



Photo of the cast by Andre Chung.

# The Characters of *Grace* Sensory-Friendly Performance

# Character Descriptions



Background photo by André Chung.

## GRAN'ME

Gran'Me was the matriarch of the Minton family, who recently passed away. Everyone is gathering for her memorial service and repast. She ran Minton's Place for 40 years. She was Paul and Ruthie's grandmother, Miss Minnie's elder sister and great-aunt to the rest of those gathered. She is never seen or heard during the show.



Photo of Virginia Ann Woodruff by André Chung.

## MISS MINNIE

Gran'Me's sister, grandmother to Haley and great-aunt to the rest of the cousins. Now that Gran'Me has died, she is the elder of the family. She cares about passing the family stories, traditions and culture down through the generations.



Photo of Rayshun LaMarr by André Chung.

## JOSHUA

A DJ, vlogger and social media influencer. He thinks that being himself and sharing his story online is the right way to honor Gran'Me. He tries to convince Miss Minnie that posting on social media isn't disrespectful. Gran'Me was his great-aunt.



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Photo of Jarran Muse by André Chung.

## **E.J.**

A businessman who is convinced that they need to sell Minton's Place to save it. He grew up away from the rest of his cousins, in a different neighborhood with different friends. He wasn't allowed to spend much time with Gran'Me or at Minton's Place. Gran'Me was his great-aunt.



Photo of Arica Jackson by André Chung.

## **HALEY**

One of the cousins who is known for being herself no matter what. She is very close with her grandmother, Miss Minnie, and calls her Ma 'Em. She helps with the potluck food and arrangements for the memorial. Gran'Me was her great-aunt.



Photo of David Hughey by André Chung.

## **PAUL**

A professor. He feels guilty because he wasn't around for Gran'Me's last moments. Gran'Me hoped he would take over Minton's Place, but he moved away instead. Gran'Me was his grandmother.

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Photo of Solomon Parker III by André Chung.

## LAWRENCE

Lawrence works at a local community development center. He started the Kuumba Festival with his sister, Jacqui, but doesn't like how she turned it into something commercial. Gran'Me was his great-aunt.



Photo of Raquel Jennings by André Chung.

## JACQUI

A successful businesswoman in the corporate world. She thinks rebranding Minton's Place and getting corporate sponsorship will help make the restaurant better. She is Lawrence's sister. Gran'Me was her great-aunt.



Photo of Nova Y. Payton by André Chung.

## RUTHIE

Ruthie took over the restaurant, Minton's Place, as Gran'Me got older. She's trying to save her business and understands how important the restaurant is to the family. Paul is her cousin. Gran'Me was her grandmother.

## **GRACE CHARACTERS – CREDITS**

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