

## *Acknowledgement*

The Sanders Family wishes to express our sincere appreciation and thanks for the expressions of love, food, and comfort during this time. For those who have traveled to be with us, we thank and appreciate you so much.

John 13:35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." Your kindness and generosity certainly show your love for the family of Ricco Sanders. Special thanks to Pastor Joseph W. Stanley Jr. for his pastoral support throughout this time. Thank you to Marlan Gary Funeral Home, Chapel of Peace

## *Pallbearers*

Christopher Carter - Reggie Jackson - Dwayne Logan  
DeShawn Marshall - Isaiah Pead - D'Lacy Stith - DeJuan Taylor

## *Letter from Heaven*

*When tomorrow starts without me,  
and I'm not here to see,  
if the sun should rise and find your  
eyes, filled with tears for me.*

*I wish so much you wouldn't cry,  
the way you did today,  
while thinking of the many things  
we didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me,  
as much as I love you,  
and each time you think of me,  
I know you'll miss me too.*

*When tomorrow starts without me,  
don't think we're far apart,  
for every time you think of me,  
I'm right there in your heart. ♥*

To offer condolences to The Sanders Family,  
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## *Homegoing Celebration for*



## *Ricco La'vance Sanders*

November 22, 1972 - January 21, 2023

**Greater Twelfth Missionary Baptist Church**

**Friday, February 3, 2023**

**Visitation: 10:00am Service: 11:00am**

# Obituary

Ricco LaVance Sanders passed suddenly on Saturday, January 21, 2023. He is survived by his mother; Sheryl D. Sanders and grandmother; Theodora C. Sanders.

He was preceded in death by sister; Danniea S. Sanders; grandfather, Charlie Sanders Jr; uncle, Wendell L. Sanders.

Ricco is survived by aunts and an uncle; Charlene A. Grant, Regenia F. Sanders, and Rodney (Deborah) Sanders; first cousins; Reggie (Dawn) Jackson, Leshawna Pead, Kanya Grant, Rev. Dorian Grant, De'Ontay and Izabella Sanders, Lisa (Tommy) Mahoney, D'Lacey (Nicole) Stith, Lydia, Melita, and Abigail Sanders, and a host of other family and friends.

As was the tradition, his grandmother, Theodora, gave him a nickname. She called him "Nutter-Butter", "Nutter" for short. He was her oldest grandchild, and he always answered her with a smile. Remembering Ricco puts a smile on our face because he loved to have fun and laugh. Not a weak laugh but a big laugh, with a wide contagious smile. Ricco was also fiercely protective of family and friends. He would react fast; once he ran out of the house to protect his cousin, fell, and broke a tooth.

Ricco was gifted on the organ and piano. At age eleven, he played piano after a young man who played Mozart. Ricco's rendition of the "Boogie Woogie" brought the house down. He loved both music and movies. In high school, a promising football career was cut short by a leg injury. He was also a computer whiz with skills so superior his manager found Ricco's output was double any other employee.

Leshawna remembers visits that would become impromptu cookouts and that he never missed her son Isaiah's college or pro football games. Kanya still hears Ricco say -"Kan we got this". Ricco taught young Theara to squat, hold a bat that was taller than her and hit a baseball into the parking lot. The girls, Lydia, Melita and Abigail, recall marching and chanting, "Ric-co, Ric-co, Ric-co"; he would join in, chanting and laughing.

Most importantly, Ricco knew Jesus. He had been a member of Greater Twelfth Missionary Baptist Church and St John AME Church, attending Sunday School and the Men's Bible Study. He has left us, but we are sure Jesus took him home! Ricco is loved and will be missed by us all.

# Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE ..... Music Ministry  
PARTING VIEW ..... Immediate Family  
CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #27 ..... "Blessed Assurance"  
SCRIPTURE READING .....  
Old Testament - Psalm 121  
Pastor Derrick Holmes

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:50-58  
Pastor Emeritus Nathaniel Carter

PRAYER ..... Phillip Crockett  
WORDS OF COMFORT ..... Pastor Derrick Holmes  
SELECTION ..... Deacon Rodney and Deborah Sanders  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ..... Warrenetta Kelly  
REMARKS ..... Kanya Grant  
Charlene Grant  
Pastor Jermaine Covington

READING OF OBITUARY ..... Silently  
SELECTION ..... Voices of Praise

## The Eulogy

Pastor Joseph W. Stanley Jr.  
Greater Twelfth Missionary Baptist Church

BENEDICTION ..... Pastor Joseph W. Stanley Jr.  
RECESSIONAL ..... Clergy, Family, and Friends

## Interment

Glen Rest Memorial Estate

## Repast

Greater Twelfth Fellowship Hall