



Mr. Samuel Devon Sanders

January 22, 1960 - June 24, 2014

SANDERS, Mr. Samuel Devon Sam - age 54, passed away Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 10 a.m. Monday, June 30, 2014 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Elder George Dunigan officiating. Interment Gracelawn Community Cemetery, G-5710 N. Saginaw St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10 a.m. Monday. Mr. Sanders will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday.

Mr. Samuel DeVon Sanders, Sam was born January 22, 1960 in Flint, Michigan, the son of Clearthus and Evon Sanders. Sam graduated from Powers High School in 1978. It was there he met his soul mate, friend and wife of thirty years, Fuzzy Susan Sanders. Upon graduation, Sam honorably served in the United States Marine Corps. In 1984 he hired into General Motors Flint Metal Fabricating Division as an electrician. Sam ultimately dedicated many years of involvement in various political endeavors and was an advocate for mentoring young students regarding apprenticeship opportunities. Sam had many passions which included belonging to the Masons since 2004 and was a Past Worshipful Master of John W. Stevenson Lodge, Apprentice Chairperson in 2007-June 2014, obtaining his Black Belt in Jiu Jitsu and his participation in the Crim Race four consecutive years. For those who knew Sam, knew he enjoyed working out, boating, fishing and

riding his motorcycle. Whatever his involvement he always gave 100%. Mr. Samuel DeVon Sanders, Sam was a proud and loving son, brother, husband, and father. Sam cherished the time he dedicated to his son Ahmad during his wrestling career while they traveled as a family across the country as he competed. Moreover, unlike most dads, Sam enjoyed the many hours he spent with his daughter Nikki during her cheerleading competitions; in fact, even showing her how to actually perform the cheers. Sam's proudest achievement was his marriage to his life-long friend and his biggest cheerleader, Fuzzy. He cherished their love and their beautiful family!

Mr. Samuel DeVon Sanders, Sam leaves to cherish his memory: spouse, Susan Sanders; son, Ahmad (RaeShonda); daughter, Nikki; 2 sisters, Willie (Jim) Goldsmith and Shirley Kelly (Fred); mother and father-in-law, Mr. Haywood and Dorleen Johnson; 3 sister-in-laws, Darleen Osborn, DeVelle (Semaj) Johnson, all of Flint and Venus (Richard) Allen of Windermere, FL. and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mr. Samuel Devon Sanders, Sam was preceded in death by parents, Clearthus Sanders and Evon Sanders; brothers, Hurlee Sanders and L.C. Gamble.

The family would like to express special thanks to the UAW Local #659 and the brothers of the John W. Stevenson Lodge.

Cemetery Details

Gracelawn Cemetery

5710 N. Saginaw St.
Flint, MI 48505

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 29. 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Samuel Devon Sanders*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Tom and I would like to send our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We were fortunate enough to see first hand the love Sam had for his family during Ahmad's years wrestling at CMU. He was such a positive person. He always had a smile on his face. He truly loved life.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you,
Tom and Lorri Borrelli*

Tom and Lorri Borrelli CMU Wrestling - July 28, 2014 at 12:45 AM



“ *I went to school with Sam at Powers, I believe he played Hockey, my condolences to his family as well as my thoughts and prayers.*
Mary Manteufel Savage

mary savage - July 03, 2014 at 12:49 AM

GR

“ I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to the Fuzzy, Nikki and Ahmad...This is Gil Rodriguez from Houston, Texas. I worked at the plant with Sam Sanders for 8 years while I lived in Flint. Sam and I became very good friends and ended up playing lots of basketaball and shared lots of sports moments. I just received this news down here in Texas and I am crushed. If anyone from the plant reads this could you please call me 832-549-6556 or email me at grodrig815@aol.com.



Thanks Sam for taking care of me and teaching me all of the electronics that you did! Love you my brother!!!!

gil rodriguez - July 02, 2014 at 01:49 AM



“ Shirley and Willie..I'm so sorry for your lost. Sorry I could not attend the home going of Sammy. I only found out the day before the funeral. Wow it was a shock..

Earley Madison Collins - July 01, 2014 at 10:45 PM

VS

“ Valerie Southall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Samuel Devon Sanders



Valerie Southall - June 30, 2014 at 07:34 PM

VJ

“ So sorry for the tremendous loss of Samuel; he truly will be missed!
Our prayers are with the family during this most difficult time.

Love...the Sharp and Jenkins Family

Vera Jenkins - June 30, 2014 at 07:46 AM

SL

“ We have the same middle and we had a lot of good fun while you
wear here love you and I'll see you soon.

Steffen Lymon - June 30, 2014 at 07:04 AM

SL

We have the same middle name. ..hallelujah AMEN
Love YA big Sam.

Steffen Lymon - June 30, 2014 at 07:07 AM

SJ

“ So sorry Fuzzy, Nikki and Ahmad. We will continue to pray for your
strength during this difficult time.

Tyrone & Sherri Jordan

SHERRI JORDAN - June 29, 2014 at 09:40 PM

TW

“ Tamika W sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr.
Samuel Devon Sanders



Tamika W - June 29, 2014 at 07:41 PM

CC

“ I had the pleasure to have been a co-worker of Sam's and to have spent a good deal of time with him as our son's both wrestled the same years in high school. Sam was the kind of man who you always looked forward to seeing. Sam was an excellent electrician and an even better person. It is an honor that I could call him a friend. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Curt, Shari, Joshua Clymer and family

Curt Clymer - June 29, 2014 at 01:49 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Samuel Devon Sanders.



June 29, 2014 at 11:21 AM

LJ

“ Thanks 4 the listening ear, Friendship & Message " To Live is To Be Happy" Love u man Lee E.Patterson, Jr.

Lee E. Patterson Jr. - June 29, 2014 at 09:54 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Samuel Devon Sanders.



June 28, 2014 at 11:07 PM

LP

“ I had the the pure pleasure of knowing Sam for years. A true friend to all... A lottery partner for years.....A teammate in training for years...I remember when he received his letter from the International. ..He was so proud...and I was so happy for him...He will never be forgotten!

Lynn Phillips - June 28, 2014 at 06:53 PM



“ RE-NAYE SANDERS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Samuel Devon Sanders



RE-NAYE SANDERS - June 28, 2014 at 06:28 PM

PL

“ Condolences to the Sanders Family, may God continue to just hung you all, for as a friend of the family I know just how many love ones you have seen gone on to be with the Lord within one year time. Keeping you in through and prayers. Love Phyllis Lakes



Phyllis Lakes - June 28, 2014 at 01:31 PM

RJ

“ I am praying for the Sanders family. Sam was my friend we worked together he was my apprentice. Sam was the best apprentice I ever had. He as a beautiful person. I will miss him.

Rita J.

Rita Jackson - June 28, 2014 at 08:17 AM

KT

“ Our prayers go out to the entire Sanders family. I attended Flint Powers with Sam he was always a leader on and off the athletic field . May God continue to comfort your family. We lost a good man friend and brother. Rest in Heaven Sam

Mr & Mrs. Kim. V. Thompson, Sr and Family

Alexandria Virginia

Kim Thompson - June 28, 2014 at 07:09 AM

LM

“ TO FUZZY AND FAMILY, PRAYING FOR YOU AND YOUR LOVE ONE.R.I.H.SAM

LANITA MURRAY - June 27, 2014 at 09:14 PM

MM

“ I remember Sam quite well as a kind and gentle soul back when we both attended Powers High School. I had the pleasure of re-connecting with him in recent years when he joined our online group comprised of folks from our Powers class. This loss is painful and shocking, yet we trust God with what we can neither explain nor understand. I extend my sincerest condolences to Sam's family, along with my fervent prayers.

Marja Maddrie

Marja Maddrie - June 27, 2014 at 08:28 PM

SP

“ Sheryl Payton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Samuel Devon Sanders



Sheryl Payton - June 27, 2014 at 08:26 PM



“ I'm sorry for the loss of your loved one. It seems he was a well-liked person. May you look towards the hope of the "RESURRECTION" that's been promised at (John 5:28,29) for comfort,peace and strength.(Numbers 6:24,25,26

L - June 27, 2014 at 06:20 PM

VA

“ My dear Sam, you were not an in-law, you were our brother! You have been a part of my life since I was a little girl - dating Fuzzy since your "Smokin' Sam Sanders" days at Powers. I am so grateful for your love and dedication to Fuzzy, Ahmad, and Nikki. You have always been there for all of us, moreover, a true role model and inspiration to my sons. I will miss your humor, smile, and witty ways. We have lost you here on earth and our selfishness desperately want you back. However, God had other plans for His new "soldier." What a blessing for all of us that you are joining the Army of our loved ones (tell Vance we love him) in heaven.

Loving you always!

*Your sister,
Venus*

Venus Allen - June 27, 2014 at 04:19 PM

AN

“ To the Sanders family,
The loss of a husband, father, uncle, brother is never easy. We can give glory to God for his awesome, magnificent, comforting power during our most difficult times. Uncle Sam was a beautiful person, fun and always had a wonderful smile. Prayers, peaceful and comforting thoughts to you during this time of bereavement.

Sincerely,
Angela Mitchell

Angela - June 27, 2014 at 03:02 PM

CA

“ My heart and prayer goes out to all who shared apart of Sam's life, and especially to Fuzzy...his soul mate. remember don't let death grief consume the life you shared with Sam...because apart of him lives within you. My prayer to all in Jesus name....Love Carolyn "Poochie" Brock



Carolyn - June 27, 2014 at 01:33 PM

FD

“ To the Sanders Family,
We are saddened by the lost of Sam, he was always so very nice and polite to us he will definitely be missed. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

FMC Plant Security Department - June 27, 2014 at 12:12 PM

VJ

“ My wonderful Brother-in-law, just like a true brother to me. Such a great uncle and father figure to my children. I will always cherish our special memories. Family times, the Fourth of July (fire works), the many, many parties at the "Tender Trap Door." Sam I don't know why God took you so soon, but I do know that he has gain another beautiful sweet soul for an Angel. Thank you for being the very best husband to my sister, for loving, taking care of her and mostly for being her best friend in life. I'm not going to say good-bye for now, just we'll see each other again. Give many kisses and hugs to Vance, And my sweet beautiful Grand daughters, Jewel and lil Miss Ava. LOVE,LOVE, LOVE you Sam!!!!!!
Viva



Viva Johnson - June 27, 2014 at 10:20 AM

MP

“ Condolences to the Sanders Family from the Perkins Family, Sam you were truly a pillar of manhood and friendship, had some great times hanging out with you and the family in the basement

Maurice Perkins - June 27, 2014 at 09:57 AM

LP

“ LISA PAYTON sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Samuel Devon Sanders



LISA PAYTON - June 27, 2014 at 09:09 AM

U6

“ UAW Flint Area Apprenticeship Committees, 598, 599, 659, 651 purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Mr. Samuel Devon Sanders.



UAW Flint Area Apprenticeship Committees, 598, 599, 659, 651 - June 27, 2014 at 06:47 AM

RJ

“ My condolences to the Sanders family, Sam Sanders was the best Co-Worker I have ever had in my Flint Metal Fab career, and even a better FRIEND. We will miss you brother. Big Rob (Robert Thomas Jr. and Family)

Robert Thomas Jr. - June 27, 2014 at 06:41 AM

SM

“ Steven MacConnell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Samuel Devon Sanders



Steven MacConnell - June 27, 2014 at 06:36 AM

DM

“ My condolences to the family, Sam would be truly missed. Our hearts are heavy with sorrow. I've known Sam over 30 years, quiet, soft spoken, and always smiling . Love you Sam.. You will be truly missed

Doris Motley - June 27, 2014 at 06:12 AM

SM

“ To Nikki, Ahmad and Fuzzy I truly am sorry to hear of Sam's passing. Whenever I saw him he was so full life. He will truly be missed. Continue to hold one another up and know that he will forever be with you in your hearts and memories.

Stacy McGee-Dixon - June 27, 2014 at 05:41 AM

PL

“ Our prayer to God for His ever present grace during your time of sorrow. Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. Look unto Lord for strength .we at the Heaven's Gate B.C continue in prayer for Wife and family

Pastor Clarence and wife Rhonda Lee - June 27, 2014 at 05:19 AM

RP

“ Sammy will be greatly missed.. I worked with him for many years. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. May God give you comfort in this difficult time.

Rhonda Parker - June 27, 2014 at 03:55 AM

DM

“ I miss my li'l buddy (who was strong as a bull), my coworker....my friend. Over the 29yrs. of working with, talking to, playing league basketball, 3 on 3's, sharing laughter, sharing pain, sharing our Pit Bull pictures, I can honestly say...he was a friend!!! The pain I feel is in no comparison to the pain and loss of his family! May the Lord lift their hearts and ease their pain! Sam will without a doubt be missed by many, he truly was a positive influence in my life!

Darius 'Ray' Mayfield - June 27, 2014 at 03:06 AM

GR

Big Ray if this is you my brother call me. This is Gil Rodriguez from Houston. I just received the news down here and I'm crushed my brother! 832-549-6556....

*one love,
g*

gil rodriguez - July 02, 2014 at 01:53 AM

WB

“ *Wanda Baker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Samuel Devon Sanders*



Wanda Baker - June 27, 2014 at 12:38 AM



“ *I never had the pleasure of meeting Mr Sanders but I work with his daughter Nikki. My heart And prayers go out to you Nikki and your family . Trust in the Lord And know that this too shall pass.*

Sandra Johnson Morris - June 27, 2014 at 12:12 AM

PW

“ *To my dear friend Fuzzy im sorry to hear about your hubby..I know you n your children will miss him but the Lord wanted him more..may his peace be with you all..*

Patricia Woodley-walker - June 27, 2014 at 12:08 AM

MB

“ My dad, a retired Flint Metal Fab electrician worked with Sam. I remember dad's stories years ago when Sam was an apprentice and how much they thought of each other. I never met Sam but from what dad shared with me about him and their friendship at work, Sam will be greatly missed. Your family will be in our prayers. May God bless you with His comfort and peace. Mark and Vernon Burkitt

Mark Burkitt - June 26, 2014 at 09:49 PM

RP

“ To my twin Fuzzy, Adam and Nikki, I love you all so much. Wish I could be there with you, but know my heart is there. My prayers is always there. May God bless and give you peace . Love you. Miss you Sam, rest in peace my brother. Regina Peery and family.

Regina Peery - June 26, 2014 at 08:45 PM

PM

“ Things happen that we will never understand, but we must remember that God is always in control. We will miss Sam around Metal Fab
But I am persuaded you are in a better place my brother. Rest in peace....Pastor Daniel Moore

Pastor Daniel Moore - June 26, 2014 at 08:31 PM

LB

“ My condolences to the Sanders family. Sam was a kind, very nice person whom I was proud to call my brother-in-law. Trust God and let God.

Lorraine B.

Lorraine B. - June 26, 2014 at 05:11 PM

LB

“ Lorraine B. sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Samuel Devon Sanders



Lorraine B. - June 26, 2014 at 05:05 PM

DS

“ Sam was by far one of the best electricians I ever had the pleasure of working with. He was smart, funny, and caring. He will be deeply missed at Flint Metal Fab by all who knew him. May God keep your soul and comfort those you have left behind.
Darrell Stinson

Darrell Stinson - June 26, 2014 at 03:11 PM

JA

“ Ahmad, Nikki, and Mama Fuzzy, my thoughts and prayers are with you all. I am still in shock. Mr. Sanders was a great man and great friend. I will miss him.

Jason S. Rogers

Jason - June 26, 2014 at 12:13 PM

MT

“ My Condolences to the Sanders Family, may God surround you with love at this most difficult time.

Michel Taylor - June 26, 2014 at 07:31 AM

KG

“ Sending my condolences to the Sanders family. May God comfort you during this difficult time.



Kalilah G. - June 25, 2014 at 10:23 PM

DS

“ To my Sanders family Trust in The Lord for your comfort and your strength. God makes no mistakes when he calls his children home. Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning. I'm praying for my family because I know God is the only one that can see you through this dark time. I Love you all. Denise Smith-Sanders

Denise Smith- Sanders - June 25, 2014 at 05:27 PM