

ROY GRANT BEM

HERITAGE

Roy Grant was born in 1942 in Freetown, St Catherine, Jamaica. Jamaica shaped his sense of respect, discipline, and community. Sharing food and stories, helped people understand they were not so different.

WALES MEANS...

HOME PEACE HAPPINESS

"A man's home is where he lays his head."

Part of the Windrush generation, Roy arrived in Britain entering a cold unfamiliar world.

Blind in one eye, he faced homesickness and racism but remained determined to become an engineer.

Jamaica is where he was born, but Wales is where he became a man.

“ RESPECT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL, REGARDLESS OF COLOUR OR CREED. ”



COMMUNITY

CONTRIBUTION

Roy became one of the first Black men in authority in engineering, serving as charge-hand and developing a rapid cutting tool used in carpet manufacturing.

He devoted decades to community work. As Chair of Age Alive, he ensured older and minority communities were heard.

A writer and playwright, he documented community stories. Later, he was awarded the British Empire Medal.

STRENGTHS & JOY

Roy is known for discipline, determination, and speaking up for others - taking pride in the legacy he leaves for his family.

“ SHARE EACH OTHER'S CULTURE AND YOU WILL SEE WE ARE NOT SO DIFFERENT. ”