



## Mr. Lee Ollie Sanders

October 18, 1949 - January 2, 2022

SANDERS, Mr. Lee Ollie - Age 72, passed away Sunday, January 2, 2022 at the Grand Rapids Nursing Home for Veterans, Grand Rapids, MI. Family hour 10:30 AM Tuesday, January 11, 2022 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Rev. Patrick Sanders II, officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the chapel 10:30 AM Tuesday. Mr. Sanders will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Monday. Mr. Lee Ollie Sanders was born on October 18, 1949 in West Memphis, AR, the son of Joe Davis Sanders and Ruthie Mae Sanders. At an early age, Lee moved to Chicago, Illinois with his parents and siblings. Lee was a member of First Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, where he held the position of Deacon and helped led the devotion services. Lee was a handsome, loving and strong young man. After High School, he decided to join the Marine Corps in 1969. He served in the United States Marine Corps where he fought in the Vietnam War. He was Honorably Discharged and received a Purple Heart Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Raffle Marksman Badge, Vietnam Service Medal with 1 Star and a Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device for his service. After coming home from the Marine Corps, he married Ann Shelton and later moved to Flint, MI. One of Lee's famous sayings were, "Keep It Clean". Lee loved to be the grill master at all the family functions. In fact, his mother, the

late Ruthie Mae Chatman, would tell everyone, "Let Lee cook". He was the third oldest of eleven children, but he was her baby. Lee loved to tell jokes, play cards and dominos. He kept everyone laughing at his jokes. He had a nickname for all his family members and his nickname was, "Foots". Lee loved his family. After living many years in Flint, MI, he later became a resident in Grand Rapids, MI where he lived at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans due to his medical condition. Mr. Lee Ollie Sanders leaves to cherish his memory: 1 daughter, Tracey Lee Sanders of Chicago, IL; 7 sisters, Minnie (Robert) Harris of Meridian Ville, AL, Carolyn Sanders of Chicago, IL, Shirley (Roy) Hayes of Bloomington, IL, Tawanda (Creon) Mattison of Grand Blanc, MI, Jacquelyn Wintersmith, Kathleen (Horace) Sturdivant and Olivia Shelton; 2 brothers, James Chatman and Larry Chatman, all of Flint, MI. Mr. Lee Ollie Sanders was preceded in death by his wife, Ann Sanders; parents, Joe Davis Sanders and Ruthie Mae Chatman; stepfather, Matthew Chatman; and brother, Joe Willie Sanders.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 10. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Lee Ollie Sanders*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - January 11, 2022 at 09:59 AM



“ *Mr. Lee Ollie Sanders*

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October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Jacquetta Parks-Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Ollie Sanders*



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**Jacquetta Parks-Rogers** - January 11, 2022 at 09:27 PM



“ *Charles Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Ollie Sanders*



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**Charles Lewis** - January 09, 2022 at 07:18 PM

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“ Charles Lewis of Texas purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Lee Ollie Sanders.



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**Charles Lewis of Texas** - January 09, 2022 at 07:13 PM

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“ To all the family it is my deepest sympathy for our lost of a great man. Lee was funny, and a great sense of humor and will be greatly missed. I will always remember the good times that we all had with him at the Christmas Parties and holiday gatherings that we all shared. I am the Uncle who lives now in Texas. My prayers goes out to everyone in the family friends and the Veteran's Military all over this country. Who deserves the greatest honor to have serve this Great Country USA. God Bless everyone and my God keep you in Faith his Grace and Mercy. I love you Uncle Charles (Punkin) :).

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**Charles Lewis** - January 09, 2022 at 07:06 PM