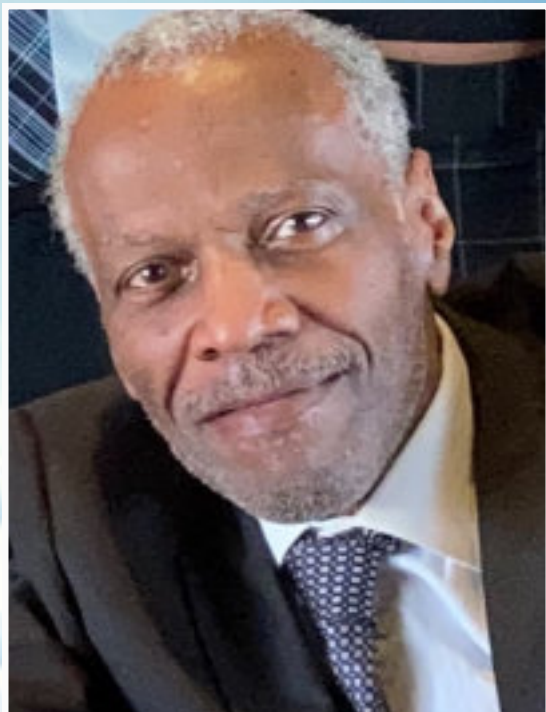


*In Loving Memory of*  
**Daniel M. Sanders**



**Sunrise: September 5, 1952**  
**Sunset: May 15, 2022**

**SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022 - 10:00 AM**  
**Cotton Funeral Service**  
130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

# Obituary

Daniel Marvin Sanders was born on September 5, 1952 in Jersey City, NJ to the late Robert L. and Eunice Sanders. He passed away from glioblastoma, a rare and aggressive type of brain cancer on May 15, 2022. Daniel was the evening Circulation Supervisor at Rutgers Law Library- Newark, NJ. He was a valued and beloved administrator at the Law Library where he worked diligently for over 40 years. His knowledge of the Library's extensive collection of reference materials, law journals, treaties and codes made him an invaluable asset to faculty, students, researchers and attorneys. He was proficient at unearthing published legal books or treatises – whether in the US or abroad.

Daniel was magnanimous and mild-mannered, with a kind spirit. He was a modern-day Renaissance man and bibliophile with broad interests that extended beyond the written word.

He lived all of his adult life in Newark -- the cultural center of the Garden State. Daniel was a long-standing patron of Newark's many offerings of art and entertainment. He frequented the Newark Museum of Art and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC). The Annual Cherry Blossom Festival at Branch Brook Park, not far from his home, was a seasonal event. The Summer Jazz Festivals provided ample opportunities to indulge in soul stirring sounds and connect with fellow jazz enthusiasts.

Daniel's childhood was *mélange* of sibling rivalries, creativity, laughter and fun. From an early age, Daniel was extremely imaginative and loved movies, photography and art. His early cataloging skills became apparent when, at any point in time, he could recite the TV schedules on each channel, as well as the times they ran. He was a "Flint Stones" era precursor to "Alexa". As a young teen, Daniel created plays and movies for his siblings and neighbors to perform, relying on an 8mm film projector. As the director and producer, he coined his childhood moniker "Daniel Dasher Productions."

He was a favorite storyteller to neighborhood children who would gather on his family's porch in the summer at dusk and beg him to tell them a story. They would remain engaged, wide-eyed and spellbound as he weaved one yarn into another. Unable to contain themselves, they'd scream with peals of laughter. On occasion, they would ask to be escorted home, in the event they encounter a nightmarish character from the story they'd just heard. Daniel would always acquiesce and return the children safely to their parents.

Daniel attended the former Livingston College at Rutgers University in Piscataway, NJ where he majored in Performing Arts and studied under the noted poet, Nikki Giovanni. He performed in a number of plays and acting troupes with acclaimed actors Avery Brooks and Sheryl Lee Ralph. The Negro Ensemble Company in NYC was no stranger to him. Daniel enjoyed travelling and visited the Caribbean Islands and European cities. While in Paris, he refined his keen fashion sense. He was a devotee and proud Francophile.

With an acumen for symmetry, framing, shot composition and editing, Daniel was an avid videographer. He shared his video production skills pro bono at many Rutgers graduations. As gift-giver par excellence, Daniel always knew the perfect gift, book, game or toy to present to friends and relatives. Daniel's life was as reflective and multi-faceted as the round brilliant cut of a diamond.

Daniel's life may be epitomized in the lines excerpted from the poem "Desiderata", attributed to Max Ehrmann:

"Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence.... Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy."

Daniel leaves to cherish his loving memory, his siblings Robert, Gwendolyn, Solomon, David, Dorothy, Peter and John Sanders, Barbara Sanders-Harris and Beverly White. He was predeceased by Irving, Charles and Veronica Sanders and Gertrude Jackson. He also leaves a host of adoring nieces, nephews, cousins, devoted friends and other loving relatives.

# Order of Service

Master of Service .....Winston McLaughlin  
Prelude. ....Ernest Hall  
Processional. ....Family  
Prayer for the Family .....Pastor Yurvette Maxfield  
He Ain't Heavy .....J. Marc Sanders  
Solo, One More River to Cross.....David Sanders  
Scripture Reading  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 ..... Barbara Sanders-Harris  
"Lift Every Voice and Sing" ..... Courtney Walker  
Please Stand for the Anthem and Join in at Chorus only  
Reflections .....(2 minutes each)  
Acknowledgements.....Sydney Walker  
Eulogy... ..... Pastor Yurvette Maxfield  
Reading of Desiderata.....Dorothy Sanders  
Reading of Obituary.....Gwendolyn Sanders  
Final Glance  
Recessional

## Interment

Heavenly Rest Memorial Park Cemetery  
268 Ridgedale Avenue  
East Hanover, NJ

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# 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.*

*The Sanders Family*

*In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in the memory of Daniel M. Sanders to the Association of Black Law Students, Rutgers Law School – Newark, 123 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102 [rutgersnewark@nblsa.org](mailto:rutgersnewark@nblsa.org)*

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