

*A Service of Praise & Thanksgiving
For the Life of
Mrs. Juanita E. Sanders*



Sunrise

August 7, 1932

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May 22, 2021

Sunday, May 30, 2021

10:00 AM

Collins Chapel C.M.E Church

Georgia Highway 280, Milan, GA 31060

Obituary

Our beloved Mrs. Juanita Ellis Sanders was born on August 7, 1932, to the late Mrs. Daisy Lane Eady and the late Mr. George Ellis, in Milan, Georgia. Juanita was raised by a loving and devoted stepfather, Mr. Albert Eady, who preceded her in death.

She received her primary education in the Dodge and Chatham County school systems. Juanita married the love of her life, Otis Sanders, Sr. and through this union, five children were born: Otis, Jr., Odessa, Diane, Donald, and Dale. Together, they were devoted, loving parents and grandparents; well-loved and respected by their family, friends, and community.

Juanita accepted Christ at an early age and joined Collins Chapel CME Church. After relocating to Fort Lauderdale, she moved her membership to the New Mount Olive Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Reverend Dr. Weaver. She remained a faithful member, under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Marcus D. Davidson, until her demise.

In the early 1950's, Juanita relocated her family from Milan, Georgia to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where she was a homemaker. She later gained employment at the United States Postal Service, where she was a loyal and supportive mail handler for over thirty years.

Juanita had an avid love for sports, specifically basketball. She played basketball for her Junior High School and her love and devotion for the game transformed her into an enthusiastic fan for the Miami Heat basketball team. On most days, she could be found wearing her Miami Heat T-shirt and baseball cap. She was also well known for her cooking. Her delicious and tasty Thanksgiving and Easter meals, especially her Bunny Cake and Sour Cream Pound Cake, will remain legendary amongst family and friends.

During the early hours of May 22, 2021, Juanita was called home to glory. She is preceded in death by her late spouse, Otis L. Sanders, Sr., one daughter-in-law, Marilyn Sanders, and the following siblings: John Ellis, Samuel L. Ellis, Peter James Ellis, George Ellis, and Sandra "Pat" Kelly.

Cherished memories remain with her five loving and devoted children: Otis L. Sanders, Jr. of Plantation, FL, Odessa Sanders-Horne of Fort Lauderdale, FL, Diane Sanders-Dixon (Bobby) of Fort Pierce, FL, Donald L. Sanders (Phyllis) of Pompano Beach, FL, and Dr. Dale Sanders of Saginaw, MI; Four Sisters: Annie Bell Wiggins of Helena, GA, Gwendolyn Frazier (Michael) of Helena, GA, Dianna Wilcox of Waycross, GA, and Deotha Ellis of Riverdale, GA; Four grandchildren: Thawauna Bradley (Eric Sr.) of Lauderhill, FL, Dr. Diane Sanders-Cepeda (Cesar) of Cooper City, FL, Melissa Johnson (Joseph Jr.) of Dallas, Texas, and Otis L. Sanders III of Tamarac, FL; Nine great-grandchildren: Ashley James, Ian James, Jr., Catherine Robinson, Emani Bradley, Joseph Johnson, III., Eric Bradley II, Leila Cepeda, Jace Cepeda and Avery Sanders; Two great-great granddaughters: Bre'yah and Brielle Battle; One sister-in-law Annette Bredall (Raymond) of Woodstock, New Jersey; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Pastor Phyllis Thomas, Officiating

Processional

Musical Selection

Scripture

Prayer of Comfort

Solo

Reflections (2 minutes please)

Acknowledgements

Solo

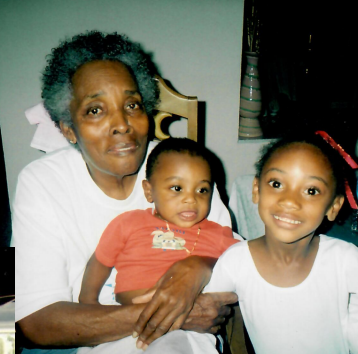
Eulogy

Last Glance

Recessional

Her children rise up and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:
Proverbs 31:28







I'm Free

Do not grieve for me,
for now I am free
To follow the path
God made for me
I took His hand when
I heard Him call;
I turn my back
and left it all.
I could not stay
another day, to love,
To laugh, to work, and play
Task left undone must
stay that way;
I found that pace at
the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with
remembered joy,
A friendship shared,
a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes things
I too will miss
Be not burdened with
times of sorrow:
I wish you the sunshine
of tomorrow.
My life has been full,
I have savored much;
Good friends, good times,
a love ones touch.
Perhaps my time seemed
much to brief;
Do not lengthen it now
with undue grief.
Lift up your heart
and share with me,
God wanted me to now
He has set me Free.



Pallbearers

Mr. Otis L Sanders, III
Mr. Joseph Johnson Jr.
Mr. Eric Bradley Sr.

Mr. Cesar Cepeda
Mr. Joseph Johnson III
Mr. Eric Bradley II

Flower Attendants

Ms. Ashley James
Ms. Catherine Robinson
Ms. Leila Cepeda

Ms. Morgan Davis
Ms. Emani Bradley
Mrs. Thawanua Bradley

Twenty- Third Psalm

The Lord is my Shepard, I shall not want,
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul, he leadeth me in the path
Of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, thought I walk through the valley of death,
I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me,
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me
Thou prepares a table before me
In the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup runneth over
Surely Goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house
of the Lord forever

Acknowledgements

Thank you for sharing these moments with us. Your comforting expressions of sympathy is deeply appreciated and will always be gratefully remembered.

-The Family-

Final Arrangements

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