



Mr. Demetrius Rashad Sanders

July 31, 1993 - February 25, 2014

SANDERS, Mr. Demetrius Rashad “Meiche” - age 20, went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at Sparrow Hospital-Lansing, MI. Family hour 11 a.m. Saturday, March 8, 2014 at Cathedral of Faith Ministries COGIC, 6031 Dupont St. with funeral service commencing at 12 p.m. Pastor Christopher Martin officiating. Interment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy., Mt. Morris, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 11 a.m. Saturday. 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 2 p.m.-8 p.m. Friday, with the family present from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Mr. Demetrius Rashad “Meiche” Sanders was born on July 31, 1993 in Flint, Michigan, the son of Samuel Sanders III and Evangelist Alverma Denise (Smith) Sanders. Demetrius was an outstanding young man. From birth we knew he was predestined for awesome things. Meiche loved GOD and GOD’s people. He spent much of his early years enjoying gospel music, singing along with his Granny Smith watching Christian television. He was “trained in the way that he should go” and at an early age, Meiche began his Christian walk as the first Sunday school student in “cradle roll” class. His dedication to the Lord stimulated his love for Sunday school, Sunshine Band, and Purity Class. Meiche was overjoyed to serve as his grand-dad’s (the late Dr. Zack Smith, Sr.) assistant. Demetrius was always willing to serve others. He spent every summer planting and harvesting the family garden with his granddad

and cousins. At age eleven he became a student in Catholic Charities' Mr. Roger's "Say No To Drugs Program." When he completed the Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce's Summer Youth Initiative training, it was no surprise that he would choose to work for the Mr. Rogers program. From the age of fourteen to nineteen he dedicated his summers to the mission of community service. This employment opportunity enabled him to expand his love of people and community. He was also a "newspaper boy" for the Flint Journal for several years. While working for the Flint Journal, Meiche volunteered and worked for the Bridges to the Future, Youth Quest, and Twenty First Century after school programs at Scott, Neithercut, and Cummings Elementary Schools in Flint. Demetrius assisted the Robotics team at Flint Southwestern Classical Academy. He enjoyed tutoring and mentoring students and packing backpacks for the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan's weekly student food giveaway program as well as sorting shoes for Flint Schools "shoes that fit", along side his mother. Meichie faithfully participated in food giveaways at Deliverance COGIC and Cathedral of Faith Ministries. He would also help the deacons of Deliverance cook breakfast weekly for the underserved of our community. Demetrius was raised on Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". He was a 2011 Honors Graduate of the International Academy of Flint. He was always excelling academically and was a member of the National Student Honor Society and was on the basketball team until eleventh grade. He went on to Mott Community College to study Computer Engineering. Meiche loved music, peanut butter, sports, video games (he is still the Xbox 360 Champ among his cousins and friends). He was currently employed by TRW Automotive Systems of Follerville, MI. Until he was nineteen, Meiche was a member of Deliverance COGIC, which was founded by his grandparents the late Dr. Zack and Mother Alverma Smith. He was a member of the Cathedral of Faith Ministries COGIC, serving in many capacities including the Nu Vision Youth Ministry, Thunder Cats, Ushers, Men's, and maintenance departments. In his twenty years, Meiche left and imprint on the lives of countless family, friends,

and others!

Demetrius' legacy will continue on through his parents, Samuel Sanders III and Evangelist Alverma Denise (Smith) Sanders; sister, Gwendolyn; brother, Jalen Sanders; grandmothers, Rose May-Sanders and Judean Sanders; great-grandmother, Lizzie Palmer; uncles and aunts, Niketta (Michael) Fleming, Elder Zack Jr. (Alta) Smith, Emmanuel (Annie) Smith, John (Donett) Smith, Gwendolyn (James) Richardson, Katrina Smith, Deadrea Smith, Earl King, Bertha Smith, Crystal Davis, Charlie Moody, Johnny Cooper, Freddie Otis, Lizzie Sanders, Patricia Moody, Leroy (Kim) Palmer, Evelyn Coulter, LaTasha (Gary) Solomon; cousins, Keon, Micah and Quinyatta Atkins, Faith and Zack Anthony Smith, Emmanuel Jr., Shaquan and Sherita Smith, Imari, Aleah, John Jr. and Jared Smith, Doris, James, Jr. and Diamond Richardson, Ariel Mizel, Andre Frasier, Allen, and Rachel Coulter, My'Angel Sanders, Shaquille, Imani and Tela Terry; Special friends, Johnathon Blanchard, Simeun McGee, Carl Arthur Jr., JaCquell Price, Keon Stanley, Darien Coolin, Quincey Langston and Elder Cameron Martin; god –parents, Elder Charles and Linda Woods.

Demetrius was preceded in death by his grandparents, the late Dr. Zack and Mother Alverma Smith, Deacon Samuel Sanders Jr.; great-grandmother Juanita Ross; and uncle, Sammie Sanders.

Cemetery Details

Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

G-9506 N. Dort Hwy.
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family Present

MAR 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Family hour

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cathedral of Faith C.O.G.I.C.
6031 Dupont St.
Flint, MI

Service

MAR 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

Cathedral of Faith C.O.G.I.C.
6031 Dupont St.
Flint, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Demetrius Rashad Sanders*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jalah Strong - July 08, 2014 at 09:23 PM



“ *Schronda Calip Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Demetrius Rashad Sanders*



Schronda Calip Williams - March 09, 2014 at 01:46 PM



“ *Vanessa Ellis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Demetrius Rashad Sanders*



Vanessa Ellis - March 08, 2014 at 06:46 AM

LJ

“ *Lee & Rayvena Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Demetrius Rashad Sanders*



Lee & Rayvena Johnson - March 08, 2014 at 12:08 AM

JK

“ *Julie Koger lit a candle in memory of Mr. Demetrius Rashad Sanders*



Julie Koger - March 07, 2014 at 08:19 PM

GW

“ *Gerrius Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Demetrius Rashad Sanders*



Gerrius Williams - March 06, 2014 at 10:13 PM

SS

“ To Evangelist Alverma Sanders and the entire Smith and Sanders Family:

It is our prayer that you all will find some comfort in knowing that you have our deepest sympathy during this most difficult time. We know that you already know that God will comfort and sustain you. Please know that we love you.

Your Friends,

Peritha Stitt, Scott School Lunch Room

Shirley L. Stitt, Doyle-Ryder Secretary (Peritha's Grandmother)

Shirley L. Stitt - March 06, 2014 at 09:50 AM

LW

“ To the Sanders family, my deepest sympathy are with you. May God continue to keep and comfort you during this difficult time.



LaShaunda Warren - March 05, 2014 at 08:20 PM

JS

“ To the Smith Sanders family Sorry for your loss we are praying for you and the entire Smith Sanders family just know that God is with you

Jennifer Taylor scott - March 05, 2014 at 02:11 PM

CC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Connie Clark - March 05, 2014 at 09:30 AM

LC

“ *Lillian Chandler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Demetrius Rashad Sanders*



Lillian Chandler - March 04, 2014 at 07:00 PM

JS

“ *Jacqueline Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Demetrius Rashad Sanders*



Jacqueline Scott - March 04, 2014 at 06:28 PM

TB

“ *To the Smith-Sanders family you have my deepest sympathy and most sincere condolences in this lost of your beloved son may the God of peace grant you his always*

Theresa-Gill Bransford - March 04, 2014 at 04:11 PM



“ I LOVE YOU MEICHIE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART



Chionna Adkisson - March 04, 2014 at 01:50 PM



“ Elder Scott Bliss lit a candle in memory of Mr. Demetrius Rashad Sanders



Elder Scott Bliss - March 04, 2014 at 01:45 PM



“ My heart and prayers are with the Smith-Sanders family.

Kay-Kay Brown (Taylor)

kay - March 04, 2014 at 01:24 PM



“ TO DENISE AND THE ENTIRE SMITH-SANDERS FAMILY. ONCE AGAIN I WILL FOCUS MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ON YOU ALL. TO ME WE ARE FAMILY BCUZ WE ALL GO WAY BACK AND WE HAVE GATHERED TOGETHER. I KNOW MY WORDS CANNOT BRING YOU COMFORT, BUT MY WORDS TO GOD'S EARS SHOULD HELP. I AM SO VERY SORRY FOR YOUR/OUR LOSS DENISE, LUV U, SIS

RE-NAYE SANDERS - March 04, 2014 at 12:54 PM

PJ

“ Precious Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Demetrius Rashad Sanders



Precious Jackson - March 04, 2014 at 12:33 PM

PM

“ TO THE SMITH-SANDERS FAMILY I AM SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR LOST.I WILL BE PRAYING FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.MAY GOD PEACE BE WITH YOUR FAMILY AT THIS TIME HOUSE OF PRAYER HEALING MINISTRY CHURCH PASTOR JAMES MCDADE

PASTOR JAMES MCDADE - March 04, 2014 at 12:25 PM

JC

“ Meichie was a great guy. I got to know him through some of our mutual friends at church and after we found out that we both were into comics and video games. I remember when we would all go to a midnight movie release together. Good times! Gonna miss having you around for the game nights at Greg's house. You were a joy to be around bro. To the Sander's family, I'm praying that God sends you strength and peace both now and in the future. Your family did a wonderful job raising a great young man.

Jessie Cloman - March 04, 2014 at 11:40 AM

PJ

“ *Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can not heal. Know that I'm praying for you and your family and so sorry for you lost.*

Paulette Johnson



Paulette Johnson - March 04, 2014 at 10:26 AM

LH

“ *Leteia Hughley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Demetrius Rashad Sanders*



Leteia Hughley - March 04, 2014 at 09:04 AM

SH

“ *Shaun lit a candle in memory of Mr. Demetrius Rashad Sanders*



Shaun - March 04, 2014 at 08:49 AM

AZ

“ *Words seem inadequate to express the sadness we feel about Demetrius passing. He was a great man. May the love of those around you help you through the days ahead. Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thoughts and prayers.*
Arely Zimmermann
Former IAF teacher

Arely Zimmermann - March 04, 2014 at 08:41 AM

JJ

“ I just want to say to the Smith-Sanders family that you have my deepest condolences. Demetrius and I became friends a couple years ago when he used to come up to Kettering University with Jon to play basketball with us (the students), but ever since we met, it felt like we had been brothers from back in the day. He & I kept in touch alot since the day we met, and he was especially there for me when I lost my father back in November of last year. Loved this guy like he was truly my brother, and he will surely be missed. Until we meet again Meichie.

Jeff Ursery II - March 03, 2014 at 09:28 PM

DP

“ Dr. Bridget Plair lit a candle in memory of Mr. Demetrius Rashad Sanders



Dr. Bridget Plair - March 03, 2014 at 09:22 PM

TR

“ Denise Smith-Sanders. Just want you to know that I Love you and care for you. I am praying for you and your family. There is POWER in the name of JESUS!!!! Cast your cares on him for he cares for you. ??????



Tina-Rice Lincoln

Tina Rice-Lincoln - March 03, 2014 at 09:10 PM

JE

“ Meiche was loved by everyone and will be missed dearly. He was a brother to my big brother JaCquell and one thing that separates him from other young men was he was saned and loved to serve God. One thing that brings me comfort about Meiche is picturing him in heaven with those pink shoes and that Society hat, just wait Sis.Sanders because when the raptures comes you will be joining Meiche and your mom and dad in heaven. Your family is in my prayers.

Jakara Edwards-House - March 03, 2014 at 08:20 PM

EC

“ Denise AND Family, I'm praying for you all daily. Know that GOD is in control and there for you every step of the way. Love ya'll. Elly



Elvira Chapman - March 02, 2014 at 04:44 PM

PF

“ Denise I want you to know that me and my family are keeping you and yours in our prayers night and day. So sorry for your loss, we watched your son grow from a child to an awesome young man. You all will always be our first family, much love.. the Tyler & Fair Families.

Patricia Fair - March 02, 2014 at 02:37 PM

YB

“ Denise we can't imagine your pain but just know you have a good support team and a lot of people that love you and that are here for you.....I love you & I'm here if you need me

Yaeko Brodie - March 02, 2014 at 05:41 AM

PL

“ My condolences to the family of Mr Demetrius Sanders-.Think about Adam and Eve disobeying God. Did their disobedience stop God from ever fulfilling his original purpose? John 3:16 answers that question. The Greatest display of Love God showed for mankind paved the way for not only everlasting life but also a resurrection hope for all John 5:28-29.

Peggy Land - February 28, 2014 at 08:51 PM

ES

“ Your in my prayer and I'm so sorry for your loss



Emma Summers - February 28, 2014 at 06:05 PM

TT

“ T'Mara Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Demetrius Rashad Sanders



T'Mara Thompson - February 28, 2014 at 04:01 PM

LB

“ Lynn Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Demetrius Rashad Sanders



Lynn Barbee - February 28, 2014 at 07:59 AM

AN

“ Dear Family and Friends: I am very sorry to hear about your loss. I offer my sincere condolences. May "The Most High God Jehovah" provide you with peace and comfort to endure the says ahead. And as you turn to God through your tears and sorrow, please bear in mind that He is the healer of the brokenhearted (Psalm 147:3).



Anne - February 28, 2014 at 06:13 AM

EW

“ To the Sanders and Smith families: We extend our love and deepest sympathy. We are praying that God will comfort you and keep you during this trying time. Jesus has promised that he will never leave you nor forsake you. Cast your cares on Jesus because he cares for you.
Elder Bennie Williams

Elder Bennie Williams - February 27, 2014 at 10:29 PM

DP

“ To the Sanders family. We are praying your strength. God will take care of you

Dicy Powell - February 27, 2014 at 04:45 PM

MB

“ Melody Bondon-McGee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Demetrius Rashad Sanders



Melody Bondon-McGee - February 27, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CG

“ *Carol Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Demetrius Rashad Sanders*



Carol Gardner - February 27, 2014 at 04:00 PM