



*Pallbearers*

Mike Brooks | James Brooks | Tremaine Brooks  
Ruben Brooks | Johnnie Jackson | Joseph Sanders, Jr.  
Azia Brooks

*Honorary Pallbearers*

Sidney Brooks | Marvin Porter | Larrie Packard  
Darius Porter

*Flower Bearers*

Friends of the Family

*Interment*

Forest Lawn Cemetery  
3210 South Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, Michigan 48601

*Acknowledgement*

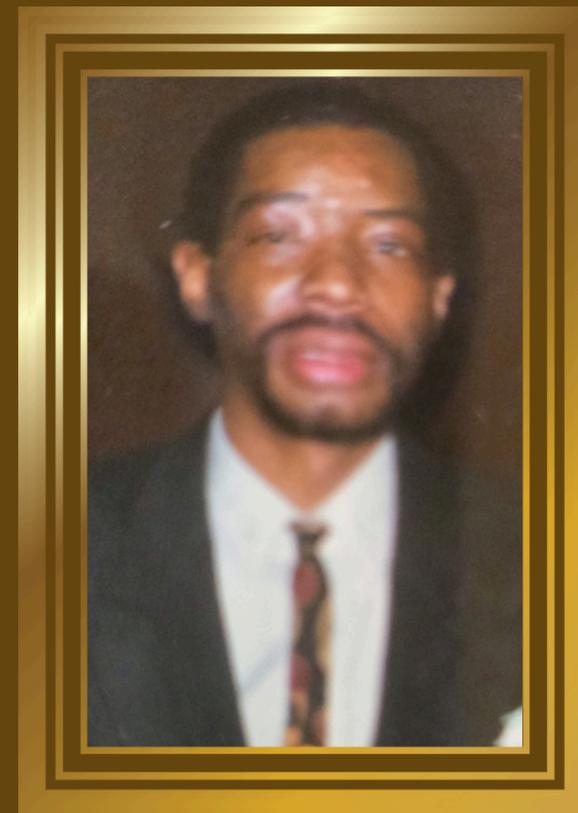
The family of Darnell “Charlie” Sanders wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all of you for your prayers, presence, love, telephone calls and all other expressions of concern that you have shown during our time of bereavement.



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Sunrise: November 6, 1955 Sunset: November 15, 2025



Celebration of Life  
“Charlie”  
Darnell Sanders

Saturday, December 6, 2025  
10:30 A.M.

Paradise Funeral Chapel  
3100 South Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, Michigan 48601

Pastor Willie F. Casey, Officiating



## *You Never Said Goodbye*

You never said I'm leaving  
You never said goodbye.  
You were gone before I knew it,  
And only God knew why.

A million times I needed you,  
A million times I cried.  
If love alone could have saved you,  
You never would have died.

In life I loved you dearly,  
In death I love you still.  
In my heart you hold a place,  
That no one could ever fill.

It broke my heart to lose you,  
But you didn't go alone  
For part of me went with you,  
The day God took you home.

## *Order of Service*

Prelude  
Musician

Processional  
Family

Scripture Reading  
Old & New Testament  
Minister

Prayer  
Minister

Selection  
Minister Marlow Dunn

Acknowledgements & Obituary  
Larrie Packard

Expressions  
(Please Limit to 2 Minutes)  
Family & Friends

Selection  
Minister Marlow Dunn

Eulogy  
Pastor Willie F. Casey  
New Hope Baptist Church

Committal | Benediction | Recessional



## *“Charlie”*

*And God will wipe away every tear  
from their eyes; there shall be no more  
death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There  
shall be no more pain, for the former  
things have passed away.”*

*Revelation 21:4 NKJV*

Mr. Darnell “Charlie” Sanders, devoted husband, loving father and grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away on Saturday, November 15, 2025, in Saginaw, Michigan. He was born on November 6, 1955, in Saginaw, Michigan, to Tommie L. and Charlene Waters-Sanders.

Charlie, as he was affectionately called, was a resident of Saginaw and attended Saginaw Public Schools, graduating from Saginaw High School, Class of 1973. He attended Ferris State University, was affiliated with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and was a member of St. Paul Episcopal Church. Charlie was employed by General Motors for 35 years, retiring in 2005. He enjoyed fishing, bowling, and football, especially watching his favorite team, the Minnesota Vikings. Most of all, Charlie loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Surviving Charlie are his loving wife, Mary Lou Sanders; two sons, Michael (Kristin) Brooks, and Sidney Brooks-Sanders, Saginaw, Michigan; grandchildren, Azia Brooks, Amari and D’Adrian Rodgis; one great-granddaughter, Azaela; two sisters, Linda (Grady) Holmes, Saginaw, Michigan, Dawn (Anthony) Sanders-Scott, Chicago, Illinois; one brother, Larrie (Valerie) Packard, Saginaw, Michigan; many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Charlie was preceded in death by his grandparents, Berniece Waters, James Harrell, Lillie and Willie Sanders; parents, Tommie L. Sanders and Charlene Waters-Sanders; uncles, Joseph Sanders and Willie Sanders; sister, Cheryl James; brothers, Darwyn, Drew, and his twin, Darrell Sanders.

The family wishes to express special thanks to Covenant HealthCare and Hospice, supportive family and friends, and Reverend Dr. Delaney, Pastor of St. Luke CME Church, for providing spiritual comfort during Charlie’s illness.