



# **William Solomon Sanderfur Sr.**

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**W**illiam Solomon Sanderfur, Sr., 78, of Chattanooga, passed away Tuesday, June 7, 2022, in a local hospital. He was a 1961 graduate of Howard High School. He received his Certification in Auto Mechanics from West Kentucky Vocational School. William was employed by Jones Trucking for over 25 years. He was a member of Bethel AME Church where he was the Bethels Local Lay President, served on the Usher Board, Chairman of the Trustee Board, and was a part of many other organizations. William was preceded in death by his parents, Solomon and Ida Sanderfur; 1 brother; and 3 sisters. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Alma Jean Sanderfur; sons, William “Wayne” Sanderfur of Chattanooga and Kenneth “KennyBoo” Sanderfur of Largo, MD; daughter, LaToya “Toy” Sanderfur of Chattanooga; 5 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; brothers, Lloyd Sanderfur of Shelbyville, TN and John Sanderfur of Chattanooga; sisters, Hattie “Marie” Benn of Compton, CA, Ervina Jarrett of Nashville, TN, Connie Griggs of Chattanooga, and Janice Upton of Spring City, TN; a host of nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives and friends. Pastor A.J. Holman is the eulogist.



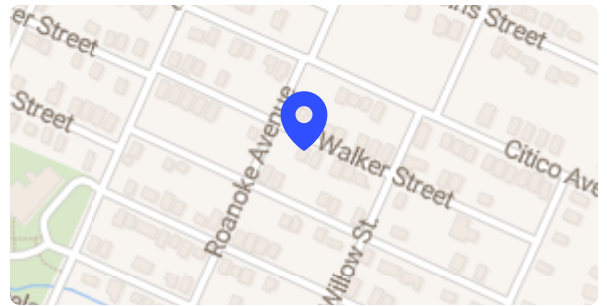
# Events

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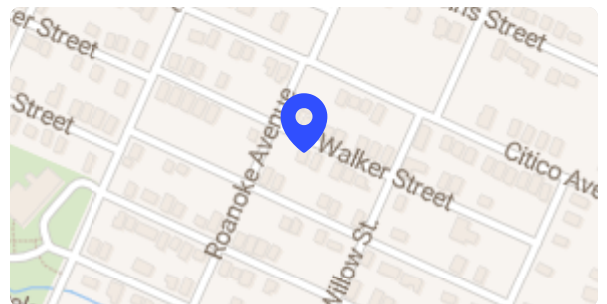
## Lie-In-State

- Wednesday**, June 15, 2022
- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
- Bethel A. M. E. Church**  
2000 Walker Avenue, Chattanooga TN 37404



## Service

- Wednesday**, June 15, 2022
- 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM ET
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## Tribute Wall

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KD

**Kelli Darden** lit a candle in honor of William.

June 18 at 3:17 AM



KD

**Kelli Darden** June 18 at 3:18 AM

Our continued love and prayers are with you all! Love Billy and Kelli Darden and family!

FM

**Frederick L McClendon Jr** lit a candle in honor of William.

June 15 at 5:40 PM



MT

**Marva Brown Taylor** lit a candle in honor of William.

I'm free praise the Lord I'm free no longer bound no chains holding me it's just a blessing Praise the Lord hallelujah I'm free.

June 15 at 7:01 AM



CF

**Crawford & Harrison Family** lit a candle in honor of William.

June 14 at 8:39 PM



DP

**Diane Patterson** lit a candle in honor of William.

Sending my love and condolences to the family

June 14 at 7:04 PM





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**Carl A. Patton** posted:

Peace be unto you. This is an additional note to the family of William Solomon Sanderfur and all of the family. I am grateful that my beloved brother Gerald Wilson Patton documented the unique circumstances of our First Cousin relationship. Yes, we had some fun filled days growing up and as Gerald noted no one wanted to go home. When night approached the last person that went Hide and go Seek now never wanted to be found. Ba Brother got me my first real joy at the Wimberly Inn out on Brainerd Rd. when we both were in High School. Although most of the guys that were employed were his friends, he still got his first cousin Carl Allen a job. He also taught me and schooled me on doing any job I had when I worked at the Wimberley Inn. I will always love my dearly departed cousin Ba Brother Sanderfur for his love and helping me along the way. Uncle Saul my beloved Aunt Babe's husband had a moving and hauling business and basically was self-employed when I was growing up. We all (Ba Brother Sanderfur, Ba Brother Patton, Carl Allen, Lloyd all worked for Uncle Sul at one time our another. It was hard work (Ba Brother Patton said man Uncle Saul's worked us harder than on the Chain-gang) Meanwhile I learned more about the work ethic. But the greatest lesson I learned was that a man did not have to be allegedly literate and or an intellect to be a genius. Uncle Saul was a genius in a "Black Man Working without a mule." Uncle Saul also was a Visionary. He was always looking toward the future and was always open to developing some sort economic enterprise. However, most of these things did not really settle in my mind until I gained more maturity. We love you Family Sanderfur. Therefore, we will never forget the Love we shared. Rest in Peace my beloved Ba Brother. Peace and Love, Cousin Carl Allen and all of my immediate family: Catherine Patton Cothran, Gerald Wilson Patton, Barbara Lynette Patton and Vanessa Dale Patton. Departed William (Ba Brother) Patton and Grace Lee Patton.

June 8 at 7:43 AM



**Sharron W. Streeter** June 14 at 12:23 PM

To the Sanderfur Family: Condolences to the entire family especially Ervina, Connie, Janice, Andrea & family, & Gerald. This family brings to mind such good memories of my childhood. Our families knew each other well as children growing up. We were classmates, camp mates, and patrons of this family's businesses. It was a time when Black businesses thrived and survived. They owned candy stores and laundromats. It was an example that taught not only their children but the community to believe that they could be entrepreneurs as well. I feel, personally, that a family member has transitioned, the circle has been broken. So as a memorial to this family's patriarch/ matriarch, may this community & our family reach out in love, strength, and support as the heavenly circle widens. Let us survivors close ranks here on earth. I'm speaking on behalf of my family: Mrs Alma, Mr. Homer, Annie Ruth & Ralph ( z" "I), & Joyce, Brenda,, Raymond, & Donnetta. In His love, and with ours, I am Sharron Streeter.



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**Carl A. Patton** posted:

First Cousins We called him Ba Brother Sanderfur to distinguish him from my brother who was also called Ba Brother. (First born males short for Baby Brother). We all grew up in Chattanooga his mother Ida Louise Patton Sanderfur and my father William Patton II were brother and sister. My father called his sister babe so we called her Aunt Babe, she called my dad Billy so the Sanderfur's called him Uncle Billy. Among my fondest childhood memories was when Uncle Sol his dad and Aunt Babe would load up the car and bring them for a visit, they the adults would talk and talk and we would hang out and have the best time. No one wanted to leave. Ba Brother Sanderfur and my sister Grace were the same age and my brother Carl and Connie are the same age and Ervina (Baby sister) and my brother William (Ba Brother) were the same age. And can you believe Janice and I are the same age. How did they do that? The Patton siblings also include Catherine, Barbara and Vanessa and Sanderfurs Hattie Marie and Lloyd. My heart is saddened at the loss of Ba Brother Sanderfur his passing a blow to our family. But the memories of our days growing up as cousins will never be forgotten. My wife Linda and I extend our most heartfelt condolences to Alma Jean, immediate family and to all my first cousins. Love always. Gerald Wilson Patton

June 14 at 11:10 AM



**Brian & Bridget Hughes & Family** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Sanderfur family.



June 14 at 10:45 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Sanderfur family.



June 14 at 9:09 AM



**Dehavilland Rivers** posted:

Your lost is our lost. Sandefur and Rivers were childhood friends and until there health failed, they would visit with each other every Friday reminiscing about the good old days. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time! The Rivers Family

June 13 at 8:58 PM



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WC

**Winifred Careathers** sent a virtual gift in honor of William.

My Condolences to the family,sorry for your loss !

June 13 at 2:48 PM



RB

**Reuben Barnes** posted:

William Sanderfur and I nicknamed each other 76 years ago--I'm BO number 1 and he was BO number 2 living 3 houses apart--we spent nights together and remained friends for life,..I will miss him and pray for those he left behind...the LORD giveth and taketh away....

June 10 at 5:58 PM

TS

**Tammy Segneri Rn** posted:

I have so many wonderful memoires with you and you're sweet wife when I was you're visiting nurse. I am so thankful, even though it had been a few years since we saw each other, thank the Lord, we spoke over the phone 2 weeks ago. I will miss you, as I know you're family and friends will. You are no longer in pain, but in the presence of our Savior. Rest in peace, my dear, dear friend.

June 9 at 1:42 PM

ET

**Edna Talley** lit a candle in honor of William.

June 9 at 12:45 PM



MM

**Minister Michael(Elaine)Malone** lit a candle in honor of William.

June 9 at 11:57 AM



AW

**Allene Ward** lit a candle in honor of William.

June 9 at 4:28 AM





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**MB**

**Maxie Benton** lit a candle in honor of William.

To the Sanderfur Family : I am so sorry, praying for the family while you go thru this ordeal that you find Peace and Comfort knowing that the God of Comfort have you in His Care. Amen

June 8 at 7:15 PM



**LN**

**Loretta Nunn** June 13 at 7:29 AM

To Wayne and family so sorry to hear your Father ent home to glory. You all have my deepest condolences. I pray the days ahead will give you peace that surpasses all understanding. May God wrap his living arms around your family at this time of Bereavement

**LA**

**Laura Anderson** posted:

I love you Ms. Alma. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

June 8 at 10:48 AM

**BR**

**Beverly And Larry Rowe Sr.** lit a candle in honor of William.

Dearest Alma and the entire Sanderfur family, we share in your loss and extend our heartfelt condolences and prayer, as you face this time of bereavement. May your faith in God and the precious memories of your loved one provide you all with strength to face the days ahead. Your loved one now awaits you where you shall meet again, in eternal rest and peace. Our "Deepest Sympathy", Beverly and Larry Rowe Sr.

June 8 at 7:43 AM



**BP**

**Bettye Johnson Powell** August 1 at 1:07 PM

Alma I am so sorry about your loss; I just found about it today. Bettye Johnson Powell Nashville, TN

**BF**

**Bobby And Frankie** June 11 at 10:52 AM

Alma Jean and family, we truly share in your loss. Will continue to pray for you and the family.

**SB**

**Sherine Bryant** June 9 at 11:45 AM

Alma, we are so sorry for your loss. We will pray for you and you and your family. Sherine & Bim



# **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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