



Deacon Sanders

May 11, 1953 - December 28, 2009

SANDERS, Deacon Roddnie K. - Age 56, passed away Monday, December 28, 2009 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10:30AM Friday, January 8, 2010 at Refuge Temple Church of Flint, G-4400 W. Carpenter Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11AM, Pastor Seon Thompson officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30AM Friday. Mr. Sanders will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12Noon-8PM Thursday with family present from 4-6 p.m. Deacon Roddnie K. Sanders "Papa" was born May 11, 1953 in Flint, MI, the loving son of T.B. Sanders and Gaye Walker. Deacon Sanders was a lifelong resident of Flint, where he attended the Flint Community Schools and was a graduate of Northwestern High School "Class of 1972." He then went on to serve his country in the United States Army. Deacon Sanders later met the love of his life Jolena Sanders and they united in marriage July 1995, together they raised 4 children. He exhibited his talents and passion in the areas of fishing and sports, but he affectionately loved baseball. Deacon Sanders was employed by the Flint Baseball Commission, where he participated as an umpire. He went on to reveal his experience in the sports world to the youth athletic department in the Beecher Community School district, where he coached girls and boys basketball and boys baseball and is known throughout the community as "Coach Sanders." He was employed by the Rite Aid Distribution Center before his health began

to deplete. Deacon Roddine K. Sanders leaves cherishable memories to his wife, Jolena Sanders; children, Torry (Teresa), LaToyia (Dotwan), Clenton (Aleatha) and Brian; 12 grandchildren, Sheila, Shatoria, Dotwan Jr., Shayla, Joy, Taron, Me'khia, Torry Jr., Zaniah, Promise, JaVon, and Jourdyna; 1 great-grandchild, Christian Ezekial; father, T.B. Sanders; brothers, Tyrone (Barbara) Sanders and Donald (Charlotte) Sanders; godchildren, LaVette Flucker, Rodrick Richardson, Kaneisha Davis and Misty Harris; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and a number of family and friends, including Pastor Seon Thompson and our Refuge Temple Family. Deacon Sander was preceded in death by his mother, Gaye Walker; grandparents; aunts and uncles. The family would like to graciously extend their heartfelt appreciation and acknowledgements to: Hurley Medical Center ICU staff, University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Dr. Sayed Osama and Dr. Samiullah Sayyid, the entire Beecher Community family, and the many acts of kindness that everyone has displayed in our times of need. Thank you from the Sanders Family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Deacon Sanders*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *His was a valiant fight and he did it with courage and strength in the midst of adversity. May you take comfort in the model that he set and the inspiration that he leaves to others who are fighting his battle.*

From Antoine de St. Exupery's The Little Prince:

"When you look up at the sky at night, since I'll be living on one (a star)of them, since I'll be laughing on one of them, for you it will be as if all the stars are laughing."

Margaret Clinton - December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was stunned to hear of Roddnie's passing. Roddnie had a great sense of humor, and even during his illness, when I saw him he had that smile on his face.*

Jolena, I'm praying for you during this time of transition.

December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Jolena,
You have my prayers and deepest sympathy. As you know, Roddnie and I shared many funny memories from our days at Bryant Jr. High School. You and he made a great team - a real dynamic duo! May God give you strength through his endless grace and mercy.

December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We were saddened to hear of another soldier of God's army has gone home;but be assured that God will strengthen your family to endure the loss of your loved one. Condolences from Usher Board #1 of New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church.

Faye Sanders - December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences. Mr. Sanders was truly a nice man. May god bless the family. Remember there is no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal!

Theodore Files - December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To the families of Roddnie I want you to know that you share this loss with many. we pray that god continue to bless you jolena. and my family called from near and far and wants you all to know that they send their prayers to the entire sanders family may god bless you all .love the croom/rice family.

Devoris Rice - December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *To the Sanders Family,
Our deepest sympathy goes out to the entire Sanders family. We
will continue to keep you lifted in prayer.*

*Sister Paulette Clemons
Refuge Temple*

Paulette Clemons - December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Sister Jolena, Our prayers are with you and your family. I know that
you know that GOD will always be with you. He will see you though.
Dea. Sanders is with the Lord, There are no mor pain, or needs,
God has taken care of everything.*

Mother Margaret Montgomery - December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Thinking of your family and remembering each of you in your time of
grief.
Your Riley Family*

Beecher Adult & Alternative High School - December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *My prayers are with you and your family during your time of sorrow.
Continue to lean and depend on God and He will give you comfort
and peace.*

Jeannie Mayberry - December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *To Tyrone and family:
Our prayers are with you and family during this time. May God
continue to give you the strength you need*

God Bless

John/Lessie Rhymes - December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM