

# Arms of Angels

*You rest in the arms of angels  
In a place of peace and love  
Watching over me always  
From Heaven up above  
You guide me through my worries  
And help me through each day  
Always by my side  
You never went away  
The bond cannot be broken  
Made from love so pure  
Death does not break the bond  
It lives on for ever more  
You rest in the arms of angels  
Free from illness and pain  
Waiting for the day  
We are together once again*

## Active Pallbearers

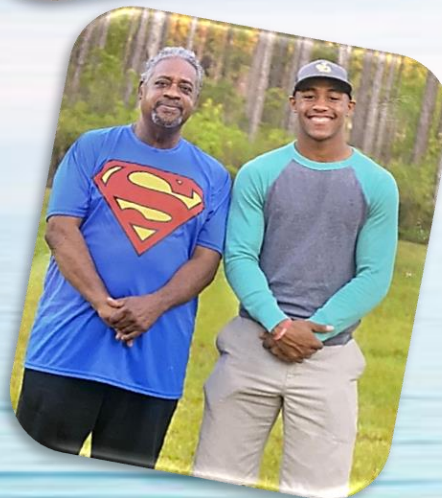
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Eddie McMillian | Robert Mapp



## Acknowledgements

Our family wishes to convey our sincerest appreciation for your prayers, acts of kindness, and support during the passing of our loved one, Willie Cornelius Sanders. We are blessed to have friends like you and are thankful for all you've done. We sincerely appreciate the token of love you have provided, it means so much to our family.

The Sanders Family



# THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE



*Mr. Willie C. Sanders*

Sunrise: April 22, 1948 - Sunset: January 23, 2021

2:00PM January 30, 2021

Jeff Davis Recreation Department  
Hazlehurst, Georgia

Reverend Christopher D. Johnson, Eulogist



INTERMENT: Hall and Wilcox Cemetery  
Hazlehurst, Georgia

### Professional Services By:

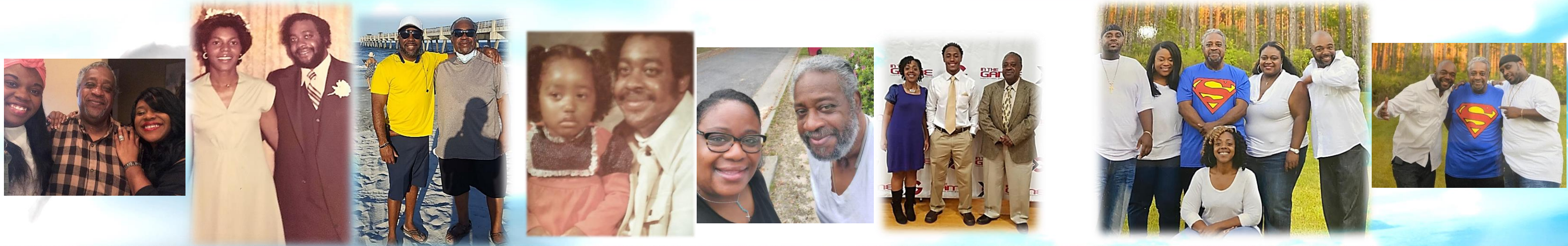
Thornton's Funeral Home

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"Let the Service We Render Speak For Us"

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*Precious Moments*

*A Lifetime of Memories - The Obituary*

*Always In Our Hearts*

*Willie C. Sanders*

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*"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"*

*Matthew 25: 21*

Mr. Willie Cornelius Sanders, a native of Jeff Davis County, Georgia, departed this life Saturday, January 23, 2021, at Jeff Davis Hospital in Hazlehurst, Georgia.

Willie was born April 22, 1948, to the late Mitchel Lee and Louis Sanders. At an early age he joined Elizabeth Baptist Church. He graduated from Hazlehurst High School in 1966. He was a mechanic at Hazlehurst Mills and later developed a love for truck driving. He worked many years for Wooten Transport, then landed his dream job driving for Wal-Mart. After retiring from truck driving, Willie spent his days relaxing and enjoying his passion for sports. Some of his fondest memories were spent traveling and watching his grandson, Alex, play football and baseball. No matter the distance, Willie was willing to drive just to support Alex. It is pretty easy to say he was his grandson's number one fan. Willie also enjoyed going out to eat at his favorite restaurant, Ole Time Buffet. He would also go on Friday outings with his friends to Smith's Fried Chicken.

He was preceded in death by a sweet and precious granddaughter, Jermani Chanel Sanders, and a nephew he loved like a son, Ibn Kariem Conaway.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories with his six children: Ronald Sanders of Jacksonville, FL, Sophia Sanders of Memphis, TN, Shuffon Sanders of McRae, GA, Willaundra (Jamie) Nails of Odum, GA, Maurice (Nickie) Hunt of Hazlehurst, GA, and Paula Sanders of Hazlehurst, GA; two bonus daughters: LaMontica Smith of Hazlehurst, GA and Arrica Bradshaw-Parker of Virginia Beach, VA; four sisters: Pearlie Mae (Barnett) Walker of Lumber City, GA, Alberta Howell of Savannah, GA, Gloria Jean (Robert Mapp) McLean and Diann Hunt of Hazlehurst, GA; one very special uncle, Charles Sanders. He also leaves to cherish his memory with 15 awesome grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and sorrowing friends.

**Order of Service**

Reverend Joseph McLeod, Presider

- Processional/Final Glance ..... Family & Clergy
- Prayer..... Reverend Joseph McLeod  
*Pastor, Elizabeth Baptist Church ~ Hazlehurst, Georgia*
- Scripture Reading ..... Reverend Christopher D. Johnson  
*Pastor, Big Bethel Missionary Baptist Church ~ Hazlehurst, Georgia*
- Solo..... Ms. Joy Edwards
- Special Reflections..... Mr. Alex Sanders
- Words of Comfort..... Reverend Christopher D. Johnson
- Acknowledgements..... Thornton's Funeral Home Staff
- Recessional..... Clergy and Family

**COMMITTAL SERVICE**

Committal ~ Reverend C. D. Johnson  
Prayer ~ Appointee  
Benediction ~ Appointee

