Housen and Philipa McBean, and brothers Lester and Harwitt Demetrius.

Garnett is survived by his children Marlene Demetrius, Suzette Isokpunwu (husband Joseph), Paul Demetrius, Opal Demetrius, Ingrid Demetrius, Dwayne Demetrius, Dave Demetrius, and Tileathia Demetrius. His siblings, Conchita Watson, Delores McPherson, Frazer Demetrius, Vecentie Merriett, Jane Demetrius, as well as 10 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, extended family, and friends.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 – 10:00 AM on March 28, 2026, at Davis Greenlawn Funeral Home. Funeral service will begin at 10:00 AM with a burial to follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Expressions of remembrance and condolences are welcome and may be left

for the family at [www.davisgreenlawnfh.com](http://www.davisgreenlawnfh.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home,  
3900 B.F. Terry Blvd. (Hwy 59 South @ FM 2218), Rosenberg, Texas 77471,  
Phone: 281-341-8800.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Memorial Park

3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.  
Rosenberg, TX 77471

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 28. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapels and Cemeteries  
3900 B F Terry Blvd  
Rosenberg, TX 77471-5672  
(281) 341-8800

## Funeral Service

MAR 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ My dad Garnet Demetrius was the most spontaneous and funniest person that you have ever known. He was such a kind, generous, honest and caring human being. He use to make fun of everyone and we would all laugh, he would tell you the truth to your face and curse you out, but he would never hold a grudge. He never malice anyone, he say what he has to say and keep it moving. And that is one of the qualities that I admire about him.I know that he was going to go some day, but I wasn't expecting it to be this soon, but that's the road we all have to travel some day. I will hold on to the last memory that I had with him in June of 2021when he could actually have a conversation at that time, we had some good laughs, and Demetrius 2024 was the last time I saw him alive. I pray that Jehovah God the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob blessed his soul and may him rest in peace in Jesus name Amen. You will forever be in my heart dad. I could never ask for a better father. ( love Marlene)

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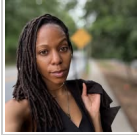
**Marlene ( daughter )** - March 31 at 01:16 PM

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“ The 140th street kids were fortunate to have Garrett as their uncle, a genuinely nice person, just like his sister Phil, whose love and kindness continue to uplift all.

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**Yolanda Treadwell** - March 28 at 12:22 PM



“ Found this in Grandma Phil’s photos - I pray they are together in eternal peace ☐

Maybe remember uncle Garnett just how he was a ray of love && laughter . 🕊️ ✨



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**Zsa Willis** - March 28 at 11:38 AM

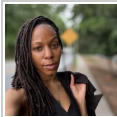
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**Marlene ( daughter )** - March 27 at 11:06 PM



*Love you uncle Garnett - Zsa Zsa Great Niece*

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**Zsa Willis** - March 28 at 11:34 AM

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“ Charmaine Channer (stepdaughter)Garnett was a good dad to me and my siblings. Word can't express the good he do for me.He fought a good fight. May his soul 🙏

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**charmaine channer 68@gmail.com** - March 27 at 09:06 AM

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“ Garnett Demetrius was the world greatest father. He went above and beyond for us. Words can't express the good nature of this man towards everyone that he's acquainted with. RIP Garnett, you have faught a good fight, you have finished your course and have kept the faith. Rest well my beloved father until we meet again. (Opal Demetrius)

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**Opal Demetrius (daughter)** - March 20 at 05:16 PM

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**charmaine channer 68@gmail.com** - March 26 at 09:34 AM

“From Kingsley” Demetrius - Herwitt Demetrius last son. Uncle Garnett you'll be truly missed. You made a great impact on this world. The life in your years was far more than the years in your life. I have a lot of memories of you; you were around my whole life. I had 11 uncles, and only one "Rupert Demetrius" passed on before i was born; of the other 10, I've met 9, and you by far was the most impactful. For a long time, back in the early days when i lived in Craighead you were the only uncle we really knew. Who can forget, you pulling up on your bike, cap turn backward, with your classic smile. Always visiting, always a smile on your face. I would hear my older siblings talking gleefully about you too, "I got a bicycle from uncle Garnett".. "I got a new work tool from uncle Garnett".. "I got a new boot from uncle Garnett". Oh how they boasted about when Uncle Garnett use to pull up in his truck, I was too young for those Truck memories, but the nostalgia from the older siblings were so vivid.

Somehow, no matter how old I got, and how many years passed you never seem to forget my face. Often surprising to me how you remembered me, as I had grown out of everyone else sight and recognition. I remember back around 2000 when I was working at a check cashing in Queens NY, I would be at my window and when I look up, you would be there waiting for me, same smile, same gold tooth. You would walk up to my window and say "Wa a gwaan sa! wa di bwoy Herwitt a deal wid? You came there to religiously send money back to your Children in Jamaica. I can testify to how much you have send over the few years I worked there. You can't spell the word remittance without Garnett, because certainly those two T's belongs to you.

I remember for some reason we start talking about dogs, and you started to tell me how much love you had for animals. You told me how you always treat animal well, and how you argue with those you mistreat their dogs. "I use to go in the gutter, and pick up the dead dogs that the owners had starved, and place it at their door steps, only wicked people mistreat animals' you stated. I couldn't

*agree more, as my son always say, "when God ask all his creation to sing, will dogs not sing?' Man see outside, but God sees the heart, and man you had a heart of gold.*

*I remember the last time we spoke at length, you had moved back to Jamaican by then, and I had long relocated from NY. But on that day I happened to be visiting NY, and you were there as well. I remember you saying to me, "bwoy, my memory is not what it use to be". How so! I asked. "Well, last night Phil gave me a bag with some stuff, and I was sitting on that step, and I got up and leave it there, and never remember a thing" Interesting I thought, as my dad had also started his battle with dementia. Over the next decade I would send messages to Opal through messenger, how is Garnett I would ask, she would confirm he's doing great, just his memory is not so good, but he still remembers you when I tell him you said hi.*

*Uncle Garnett, It's time to say goodbye, RIP and know that you lived a life full of purpose. In the late 90s when I saw you in NY, you always say, I don't plan to stay here, I'm moving back home. I always thought that meant Jamaica, but God had other plans, and he agree that you won't say here, so he has called you home. No more Irish moss (without milk, mix with syrup) lol, as I always see you making it.*

*This time it is me who is asking you that famous question you always asked me every time I see you. Now that you and Herwitt are together again, I want to ask you, Wa a gwaan sa! wa di bwoy Herwitt a deal wid?*

*Fly high!! (as the lyric says, Silver and Gold might buy you a home, but things of this world, they won't last you long)*

*- Kingsley Demetrius*

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**Kingsley Demetrius** - March 09 at 10:41 AM

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“ Dwayne Anthony Demetrius first son of Garnett and Clare, growing up in Jamaica every year me and my brother saw you and you asked us about school and how it is going the next question was, them no have no trade @ your school, me always say no him say try get a skill, me no pay him no mind cause book work was my thing and passing by exams was my way out, after completing High school with 7 passes and started working and bought my first car, ended up having to pay a mechanic 5000 to change a 500 dollars part, then I realised what he was referring to all along, so I went to check him and he gave me my first set a tools and some mechanic tips to follow, as Dave said always have oil, coolant a walk wid, after that ever chance I got I would visit a friend's mechanic shop and learnt all I could till I start working on friends cars and making extra money.

*I will always remember the bike rides from my house to yours and back and the history lessons you shared about the city of Kingston and the many people you met along your journey.*

*I have so many stories and parables that I share with my kids and friends that will always keep your memory alive.*

*Your presence will continually be with us  
Walk good Garnett.*



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**Dwayne Anthony Demetrius** - March 02 at 05:06 PM

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**charmaine channer 68@gmail.com** - March 26 at 12:46 PM

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Bunny (granddaughter) - February 28 at 08:16 AM

DD

“ Dave Garnett Krishna Demetrius (Son). As a man when you own a motor vehicle, ensure you have a bottle of engine oil, a bottle of engine coolant and a bottle of water just in case of an emergency, it might not be for you but it might help someone else. Words that I carry with me to this day, the older I get the more of him I see in myself, the posture, the laugh, even the way I dress, He was a man who never asked for much that's just who he is. I remember the day when I found out about his dementia and called him to check up, so I asked the question? Do you know who you're speaking with and he said yes "Dave" that will always stay with me, now I'm residing in the United Kingdom your words of wisdom, sometimes harsh but now I'm older I understand the meaning, you'll always be with me and each time I filled my name out on a form and there you are Dave Garnett Krishna Demetrius, so big up DAD 🙌.

Dave Demetrius - February 28 at 04:21 AM

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“ Living in Jamaica while my grandpa was in New York never stopped him from showing up for me in the ways that mattered. Every single year, he made sure I had my school shoes. He would laugh and complain that my feet barely grew because I have such small feet, but he still took his time picking out the most stylish and long-lasting shoes he could find. That was him, always thoughtful, always wanting the best for me.

Whenever he visited Jamaica, I knew I was in for his famous spaghetti. Somehow it always tasted better when he made it. He also got me my very first bike: a pink one with spongey wheels so I'd never get a flat tire.

He loved music. You could always catch him doing his little two-step to reggae and ska, smiling like he didn't have a care in the world. Just watching him would make you smile too.

Later in life, he returned home to Jamaica while I was living in New York. I went to see him in May 2023, just after his 80th birthday. Though dementia had taken some of his memories, it hadn't taken his warmth. He smiled and gave me the biggest hug, and that's how I'll always remember him: warm and loving. I will carry that love with me always.

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**Bunny (granddaughter)** - February 27 at 05:34 PM

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**Suztte Isokpunwu** - February 27 at 09:52 AM

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“ My father was a man who left a lasting and positive impact on everyone he encountered. He shaped the person I am today. From him, I learned that hard work pays off, that independence matters, and that humility and kindness should guide every interaction. He believed in doing good even when others did not return the same, and he lived by the principle of treating others the way you want to be treated. He was truly selfless, always making sacrifices for others without a second thought for himself. His generosity, strength of character, and unwavering love touched countless lives. I will forever miss him.

*Garnett I love you!*

*Suzette Isokpunwu*

*Daughter*

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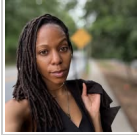
**Suztte Isokpunwu** - February 27 at 09:40 AM

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“ My brother, the time has come to say farewell to a guy I knew and love so well. All the pain and suffering now has gone, and God has called you to a new home, so go ahead and take your rest, I love you brother but, God love you best.

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**Conchita Watson, sister of Garnett Demet** - February 26 at 03:46 PM



“ My great uncle literally and figuratively! Uncle Garnet there is no amount of words to convey how you are missed! As a small child you were the epitome of a Jamaican man to my brother and I, my mom loved you and always reminded us to love you and show respect but boy you could cuss and we weren't spared at all “When you come here, what you see here, what you hear here, make it stay here, when you leave here!” hanging plastered on the wall ☐. I lived in your house when you didn't 🙄. My great uncle thank you for calling to check for me and reminding me of your love in my adult age ☐🍷🌺💕 tried to see you during Beryl, 💔 that I won't see you in this lifetime but I pray to meet you again man you funny to rass 😂🇯🇲🇯🇲🇯🇲 love you

Zsa Willis - February 26 at 12:27 PM

PN

“ Rest easy Uncle! Prudie

Prudence Watson, neice - February 24 at 02:05 PM

DW

“ I remember when he took us in when I was about 6 years old. We just moved from Jamaica, and he was managing an apartment complex in New York, I was a kid, so I didn't understand back then the responsibility he took on. He bought me my first bike as a kid.

I am going to remember him as physically strong and handy man. There was nothing that he couldn't fix and no problem he couldn't solve.

Grandson

Daryo B Williams

Daryo Williams - February 20 at 03:31 PM

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**Joseph Isokpunwu** - February 18 at 01:48 PM

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“ Garnett, apart from being an excellent father-in-law to me, was the kind of man whose goodness did not need to be announced; you felt it the moment you met him. Gentle, hardworking, and endlessly generous, he gave so much of himself to family, friends, and anyone who needed a helping hand. His kindness was quiet but constant, the kind that left a lasting mark on every life he touched.

*We will remember his warm smile, his calm and see-through spirit, and the way he always put others first without a second thought. Garnett lived with humility, honesty, and a deep love for the people around him. He taught us, simply by example, what it means to be compassionate and strong at the same time.*

*Our hearts are heavier without him, but they are also fuller because of him. Garnett was a truly good man, and we will carry his love and his memory with us always.*

*Joseph Isokpunwu  
Son-in-law*

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**Joseph Isokpunwu** - February 18 at 01:46 PM