



## Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders

March 8, 1955 - December 26, 2023

Our beloved son, father and brother went home to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Tuesday, December 26, 2023. Donald "Big Don" was born March 8, 1955 in Vicksburg, MS to James and Cleotha Sanders.

Don acquired a love for cooking at a young age. He shared that love by creating and sharing special dishes with his two daughters, his siblings, his special lady, Debra Lewis and his buddy, ShaLynda (bonus daughter). Don attended Mott Community Culinary Arts Institute where he earned his certification in Culinary Arts.

To cherish his memory, Don "Big Don" leaves two daughters, Shafeka (Marcus) Ramsey and Arkishia Sewere; siblings, Charles Brown, Yvonne Sanders, Shirley Greene, Sharon Sanders, Vanda Nash-Strode, Beverly (Michael) Lynch, Frances (Grady) Shipman, Karen and Michelle Sanders; his grandchildren, NeQuall Watson, Jr., De'Angelis and Dai'Janai Watson, JB West, Legacy and Legend Bing, Jayla and Nya Humphrey and Dayla Cox; great-grandchildren, NeQuala Watson, NeQuall Watson III, NeQuaviaun, NeQeyla, NeQualas, NeQyra and Avayah Watson; a special lady in his life Debra Lewis and her family; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Donald Sanders was preceded in death by his parents, James and Cleotha Sanders;; brother, Sylvester Brown; brother-in-law, Daniel (Jerry) Nash;

nephews, Charles Lamont Brown, Rashaan Williams and Kenya “Da Barber” Sanders.

The family would like to thank Mid-Michigan Hospital of Midland, Ascension St. Mary’s Saginaw, St. John’s Hospital of Detroit and Adira Nursing and Rehab and staff for their assistance in our brother’s care.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48607 from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 9. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

LT

“ *Linda Troutmon sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders*



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**Linda Troutmon** - February 06, 2024 at 01:24 PM

JH

“ *Condolences to the entire Sanders family. Jackie Crisp*

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**Jackie Henderson** - January 11, 2024 at 10:56 AM

NW

“ *don was my grate grate grand pa i called him grampa don and on memory of grandpa don was that one time i went over to his house and we had made was like a taco but you dont fold it . and i also still have all his recepis that wear gaven to me .*

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**nequayla watson** - January 11, 2024 at 08:04 AM

YC

“ *Yashica Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders*

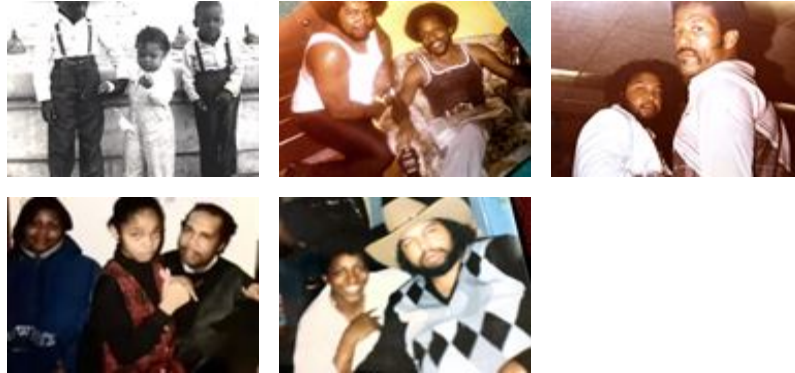


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**Yashica Campbell** - January 09, 2024 at 09:26 PM



“ 66 files added to the album Life Tributes



Browne's Mortuary - January 09, 2024 at 10:50 AM

RH

*My condolences to family at this difficult time my prayers are with you*

Rutha Hunter - January 09, 2024 at 03:13 PM

LH

“ Luther Harrell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders



Luther Harrell - January 08, 2024 at 09:54 AM

MS

“ My condolences to The entire Sanders family..



Ms.Nina - January 07, 2024 at 03:32 PM

JM

“ Condolences and prayers to Frances Sanders-Shipman and family we are praying for peace, comfort and strength to you and your family love you sis ❤️ Pastor Jerry and Jeannie Morris



Jeannie Castell Morris - January 07, 2024 at 02:54 PM

CJ

“ Carolyn Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders



Carolyn Jones - January 07, 2024 at 02:21 PM

LW

“ Our deepest condolences to our Sanders family. May God comfort you all. Love your Longuemire family.



LATRICE DANIELLE WILLIAMS(Chandler) - January 07, 2024 at 11:00 AM

AA

“ I've known "Big Don" most of my Life, a good Friend of the Family 😊 My prayers are with his Family and Friends 🙏❤️😓 Rest in Peace Don 🕊️



Angela Allen - January 07, 2024 at 09:01 AM

LF

“ *L.D. Frierson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders*



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**L.D. Frierson** - January 06, 2024 at 08:23 AM

CS

“ *Chris Snow-Jernigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders*



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**Chris Snow-Jernigan** - January 05, 2024 at 11:41 PM

CW

“ *Cynthia L. Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders*



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**Cynthia L. Williams** - January 05, 2024 at 10:26 PM

SP

“ *Sincere condolences to the Sanders family in the loss of Don. My prayers are with you.*



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**Shelaine Parrish** - January 04, 2024 at 12:49 PM

LW

“ I remember the first time I saw Don after I got grown and actually remembered him how proud he was that I knew him. But I remember him always laughing with my mom (Loretta) and dad (Kenny) he will be missed. To my Sanders family God will comfort you all and you are definitely in my prayers.

LATRICE DANIELLE WILLIAMS - January 03, 2024 at 10:26 PM

MO

“ Madeleine Ellen Oneal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders



Madeleine Ellen Oneal - January 03, 2024 at 05:17 PM

CO

“ Crystal O'Bryan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders



Crystal O'Bryan - January 03, 2024 at 02:24 PM

LW

“ Lori Wright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders



Lori Wright - January 03, 2024 at 10:25 AM

JJ

“ I send sincere condolences and prayers to the Sanders, extended families and all who loved Don. In times like this, your faith is tested but I believe you know who to turn to for **STRENGTH!** Jesus loves you and so do I!



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**JoeAnn Jackson** - January 03, 2024 at 09:58 AM

ML

“ **SENDING OUR PRAYERS AND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL** ❤️  
**LOVE JOHN & MARY J GIVAN LEWIS** 🙏❤️



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**MARY J GIVAN LEWIS** - January 03, 2024 at 12:32 AM

GB

“ *Gwen White Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders*



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**Gwen White Bowman** - January 02, 2024 at 05:57 PM

CP

“ *Carmen Pratt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders*



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**Carmen Pratt** - January 02, 2024 at 05:40 PM

TH

“ Tina Houze lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders



Tina Houze - January 02, 2024 at 05:27 PM

BP

“ Betty Packard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders



Betty Packard - January 02, 2024 at 04:53 PM

KC

“ Keeping the Sander's family in prayer. Love, your Flint Family



Kim E. Carpenter - January 02, 2024 at 02:18 PM

YS

“ Boy my heart is broken into pieces my baby brother my protector, my personal chef, my comedian brother has left me broken Heavy aka Big Don Boy I'm going to miss me some you know one to start my morning off with a joke or two . I Love you very much bro and I know you love me cause those were your last words to me forever with me Heavy



Yvonne Sanders - January 02, 2024 at 12:56 PM

AA

*My Deepest Condolences to you and your Family 🙏💔😔 He was a Good Man and was Loved by Many, I'm Praying for Strength and Comfort for you all 🙏*

**Angela Allen** - January 07, 2024 at 09:03 AM

JC

“ *Judge Terry L. Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders*



**Judge Terry L. Clark** - January 01, 2024 at 02:38 PM

D(

“ *Diane (Burns)Blackmon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders*



**Diane (Burns)Blackmon** - January 01, 2024 at 11:54 AM

PH

“ *My Heartfelt Condolences To The Sanders/Brown Family.. Rest Up Don You Will Be Missed Brother N Love 🙏❤️*

**Pankie Harris** - January 01, 2024 at 02:47 AM

OK

“ Olivia E Kincaid lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders



Olivia E Kincaid - December 31, 2023 at 07:05 PM

GH

“ Gloria Henderson-Eiland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders



Gloria Henderson-Eiland - December 31, 2023 at 01:32 AM

SD

“ Stacy Duran sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders



Stacy Duran - December 30, 2023 at 06:55 PM

TJ

“ Trina V. Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders



Trina V. Jackson - December 30, 2023 at 06:18 PM

EB

“ Eugene And Michelle Blair lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders



Eugene and Michelle Blair - December 30, 2023 at 01:33 PM

AI

“ Sending Sincere Condolences And Prayers To The Family Of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Sanders (RIP)



ALFRED LARD III - December 30, 2023 at 01:20 PM

EW

“ Elder James Weston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders



Elder James Weston - December 30, 2023 at 11:09 AM

LA

“ Our family chain has another missing link; we are certainly going to miss you "Big Meech". Leaving Larry to handle the grilling alone now....



Cherished memories always,  
Larry/Linda (Berry) Adams

Larry/Linda - December 29, 2023 at 12:58 PM

BF

“ *Barnes Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders*



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**Barnes Family** - December 29, 2023 at 11:01 AM

TJ

“ *Theresa Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders*



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**Theresa Jackson** - December 29, 2023 at 11:00 AM

YC

“ *Yvonne Corley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders*



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**Yvonne Corley** - December 29, 2023 at 09:30 AM

CB

“ *Clinton E Butler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders*



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**Clinton E Butler** - December 29, 2023 at 12:13 AM

CB

*Greetings from the Butler family, the Butler sends their condolences to the Sanders family. The Butler family is praying that God the Divine Creator gives your family the strength, peace and comfort in your hour of bereavement. Staying encouraged and prayerful.*

Clinton E Butler - December 29, 2023 at 12:17 AM

LW

“ *Louis Weems lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders*



Louis Weems - December 28, 2023 at 07:14 PM

DS

“ *To the family of beloved Donald, May the joy of the Lord be your strength. Sincerely Donna Shipman* ❤️🙏❤️

Donna Shipman - December 28, 2023 at 04:47 PM

DG

“ *DELORES GILES lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders*



DELORES GILES - December 28, 2023 at 03:01 PM

BD

“ Betty Donald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders



Betty Donald - December 28, 2023 at 01:45 PM

VH

“ Vanessa HumesJohnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders



Vanessa HumesJohnson - December 28, 2023 at 12:52 PM

DA

“ Debra Austin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders



Debra Austin - December 28, 2023 at 12:46 PM

MN

“ Mary Nettles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders



Mary Nettles - December 28, 2023 at 12:36 PM



**Joselyn Jordan** - December 28, 2023 at 11:42 AM

LK

“ *Larry Kemp sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders*



**Larry Kemp** - December 28, 2023 at 11:02 AM

TF

“ *The Brazil Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Big Don" Edward Sanders*



**The Brazil Family** - December 27, 2023 at 07:26 PM

YS

“ *Baby Boy your going to be miss, cause now I will have to remember everything you taught me about cooking different dishes, this string really hurt but I know your in a better place Missing you Heavy* ❤️❤️  
❤️

**Yvonne Sanders** - December 27, 2023 at 06:50 PM

RR

“ Heavy D you were more of a brother to me than a cousin, I will always cherish 😍 the times we spent together and all the conversations ❤️ we shared, take your rest until we meet again ❤️



Rose Coleman (Big Red) - December 27, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ My condolences to the Sanders family.



Debra Dillard - December 27, 2023 at 06:27 PM

LB

“ Our prayers and deepest Condolences are with the Sanders and extended families. We are so sadden for the passing of Don.



Larry & Marilyn Bowman - December 27, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Sanders



Joanie Williams - December 27, 2023 at 01:17 PM

JB

“ *RIH COUSIN YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN*



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**Janice Brown** - December 27, 2023 at 01:12 PM

SC

“ *Don my friend from the mud to the top of Luxton drug store sliding down that hill in our cardboard boxes I will never forget..rest up my friend*



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**SONA Carruth** - December 27, 2023 at 12:11 PM