

*In Loving Memory of*

A portrait of John Sanders, an elderly man with short, dark hair, wearing glasses, a light-colored suit jacket, a dark shirt, and a light-colored tie. He is smiling slightly. The background of the portrait is a soft, hazy landscape with trees and a sky with a pinkish-purple hue.

*John Sanders*

*Sunrise*

February 10, 1932

*Sunset*

November 4, 2014

Service

Thursday, November 13, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

**Rev. David Jenkins, Officiating**

## *Obituary*

**John Sanders**, son of the late Emma Irene Sanders and John P. Sanders was born on February 10, 1932 in York, South Carolina. John entered into eternity peace on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at the Northern Manhattan Nursing Home in Harlem.

John affectionately known as “Junior” to his family and friends attended elementary and high school in York, South Carolina and Gastonia, North Carolina. John was the eldest of nine. John migrated to New York in his adult years. He worked as a bookbinder, handyman, and even worked on City Island for many years. During this time he met and married his late wife, Betty Sanders.

John enjoyed singing gospel hymns and traveling with the Joy Wonders, Robert Harris and Kellogg Gospel Soul Singer. This was his real passion up until he became ill and could not travel anymore. Every Sunday up until his death he attended church service in the nursing home. He was a celebrity in the nursing home. Everyone adored him. John loved the Lord. He received the Lord as his Savior at a very young age. John also enjoyed attending Manhattan Baptist Church.

He will always be remembered for his storytelling, wittiness and his sense of humor. He was truly loved by everyone.

John leaves to cherish his memory, laughter and love: his children, Terry Glover Sanders (Los Angeles, CA) and James Sanders (New York); his very special sister, Dorothy Wright (Sis) and his very special brother, Walter Sanders; brother-in-law, William Wright, Jr.; sisters-in-law, Yvonne Sanders and Carrie Sanders Vega; special niece, April Wright; special love, Jackie; special friend, Shirley White; special grand nephew, Gregory Nelson; special cousin, James Barnett (Atlanta, GA); one aunt, Thorett Massett (Rockhill, SC); nieces, Aleccia, Beth, Denine, Gail, Joyce, Kim, Lashawn, Rukiya and Sharnee; nephews, Edward, Ernest, Jaeson, Kenny, Stevie, Robert and a host of cousins and friends.

# Order of Service

Processional

Presiding.....Pastor James S. Hills

Hymn.....“Farther Along”

Scriptures.....Deacon Charles Gist

Old Testament: Psalm 90:1-12

New Testament: 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon Freddie Miller

Selection.....“Joy Wonders of New York City”

Remarks .....Family, Friends, Organizations  
(2 Minutes Limit Please)

Solo.....Pastor James S. Hills

Resolutions

Reading of Cards and Obituary.....Aleccia Sanders

Selection.....M.B.C. Male Chorus

Eulogy.....Reverend Jenkins

Viewing of Remains

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Fairlawn Cemetery  
Fairlawn, New Jersey



## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me*

*I took his hand when I heard Him 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 that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void, Then fill it up with remembered joy.*

*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. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,*

*Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of  
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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