

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Claude Brian Stancil wishes to express their sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness, prayers, calls, and support shown during this time of loss. Your love and thoughtfulness have brought us comfort and strength. May God bless each of you.

## Remembered

I don't know why it happened

No reason could suffice

But those who've served their purpose Are called to paradise

To us it seems so senseless But God, He had a plan We'll never

understand it For that's the curse of man

It's faith we must hold on to That's how our spirits grow And even

though we miss him We've got to let him go

He'll always be here with us No matter where we roam So

cherished and remembered Within our hearts, he's home

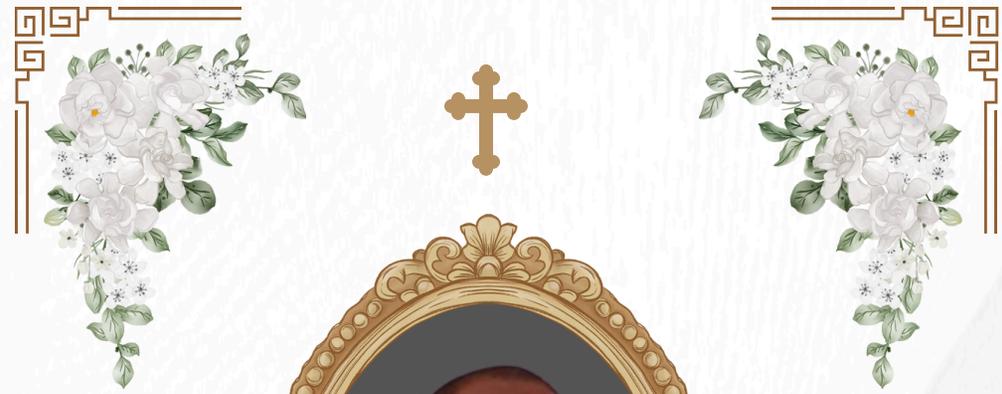
He'd want us to be happy To live and laugh, and love He knows we

won't forget him He's watching from above

Proudly we shall speak his name And sweetly reminisce Share the

stories of his life

Then send him up a kiss...



*In Loving Memory*

**CLAUDE BRIAN STANCIL**

**JANUARY 26, 1977 — JUNE 5, 2025**

Saturday, June 14, 2025

2:00 pm

Sanders Funeral Home Chapel

# OBITUARY

Claude Brian Stancil was born on January 26, 1977, at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield, North Carolina, to Edith Johnson Holder and Claude E. Branch Jr., both of whom preceded him in death.

He attended Deep Creek High School in Chesapeake, Virginia.

Known affectionately as "Sukie," Claude was loved by many. He enjoyed driving, talking, and cooking, especially hosting cookouts for friends and family, where he proudly showed off his grilling skills. His favorite dish was sweet potato pudding, made the way his mother used to prepare it. In the final years of his life, he found comfort in talking on the phone with anyone who would answer. Claude will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

On Thursday, June 5, 2025, Claude entered eternal rest in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He leaves behind one beloved son, Anthony Stancil of Virginia Beach, and four cherished daughters—Cecelia, Lucy, Miracle, and Jessylu Melendez—of North Carolina. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edith J. Holder and Claude Branch Jr., as well as two brothers, Brad Elliot Stancil and Charles Edward Branch. He is survived by his brothers William Roger Johnson of Zebulon, NC, and Maurice Stancil of Smithfield, NC; and his sisters Marriette A. Stancil of Raleigh, NC, Shonda Covington (Dante) of Smithfield, NC, and Tawanda Johnson (Mark) of Kenly, NC.

Claude was also blessed with a loving foster family, including Darnell Dorsey and Cynthia Washington. He shared a special bond with his two foster sisters, Tamika Mosley of Virginia, who lovingly cared for him until his passing, and Tiara Dorsey of Virginia, as well as a foster brother, James Gloden of Virginia. Claude is also remembered by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends. Among those closest to him were three cousins he considered brothers: Albert Whitfield of Stantonsburg, NC; Roderick Whitfield of Wilson, NC; and Shawn Johnson of Virginia.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiant  
Pastor Karen Durant

Opening Song  
Congregation

Scripture Readings  
Old Testament: Rev. Claudine Marshall  
New Testament: Co-Pastor Connie Jackson

Prayer of Comfort  
Pastor Donta Covington

Reflections  
2 minutes please

Obituary Reading & Acknowledgements  
Sis. Yvonne Lewis

Eulogy  
Pastor Elma Harris

Recessional