

# THE LIFE STORY OF RUBY MAE SANDERS

Ruby Mae Sanders was born on August 23, 1935, to the late Michael Dennis Sr. and Evelena N. Dennis of Rembert, South Carolina. Ruby affectionately known as Mom was called home on August 2, 2023. She was the oldest of ten siblings.

Ruby began her early education at Rembert Memorial School in Rembert, South Carolina. At age sixteen, she met and married Mosea Sanders on May 10, 1952. From this union, eleven children were born. In the early 1960's they moved to Philadelphia PA where she completed her education in the Philadelphia Public School System. After her husband's death, she met Sammie L. Vickers of Philadelphia PA and from this union one child was born.

Ruby was employed at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, where she worked in the Linen's Department for many years. Later, she had a great interest in the sales and retail industry. Mom was employed at Cee Cee Shop, Kid Duds and Wee Kids. After retirement, Mom continued to visit the Gallery Mall in Center City to shop and have lunch with old friends. Most of them thought she still was working there because she was there so frequently. Fashion was her thing.

Mom was committed to the Lord. She accepted Christ at a young age and was baptized. She was a member of Second Pilgrim Baptist Church, Majestic Temple Baptist Church and later moved her

membership to Pleasant Grove Baptist Church under the leadership of her nephew, Pastor Jacob Sanders. Over the years, Mom was a member of the Mother's Board, Senior Choir, Sr. Usher Board and head of the Children's Usher Board. She welcomed visitors and introduced guest preachers. You can count on her any given Sunday to share an inspirational poem with the congregation. Mom could hand you a piece of candy if your mouth was dry or give you an aspirin if you had a headache. Her pocketbook was prepared for all and her mind and body was prepared for God.

Mom raised twelve children very well in her home. They all grew up and got their own place and Mom decided to get an apartment. Over the last six years, she was very independent and paid her own bills and did her own food shopping. She played basketball during her younger years and shared how her team won trophies. Mom's daily entertainment was watching her soap operas. She would always say to the young people in her building, "You are The Young and The Restless" and at her age, "We are, The Bold and The Beautiful." Don't you dare touch her radio. It was locked on 900AM as she listened to Louise Williams Bishop each Sunday or she was in church.

Mom was proud and loved her family. She spoke with us daily. Mom always kept her faith and believed in prayer. She was well known and loved by her neighbors. We called her home, "Big Momma's House" Her doors were always open, and she enjoyed her family that traveled from South Carolina. She would greet our family with open arms. Mom could remember everyone's birthday in the family better than some of the younger ones. She'd often say, "I may be old, but I'm not cold!"

Preceded her in death: her husband, Mosea Sanders, Baby Sanders, Norman Sanders, Evelyn Singleton, Joseph Sanders, Johnny L. Sanders, Janice M. Sanders and Aretha M. Sanders.

She leaves to mourn, Her Children: Gladys Sanders, Larry D. Sanders (Ora), Patricia S. Sanders, Kenny J. Sanders, Tyrone M. Sanders (Stacey) all of Philadelphia PA, Three Sisters: Catherine D. Wilson and Ollie M. Dinkins both of Rembert SC. and Willie D. Sanders (Calvin) of Columbia, SC. Two Sisters-In-Law, Martha Johnson of Sumter SC. and Nolia Sanders of Philadelphia PA, sixteen grandchildren, thirty-four great grandchildren, seven great-great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

