



Wilhemena N. Sanders

June 22, 1927 - January 25, 2019

Wilhemena Nelson Sanders was born June 22, 1927 in Alcolu, South Carolina to the late George Nelson, Sr. and Emma Blanding Nelson. She entered into eternal rest on Friday, January 25, 2019 in Florence, South Carolina. At an early age the family moved to Sumter.

She was educated in the public Schools of Sumter County and attended the Historic Lincoln High School. She moved North, where she lived and worked in New York City and Washington, DC before returning to Sumter.

Shortly after her return to Sumter, Mena met and married her husband of 55 years, Samuel.

Mena, as she was so affectionately called, accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Jehovah Baptist Church by Rev B.F. Weston. Later, she attended Salem Baptist Church, before returning to

Jehovah Missionary Baptist where, she was formerly president of the Missionary Society and the Y.W.A.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased in death by a brother, George Nelson, Jr. and a nephew, Carl A. Nelson.

She is survived by her loving, devoted, caretaker and husband of 55 years, Samuel Sanders, Jr.; one daughter, Valerie A. Sanders-Wells, Sumter South Carolina; four grandchildren: Yiesha A. Wells, DeVante Ricardo Sanders, Yidaja L. Sanders and

Yiasia L. Sanders; two great-grandchildren: KeVante Ricardo Sanders and Anthony K. Addison. both of Sumter, SC; a brother, James (Lillian) Nelson,

Brooklyn, NY; sister-in-law, Rebecca W. Nelson of Sumter, and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Memorial Park

3001 Cains Mill Rd
Sumter, SC

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN **29**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel
304 South Main St.
Sumter, SC 29150
(803) 773-3381

Celebration of Life

JAN **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wilhemena N. Sanders*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Valerie,*

I am so sorry to hear about the loss your mother, my condolences goes out to you and your family. May God continue to heal your broken hearts during this difficult time.

Love,

Vernessa LeSane

Vernessa LeSane - January 29, 2019 at 06:43 AM



“ *Vernessa LeSane lit a candle in memory of Wilhemena N. Sanders*



Vernessa LeSane - January 29, 2019 at 06:41 AM



“ *Ella Rivers Davis lit a candle in memory of Wilhemena N. Sanders*



Ella Rivers Davis - January 28, 2019 at 03:10 PM