



Donna Sanders

October 5, 1930 - March 23, 2008

Sunrise: October 5, 1930 Sunset: March 23, 2008 Family Hour will be held at 12:00 noon, Friday, March 28, 2008 with the funeral service commencing at 1:00 p.m. at Messiah Missionary Baptist Church, 513 Henry Street, S.E., Grand Rapids, MI. Rev. Marcus McCaleb will officiate with interment in Oak Hill Cemetery. A Memorial service will be held from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2008 at Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, MI. Donna was born in Grand Rapids, MI to Margaret Weekly Johnson and William Brown. Donna was a retiree of GM-UAW Local #1231 and of GM-UAW Legal Services, a member of the Michigan Association of Legal Secretaries and participated in Women's International Bowling Congress for over 25 years, was past secretary for the A. Phillip Randolph Association, a graduate of Saginaw Valley University and recently authored several articles in the Cathedral District Association Newsletter. She leaves to mourn, her beloved husband and best friend of 40 years, Tommie L. Sanders, mother and step-father, Margaret and Lawrence Johnson of Colorado Springs, CO; children, Julie LaGrone of Texas, Linda (Alan) Johnson, Lonnie (Clara) McCaleb, Leona Abney and Wanda (William) Stewart, all of Grand Rapids, MI; step-children, Larrie (Valerie) Packard of Saginaw, Eddie (Maria) Connerly of Baltimore, MD, Cheryl James, Linda (Grady) Holmes, Darnell (Marylou) Sanders of Saginaw, Dellmarie Davis of Bay City, MI, Renay (Richie) Harmon of St. Louis, MO, Dawn (Anthony) Sanders-Scott of Chicago, IL; 29 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; one

great-great-grandchild; brother-in-law, Joe (Karen) Sanders; a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and friends, including special friends Annette, Estelle, Audrey, Phyllis, Theresa and Victor. She was preceded in death by her grandson, Anthony McCaleb; brother and sister-in-law, Willie and Julia Sanders and stepsons, Darwin, Darryl and Drew Sanders.

Tribute Wall

LA

“ I feel so empty without you Mama. I never thought the day would come that I could not pick up the phone and hear your sweet and caring voice on the other end. I thank God for all the wonderful years that he let me have you in my life. I also want to take the time to thank you again for being the best Mother in the world. I will never forget your beautiful smile or your warm hugs. I know I will see you again, so until then I love you and always will.

Leona Abney - March 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Gram-ma on yesterday I did not say good bye to you I said see you later, I know I will see you again. Until then I will remember the time we had together and honor your memory in all that I do. Love Always and Forever

Stelle

Clustelle M Henry - March 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ To the Sanders Family God heals all things. Leona you have my deepest sympathy. Be not burdened with times of sorrow,I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. Leona I am only a Phone call away,I am with you in Spirit.STAY STRONG

*Love Ya
Your Friend Indeed
Dian Glore*

Dian Glore - March 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ We are so sorry for your pain at this time. God Bless You All.

Martii and James Lawrence - March 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ To Donna's family, You have my deepest sympathy. Donna interviewed me when I applied at UAW-GM Legal Services Plan. I have since worked there for the past 23 yrs. She was always very sweet. I will pray for your family.

Betty J. Mitchell - March 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ " It is my joy in life to find
at every turning of the road,
the strong arm of a comrade kind
to help me onward with my load.

And since I have no gold to give,
and love alone must make amends,
my prayer is, while I live--
God make me worthy of my family and friends.

Ray Jr. & Hazle Warrick - March 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

OM

“ I just read Donna Sanders' obituary and was taken with what a full life she had with so many friends and family members. I have worked with Julie for five plus years now and have also worked with Julie's daughter, Patricia. Both are fine, upstanding, strong women who obviously received many blessings from Donna Sanders. I wish all of Mrs. Sanders' friends and family members peace and comfort at this difficult time.

Ora Beth McMullen - March 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Though your love one may be gone their smile and their touch their sweet and thoughtful ways, their kind and gentle spirit will live on in your heart forever.

Dion & Vallie Warrick - March 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To Tommie and the family, God has chosen a special flower for His garden. Soon you'll remember her with smiles and not sadness. May God Bless and comfort you all.

Diana R. Simpson - March 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Grama Donna will be truely missed by all of us for a very long time. Im grateful to god that she had so many wonderful yrs, and still more in Heaven.. WE LOVE YOU GRANDMA!!!!!!

Curtis LaGrone - March 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Sending my deepest sympathy to the family, I will keep you in my prayers.

Chantelle & Robert Carter - March 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *AFTER THE NIGHT, THE MORNING*

*You ? who have faith to see
Beyond this vale of tears
You ? to whom God has given
The memory of happy years.*

*Look up, and trust God?s wisdom ?
He understands your care
There is no loss, no sorrow
He does not know ? and share!*

*Hold high your head, with courage
Smile ? for a dear one?s sake
And know that, after the darkness
You?ll see the morning break.*

Marlene Pike - March 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *To the Sanders, Weekley and McCaleb Families,
We send our heartfelt sympathy and we pray that the love of God
enfolds you during this trying journey. May God grant each of you
peace and comfort.*

Dee Lucas & Family - March 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *My your family find peace and blessings to know that your sorry is very sad to accept from us. However, God is almighty and powerful and knows what he does.*

Love,

Grady & Linda Holmes

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