

# Pall Bearers

Ralph Glover  
Ronnie Glover, Jr.  
Mario Ogletree

Curtis Sanders, Jr.  
Keaton Sanders  
Dameo Smarts

# Flower Bearers

Family & Nieces

## Acknowledgements

The family of Jacqueline Williams Sanders extends sincere appreciation for the acts, thoughts, and prayers shown during this time. The great outpouring of sympathy we have received from our many friends has been uplifting. We have sustained a great loss and though very difficult to bear, we want you to know that we are grateful and moved by your expressions of love. To the many friends, colleagues, and students thank you for the outpouring of love and affection and all that you have done honoring the spirit and memory of our dear loved one. Friends, may God continue to bless you.

-Love the Family

## “Wonderful Mother”

God made a wonderful mother,  
A mother who never grows old;  
He made her smile of the sunshine,  
And He molded her heart of pure gold;  
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,  
In her cheeks fair roses you see;  
God made a wonderful mother,  
And He gave that dear mother to me.  
*Pat O'Reilly*

*Love your daughter and son,*

*Katoyia and Kaffeus*

## Arrangements Entrusted to



Edwards Small Mortuary  
“Committed to Excellence”

1011 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive  
Fort Valley, GA 31030  
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## HOME GOING CELEBRATION OF

# Life

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith”  
2 Timothy 4:7

SUNRISE  
September 12, 1946

SUNSET  
April 23, 2023



## Jacqueline Williams Sanders

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023 AT 1:00PM  
SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
1101 East Church Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030

Officiating  
Pastor Gregory Williams, Eulogist  
Emanuel Baptist Church

# Jackie's Life Story

**Jacqueline Williams Sanders** had a gentle, loving and caring spirit. Jackie as she was affectionately called was quiet in spirit and everyone who met her loved her for her kind heart and mild spirit. She will always be remembered by her beautiful smile and charm. On Sunday, April 23, 2023, God called Jackie to enter the Heavenly Garden of peaceful rest and everlasting life while a patient at Emory Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia surrounded by her family.

She was born on September 12, 1946, to the late Horace and Mary Lizzie Williams in Fort Valley, Georgia. She was preceded in death by her husband, Freddie Sanders, parents, and siblings: Annette Glover, Horace Williams Jr, and Curtis Williams.

Hearing the voice of God, at an early age she confessed her love for Christ and was baptized at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Fort Valley, Georgia. She served in many different capacities throughout her membership, but above all her roles she felt honored to serve as a Missionary and Sunday School Teacher.

Jackie completed her public-school education at Hunt High School in Fort Valley, Georgia in 1966. After high school, Jackie matriculated to Fort Valley State College, presently known as Fort Valley State University, receiving both Bachelor of Education and Master of Science degrees. Knowing she wanted to make a difference in the lives of children, Jackie answered the call to become an educator. Though her career was beset with obstacles, her unwavering guiding philosophy was "They never told me I couldn't do it." With this mindset Jackie became a master educator and taught for thirty-three years in both the Macon County Public School System and Peach County Public School System before retiring in 2006.

As fate would have it, on April 28, 1973 she married the love of her life, the late Freddie Sanders, and the two stood as man and woman and were betrothed in a Holy Union and started their life together. One child was born from this union.

Jackie loved to interact with her co-workers, friends, church members, and people in the community. She was most involved with youth and young adults trying to inspire them to do good in their communities. She poured her heart out through various organizations. She was a Boy Scout leader, Girl Scout leader, Habitat for Humanity member, and a servant in many other organizations. She was also a member of the luxurious Gamma Pi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

"Jackie" as she was affectionately called by her family and friends, greatest interest was her family. She expressed the most genuine love in her own way for her children, grandchildren, sisters, brothers, nieces, and nephews. Her family will forever be grateful for how she took in many of her nieces and nephews in her home. Although a family large in number, she had the ability to be attentive and the greatest supporter of each individual family member. She was very proud of her daughter, son, grandchildren, and her family. She absolutely loved being with her family. Jackie remained a humble woman, but developed dear friendships during her lifetime at work, at church, and in the community. Her presence and fun-loving personality will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her.

Jackie is survived by her children whom she loved dearly; Kaeffus Sanders and Katoyia Adams of Warner Robins, Georgia; brothers: Joseph (Marie) Williams of Wallace, North Carolina; Benjamin Williams of Jacksonville, Florida; Roy Drake of San Diego, California; sisters: Geraldine and Patricia Ezell of Atlanta, Georgia; Annell Dennis of Fort Valley, Georgia; grandchildren: Tavian Sanders, Jakia Sanders, D'Wayne Coleman Jr., all of Warner Robins, Georgia; great grandchildren: Emilee Rose Sanders, Kaisleyn A'Zariah Sanders, and Ri'lan Emir Ross; devoted nieces and nephews that she helped rear in her home; Vondell, Raymond, Ronnie, Tehophilus, Albert, Ulysses, Vernice, Verickia Glover, and Ginevra McDaniel; a very devoted brother; a very devoted brother and sister-in-law; Rosa and Curtis Sanders; longtime sister/friends; Shirley Madison and Florine Ezell; a very devoted God Daughter, Angela Ezell; a host of devoted nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members and devoted friends whom she loved dearly.

# Remembering Jackie

Ecclesiastes 3 :1-15

*There is an appointed time for everything, And a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to give birth, and a time to die; A time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant. A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces. A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and a time to speak. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. Whatever is already been, and what will be has been before; and God will call the past to account.*

Family is  
LAUGHTER ♥ LOVE ♥ HAPPINESS  
everything



# *I'm Free*



Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
 I'm following the path God had laid, you see  
 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, to play  
 Tasks left undone must stay that way  
 I found that peace at the close of the day  
 If my parting has a void  
 Then fill it with remembered joy  
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
 Oh yes, these things I, too, will miss  
 Be not burdened with ties 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 hearts and peace to thee  
 God wanted me, now, He set me FREE!!



# *Celebration of Life*

**Pastor Gregory Williams, Officiating**

Emmanuel Baptist Church  
509 North Third Street  
Cordele, Georgia

- Prelude.....Soft Music
- Processional.....Clergy and Family
- Scripture Readings.....Ministers
  - Old Testament—Psalm 23— Minister Avis Zanders
  - New Testament—Revelations 21: 1-7—Minister Audrey Ross
- Prayer of Comfort.....Minister Denise Williams
- Solo.....Minister Dimetria Whittaker
- Reflections.....Ms. Isabell Byas
- Family and Friends Reflections.....(2 minutes please)
- Solo.....Minister Dimetria Whittaker
- Eulogy.....Pastor Gregory Williams
- Recessional.....Soft Music

## *Service of Committal and Interment*

Willow Lake Memorial Gardens

## *Repast*

American Legion Post 76  
1212 Peach Parkway  
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

# Death Came Quietly

Death came quietly and gave me a gentle sleep.  
To those that I leave behind, please don't weep.

The good Lord giveth, and at times, He taketh away.

Nothing on His earth is forever here to stay.

Rejoice now and celebrate, the life He gave to me.

All things that happen are surely meant to be.

Family and friends I loved deeply, please don't weep.

Death came quietly, and gave me a gentle sleep.



# Footprints

Carolyn Joyce Carty

*One night a man had a dream.*

*He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord.*

*Across the sky flashed scenes from his life.*

*For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand:*

*one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord.*

*When the last scene of his life flashed before him,*

*he looked back at the footprints in the sand.*

*He noticed that many times*

*along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints.*

*He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.*

*This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it.*

*"Lord, You said that once I decided to follow you,*

*You'd walk with me all the way.*

*But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life,*

*there is only one set of footprints.*

*I don't understand why, when I needed you most, you would leave me."*

*The Lord replied,*

*"My son, My precious child, I love you and I would*

*never leave you. During your times of trial and*

*suffering, when you see only one set of footprints,*

*it was then that I Carried You."*