

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

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F O R

Marlon
SANDERS

SUNRISE
MAY 23, 1990

SUNSET
MAY 26, 2026

JUNE 13, 2026

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

10AM

CATHEDRAL OF FAITH
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
3755 FANNETT RD. BEAUMONT TX. 77705



OBITUARY



On May 23, 1990, God sent a light into the world to be a beacon of Christ's love. **Marlon Geron Sanders, Sr.** was gifted to the union Melinda Pickens and Gerald Sanders. Marlon was reared in the city of Port Arthur, Texas. He was a 2009 graduate of Memorial High School and was class chaplain. Upon graduation, he made the decision to further his education and began attending Wiley College in Marshall, Texas where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree. He continued to pursue his career by attending Strayer University and on May 2, 2026, he was awarded a Master of Science in Higher Education Administration from Wiley University. It was at Wiley, in 2015 where he met the love of his life and united in holy matrimony to Khalen Ward-Sanders on May 18, 2017. He was a devoted father to four beautiful children who were the added joys in his life.

Marlon was an example of God's loving spirit for his people. He devoted his time to inspiring and setting examples for youth in our community. He completed 10 years of service to Port Arthur ISD as a music teacher at Lucian Adams Elementary School. He was a member of the coaching staff for the Memorial High School football, baseball, track and field, and power lifting teams. He worked tirelessly in the youth programs of the YMCA for a number of years. He was an active member of the Mighty Mutha Theta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. In his recreational time, he was PA's famous "DJ Marty Mar" bringing the joy to every celebration he participated in.

Most importantly, Marlon was a true witness for His God. He was an ordained Deacon in the Greater True Vine Church where he also served as Armor Bearer for his pastor. Every Sunday he stood and testified through song his gratitude to God for his blessings and talents it serving as Praise and Worship leader.

He was preceded in death by both grandmothers, Syliva Sanders and Josephine Franklin; grandfather, Alfred Sanders and a brother, Jhamiah Dixon. He leaves to cherish his memory and legacy, his wife, Khalen; his daughters, McKenzie, Khloe and Karsyn; his son Marlon Jr. (MJ); his parents, Melinda and Peter Pickens and Gerald Sanders; sisters, Mendy Phillips (Rev. Jarrod Phillips, Sr.) and Carya Jones; one brother, Dominique Thomas; special acknowledgement of Apostle R & M. P. Washington whom have been essential in Marlon's life; his nanny Deanna Jean Lewis, and a host of relatives and friends.





ORDER OF *Service*

PROCESSIONAL

OLD TESTAMENT

NEW TESTAMENT

PRAYER

REV. RAY OLIVER AND NEW SEASON

RESOLUTIONS – DEBRA PHILLIPS

EXPRESSIONS

PAISD- DR. SHYULANDA RANDLE -FILER

Principal Lucian Adams Elementary

FRIEND – DEON MITCHELL

FAMILY – MENDY PHILLIPS

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Pastor Ronald Washington Sr.

CHOIR

EULOGY

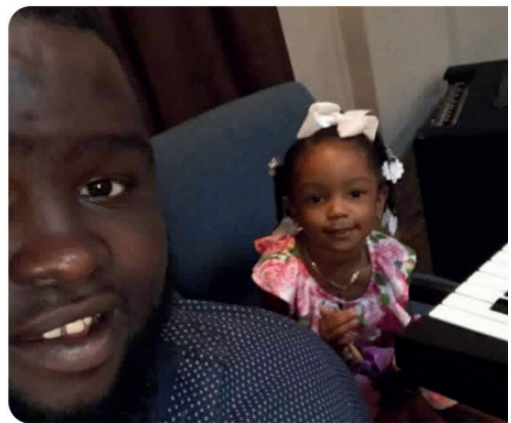
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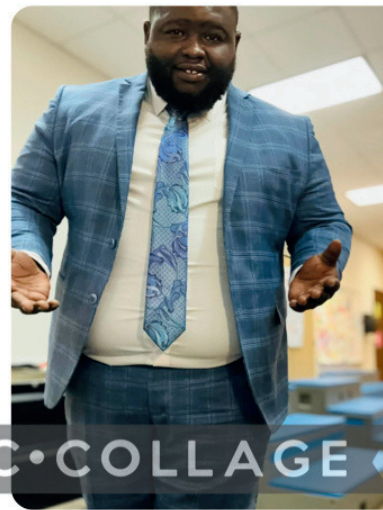
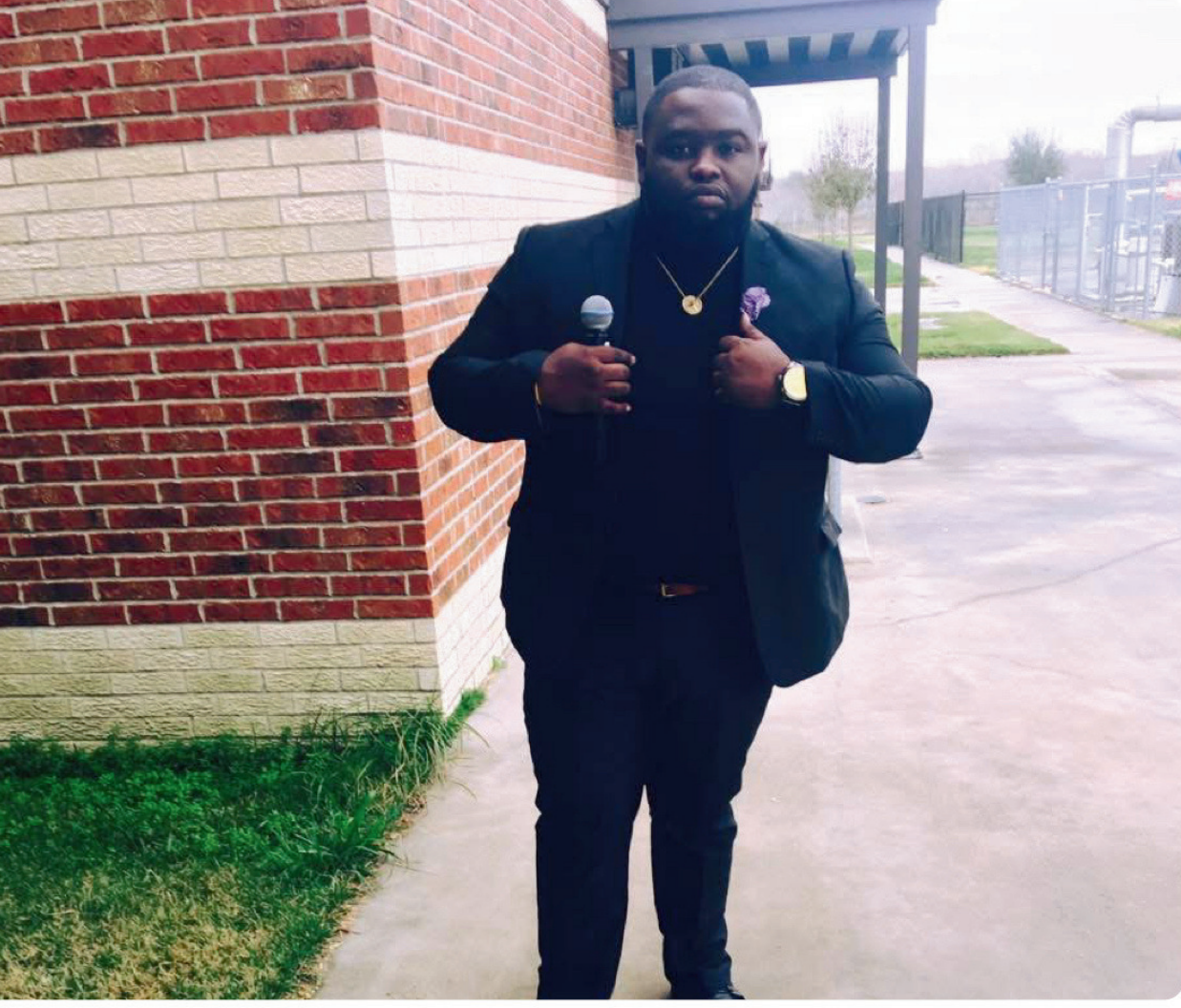
Pastor Jarrod Phillips Sr.

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course,

I have kept the faith.”

2 TIMOTHY 4:7









A Loving TRIBUTE

TO A WONDERFUL SOUL

To my Husband

To my beloved husband in Heaven,
Though you are no longer here with me,
your love and presence remain in my heart
every single day. I miss you with every breath,
in every dream, and in all the quiet
moments of life. No words can truly express
the depth of my longing, but I want you to
know that every moment we shared is a
precious gift I will cherish forever.
As time goes on, my love for you
remains unchanged just as strong,
just as deep. I will keep living with
the hope that one day, we will meet
again in a place where there is
no more parting, only eternal love.

*Because I will always love you...
more than words could ever say.*

-Khalen

To my Son

Acts 13:36 For David, after he had served
his generation by the wheel of God fell asleep.

My dear son Marlon, you have served
your generation and you have done it.
Well you have blessed and impact it so many lies
and I'm so proud of you. I will miss the time
that we shared the phone calls, you make to me
just to see how I'm doing your smile, your love,
and that bear hug you're singing your
worship and your kindness.

Rest in peace, Marlon our family will be OK
and we will meet again.
Love you Marty, Mom

To our Dad

We Love you daddy
Your life was a blessing,
Though I cannot see you,
I trust you are watching over me.
Your memory is a treasure.
The best parts of us
are reflections of you.

*Forever Our father,
Forever Our hero.*

Mckenzie ,Khloe, Marlon

Missing You Brother

You're the lovely Brother I've adored
since I was small, And for me the
day you left us Was the saddest
time of all. But all the memories
that we shared From when you
were a boy, Have only ever filled
my heart With happiness and joy.
You grew up and proved to be
A man both fair and true, And
every day throughout my life.
I will think of you.



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FROM A WONDERFUL SOUL

Pall Bearers

1. Deon Mitchell
2. Quinton Johnson
3. Domonique Thomas
4. Darrien Scypion
5. Payton Samuel
6. Eric Mitchell
7. Keenan Romar
8. Jacoby Berry

Honorary Pall Bearers

1. Omega Psi Fraternity-
Mighty Mutha Theta Chapter
2. Jarrod Phillips Sr.
3. Ronald Washington Jr.
4. Lucian Adams Elementary
5. KenJaur Justice

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

A Letter From Heaven

When tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise and find your
eyes, filled with tears for me.
I wish so much you wouldn't cry,
The way you did today,
While thinking of the many things,
We didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you,
And each time you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too.
When tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right there in your heart

Acknowledgment

The family of our beloved would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your love, prayers, support, and kindness during this difficult time.
Your presence here today is a true blessing and will always be remembered.

Funeral Entrusted To

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