

# Dear Robbie,

We all have great memories of you,  
and the positive impact you made on people you didn't even know.  
You took people in when they had nowhere else to go.

You had a beautiful spirit for everyone to see,  
and we never thought this day would ever come to be.

We already miss you more than words could ever show,  
but we could not be selfish and keep you when God wanted you more.

We truly don't know what we'll do or say,  
when we were so used to being with you almost every day.

But God makes no mistakes. He knew exactly what He had done.  
He saw that you were fighting a battle that had already been won.

We shall await the day we'll be with you once more.  
So long for now, until we meet again at Heaven's door.

Love Always,  
Your Family



## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



# Robbie ANNETTE SANDERS

JANUARY 23, 1961 — MAY 18, 2026

SERVICE AT MT. VERNON CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
MONDAY MAY 25, 2026 AT 11 AM



**Sanders Funeral Home**  
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# OBITUARY

Robbie Annette Sanders, of Clayton, North Carolina, was born on January 23, 1961, in Durham, North Carolina, to Annie Pearl Sanders and Robert Elton Vinson. She transitioned on May 18, 2026.

Robbie spent her childhood in Clayton, North Carolina. She was educated in the Johnston County school system and later graduated from truck driving school at Johnston Community College.

Robbie loved to cook and was never too shy to indulge. She was a loving daughter, mother, aunt, sister, and grandmother whose warmth and strength touched everyone around her. She was known for her caring spirit, and her laughter could fill a room. She protected the people she cared for and was always eager to help within her means. During her downtime, she enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, playing Royal Kingdom on her phone, and spending time with her family. She was always willing to travel and especially loved trips to warm weather and sandy beaches.

Robbie was preceded in death by her son, Raytigis Sanders; her sister, Michelle Blaylock; her great-grandmother, Ida Clark; her aunt, Constance Clark; and her uncle, Harry Clark.

She is survived by her children: daughter, Lakyla Reness Sanders, and son, Michael Cortez Sanders; her parents, Annie Pearl Sanders King (Elijah) and Robert Elton Vinson; her sisters, Patricia Sanders, Rita Hill, and Michelle Dobbin (Virgil); her brothers, Charles Mangum (Natonya) and Berrick Smith; her grandchildren, Yanica Williams, Isania Sanders, Janiyah Sanders, Angel Artis, Cameron Snead, and Cedveon Rouse; her close friends, Donna Clark, Annette Sinclair, Juanita Morgan, and Licia Creech; and her special cousin, Claudia Clark-Gulley (Cedrick). She also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, “play cousins,” and friends. Robbie also leaves behind Latarsha Edwards, Marcel Merritt, and Alpha “Junior” Edwards, whom she graciously took in as young children.

Robbie will live on through the many lives she touched with her kindness, selflessness, strength, and unwavering love for her family. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered in the highest regard by her friends, family, and the entire Clayton community.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional  
Clergy and Family

Musical Selection  
Tony Jenkins

Scripture Reading  
William Clayton

Prayer of Comfort  
William Clayton

Family Reflections (Limited to 2 Minutes)  
Yanica Williams, Juanita Morgan, and Langston  
“Bubba” Sanders

Acknowledgements/Reading of the Obituary  
Karen Corbin Henderson

Musical Selection  
Tony Jenkins

Eulogy  
Reverend Dana Lassiter

Mortician’s Brief  
Sanders Funeral Home

Recessional  
Clergy and Family

Pallbearers: Clayton High School Class of ‘79  
Flower Bearers: Clayton High School Class of ‘79