



Charlie James Sanders

July 21, 1934 - January 21, 2023

CHARLIE JAMES SANDERS, son of the late Willie Sanders and Geneva (Giles) Fair and brother of the late Eva Mae Monroe and Francis Fair, was born on July 21, 1934 in Chester, South Carolina. He succumbed to this life on January 21, 2023.

Charlie moved to Baltimore when he was 4 years old and was raised by his grandmother Mary (Giles) Sanders and his aunt Panela Giles. Growing up Charlie went to church every Sunday at Gilmore & Saratoga Baptist Church where he learned how to play the piano. Charlie as a teenager and young adult enjoyed dressing up and going to the Royal Theater to see entertainers like James Brown, Fats Domino, Sammy Davis Jr. and many others.

Charlie received his education in the Baltimore City Public School System, graduating from Carver Vocational High School in 1951. Charlie's trade in school was auto mechanics; he went on to make auto mechanics his career. Charlie competed in several sports while in high school including track, tennis, football, and wrestling. As captain of the wrestling team, Charlie became state champion boasting an undefeated record during his 4 years. The nickname "Rocco" was given to Charlie because he wrestled with no shoes on. Charlie was drafted in the Army during the time of the Korean War and served his country overseas.

Charlie met Mildred and her daughter Deborah in 1957. Charlie married Mildred on September 19, 1959. This union with Mildred produced five

children and they remained married for 63 years until Charlie's demise. Charlie's career in auto mechanics led him to work for the City of Baltimore for 30 years as a foreman, and he also worked for Burns Security as a guard for a trucking company for 20 years.

He is survived by: his spouse, Mildred Sanders; four daughters, Deborah, Valerie, Cynthia, Lynn (Jeffrey Horne son-in-law); sons, William, Mark (Tiffany Friend daughter-in-law); grandchildren, Shawn (Damita) Robinson, Gregory (Tiffany) Sims, Alethea Sims, Michael Shaw, Erica Sanders, Kayla Bailey, Jeannelle Byrd, Alvin McSwain, Jerome Horne, Benjamin Horne, Kayla Horne; great-grandchildren, Nattie Robinson, Michael Robinson, Layla Sims, Lauryn Sims, Kai Bailey, Ari Bailey, Lathan Byrd, Lonnie Byrd; great-nieces Monique Allen, Lakeisha Jackson, Ebony Harris; along with a host of other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Wake

JAN 28. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Funeral Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Williams family sends condolences to the family. From our long talks to his warm smile Mr. Charlie always made me feel accepted, and I greatly appreciated that. Although it has been many years since I have seen him, he will always hold a special place in my heart. May God comfort his loved ones during this difficult time.*

Natalie Williams - January 28, 2023 at 12:20 AM

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“ *Antonio & Gail Murray lit a candle in memory of Charlie James Sanders*



Antonio & Gail Murray - January 24, 2023 at 02:05 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - January 23, 2023 at 02:28 PM