

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of Lestea Sanders extends sincere thanks for the kindness shown during his illness and our time of loss. Special thanks to his VA Home Base team in Durham and the Durham VA Hospice staff. Your support has brought us comfort and strength, and we are truly grateful.

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm Free,
I'm following the path God has laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard His call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found the peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.



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Honoring

THE LIFE OF



LESTEA SANDERS

SEPTEMBER 12, 1950 — APRIL 14, 2026

Tuesday, April 21, 2026
Shiloh Christian Church

REFLECTIONS

With heavy hearts and deep love, we announce the peaceful passing of Lestea Sanders, who departed this life at the age of 75 at the Durham VA Healthcare Center following a period of declining health.

Lestea was born on September 12, 1950, in Smithfield, North Carolina, to the late Leo Sanders and Christine H. Sanders. He was one of five brothers and was raised in Smithfield, where he built the foundation of his life. He attended Short Journey for his early education and later graduated from Smithfield-Selma Senior High School in 1970. At an early age, he joined Wesley Chapel AME Church.

He proudly served his country in the United States Army and was employed for many years with Burlington Mills and Conagra Foods until his health declined.

Lestea had a deep appreciation for classic cars and took pride in keeping them clean and shining. He enjoyed cookouts, family gatherings, and spending time on the porch listening to his favorite oldies music.

Lestea was preceded in death by his brothers, Jimmy Ray Sanders and Leon Sanders.

He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Lucy Sanders of Raleigh, North Carolina; his daughters, Kimberly Sanders of Garner, North Carolina, and Tomeka Sanders of Selma, North Carolina; and his cherished grandchildren, Kiana, Sterling, Zaquan, Alexis, and Edward J. Mosley, who brought him great joy and pride.

He also leaves to cherish his memory his brothers, Paul Sanders (Rebecca) and Leo Sanders; a special sister-in-law, Jerelene Sanders; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other loving relatives and friends.

Lestea will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew and loved him.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiating
Rev. Dr. Eva Mitchell

Processional
Clergy and Family

Selection
Choir

Scripture Readings
Elder Charles Sanders Jr.

Prayer of Comfort
Shelby Sanders

Solo
Raymond Sanders

Acknowledgments & Obituary
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Remarks
(2 minutes please)

Selection
Choir

Eulogy
Rev. Dr. Eva Mitchell

Mortician's Brief
Sanders Funeral Home

Selection
Take Me To The King

Recessional
Floral Bearers- Nieces
Pallbearers- Nephews