



Samuel T. Daniels

August 28, 1922 - January 6, 2005

On Thursday, evening, January 6, 2005 at 4:55p.m. , Samuel Thornton Daniels, Sr. Joined that innumerable caravan which moves toward that mysterious realm, where each shall take his chamber in the silent halls of death! His wife of 60 years, Gladys Eva Wise Daniels, and their sons, Thornton and Van, were beside when he expired at Levindale Hebrew Geriatrics Center. Prince Hall Masons from around the world had been holding vigil and offering prayer(s) for Sam, who for thirty-eight years was Grand Master of the Prince Hall Masons of Maryland. Sam, "The Grand", was born on August 28th, 1922 in Baltimore, to the late William and Maritta Hatton Daniels. He was the youngest of three sons, middle brother Edward and the late William Daniels. Served in World War II and the Korean War, attaining the rank of Captain. In February 1940, Sam graduated from Douglass High School (Parren J. Mitchell, Maryland's first black congressman, was a classmate) and a year later was smitten by comely freshman, Gladys, at Coppin Teachers' College, (now Coppin State). While serving in World War II, Sam wed Gladys in Baltimore on August 14, 1944. After receiving his honorable discharge, Captain Daniels returned to Coppin and graduated in 1948. Gladys had begun her teaching career in the Baltimore City Schools. In 1947, first son, Samuel Thornton Daniels, Jr. was born. December 13, 1955, Van Burley Daniels arrived. Gladys' stepfather, Vanderbilt Burley was a staunch mason and through his influence and mother-in-law, Alma Powell Wise Burley, Sam joined the craft in 1946. His ingenuity, leadership qualities, and hard work led to Sam

being elected Grand Master following the illness and subsequent demise of Willard Allen. Sam, lovingly known by "The Family" as "The Grand" provided leadership that earned him praise from Prince Hall Masons worldwide. Some of his numerous contributions and achievements are listed in his résumé. "The Grand" Has Gone To Rest! Left with precious memories are Devoted Wife, Gladys; Sons, Thornton and Van; Brother, Ed Daniels; Grandchildren, Van, II, Anthony, and Co-Co; Daughters-In-Law, Betty and Joyce Daniels; Nephew, William Daniels; and a Host of Friends here and abroad. See You Later!

A Capsule... Positions Held: Teach in the Public School System of Baltimore, 1952-1955; Maryland Commission on Interracial problems and relations, as Executive Secretary, 1956-1959; Special Representative, Gunther Brewery, 1959-1960; Educational Research Assistant (part-time) with the Baltimore Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; Business Representative, Baltimore Municipal Employees Local #33 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union, AFL-CIO, July 1960 to February 1964; Executive Director, Baltimore Community Relations Commission, February 1964 to January 1967; Director and Co-Founder, the Baltimore Council for Equal Business Opportunity, January 1967 until retirement in June 1989; for eighteen years, co-host with Homer Favor and Vernon Dobson, "look At It This Way" - WBAL TV Channel Eleven.

Organization Affiliations: National Conference of Christians and Jews, Board Member, 1960-1962 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (oldest Black Graduate Greek Letter Fraternity) Board Member, The Metropolitan YMCA Big Brothers of Baltimore, Inc., Past Secretary and Present Board Member Board of Managers, Druid Hill Y.M.C.A., 1957-1961, Past Secretary and present member of its Metropolitan Board of Directors. Frontiers International, Baltimore Chapter - a member since 1956 and Past President National Association of Intergroup Relations, 1956-1959, 1964 - President, former Regional Membership Chairman and now Co-Chairman Baltimore Urban League, 1955 to present time. N.A.A.C.P. - Member since 1952 to present time; former member of Executive Committee Former

First Vice President of Grand Masters Conference and Chairman. Now a member of the Conference Executive Committee. Active Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33° of The United Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry and Past Grand Worthy Patron, Myra Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Past Potentate, Jerusalem Temple #4 Member of Mount Royal Fremont Area Wide Council Holder of Several Unit Citations and Theater Ribbons, United States Army plus recognition from the following organizations: National Alliance of Postal Employees Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Baltimore Alumni Chapter Lota Lambda Sorority, Kappa Chapter Y.M.C.A. Plaque - Service to Youth Big Brothers of Baltimore National Conference of Christians and Jews He is also a member of: Hiram Consistory #2 Jerusalem Temple #4, (Shriners) Annie S. Banks Chapter #42, O.E.S. Additionally, Holds or held membership on: The Provident Hospital Board of Trustees The Voluntary Council On Equal Opportunity The Governor's Commission on Library Laws The Governor's Commission on the Mentally Handicapped The Board of Directors of Central Dodge The Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City The Board of Directors of the Prisoners' Aid Association The Board of Directors of the A.M.E. Church - Prince Hall Masons Development Company The Board of Directors of the Baltimore Mutual Investment Company Baltimore City Planning Commission The Criminal Injuries Compensation Board of the State of Maryland

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“ Samuel T. Daniels

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“ To The Daniels Family: Please accept my sincere sympathy and know that we share your lost.##imported-begin##William Trumpler, 32°##imported-end##

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“ With Sincerest Sympathy. We lost a "Giant" in the community. He made me one of the best business specialist in the City (CEBO). He will be missed.##imported-begin##Sandy Crawford##imported-end##

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“ Our prayers are with your family at this time of loss.##imported-begin##P.M. Kevin J. Wilmer##imported-end##

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“ May God and all his strength be with you during this time of sadness. Zion lodge#4##imported-begin##David Williams##imported-end##

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“ My Deepest Sympathy to The Daniels Family!He will be Greatly Missed by all. You are in Our Prayers.Sincerly, The Lewis & McNeil Family.##imported-begin##Denise A. McNeil##imported-end##

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“ We extend our sympathy to the family of Mr. Daniels. Please find comfort in knowing that God promises to forever eliminate death and bring our loved ones back to life. (Revelation 21:4; John 5:28&29)##imported-begin##N Edison##imported-end##

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“ The Rock family extends their deepest sympathy to the Daniels family. Mr. Daniels will be greatly missed by the many, many lives he enhanced.##imported-begin##Andrea M. Rock##imported-end##

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“ God Bless You and your journey. Your family will undoubtedly miss you, however, we all know that God has a different plan for you to be one of his angels now. So, farewell, and thanks for being a great brother in Christ.##imported-begin##Sister Rita Atwell##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest sympathy for the loss of your beloved. He will be truly missed by all. Our prayers are with the family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##JW Oliver Sewell Sr.##imported-end##

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“ On behalf of the members of James A. Mingo Consistory #334 and my family, we would like to offer our deepest sympathy to the Daniels Family.##imported-begin##CIC Bill Davidson & Family##imported-end##

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“ To the Daniels family you have the prayers of my family in the lost of your love one##imported-begin##RW Oliver L Willis##imported-end##

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“ Most Worshipful Grand Master you will always be missed, remembered and loved.##imported-begin##Ronald E. Miller Sr.##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my sincere condolences.##imported-begin##SW LEROY T. KING JR Beehive #66##imported-end##

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“ Truly a Mentor to many in our American communities and the Prince Hall family of all Jurisdictions. A great brother who will be missed but more importantly, never forgotten.##imported-begin##PM Alfred C. Meyers, 33##imported-end##

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“ Mr. Daniels thank you for being an inspiration in my life. You were my 5th grade teacher at school #118, Harriet Beecher Elementary. I have never forgotten your kindness, your dedication and your hard work in helping us to grow educationally and morally.##imported-begin##Harriet L. Williams##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy and condolences to the Daniels family as well as the Prince Hall family of Maryland.##imported-begin##RW Gean O. Taylor##imported-end##

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“ To the Daniels Family; I pray that the Greatest of God's power and love will comfort you forever and a day. That you may know the gains of heaven will more than compensate for the losses of the earth. MAY PEACE & BLESSINGS SURROUND YOU ALWAYS##imported-begin##Anthony D. Bell Sr., DDGM, District One##imported-end##

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“ On behalf of the Nobles and Daughters of Western Europe I wish to convey our deepest sympathies##imported-begin##HPIP Frank F. Joshua##imported-end##

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“ To the Daniels Family, I share in your loss. I remember Mr. Daniels when he taught at Harriet Beecher Stowe Elementary #118. He was a very caring person. After meeting again many years later, he still had that smile and pleasant personality. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Barbara Jackson -Milburn##imported-end##

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“ To the family of Mr. Daniels, Sr., I wanted to take this time to express my condolences on the loss of your loved one. I wanted to let you know that the Bible offers hope and comfort at times like this. The scriptures tells us that God is a God of Comfort (2 Corinthians 1:3,4 & Isaiah 66:13). They also tell us that he sees our plight is near to those broken at heart and those crushed in spirit he saves, Psalm 34:18. There is also hope of seeing our dead loved ones again in a different world free from all the stresses of this world. A world where there are no crimes, sickness, death, poverty, etc. These promises can be found at scriptures such as Psalm, 37:10, 11; Revelation 21:3, 4; John 5:28, 29; Isaiah 26:19; Hosea 13:14. There are plenty of other scriptures but time will not permit me to give them all to you. The next time Jehovah’s Witnesses knock on your door please if you ask them they will be more than happy to give you more comfort from the scriptures. Please take the time to read the scriptures mentioned and draw comfort from them whenever you feel the need.##imported-begin##Sophia Briscoe##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. A person that is so active in helping others makes such an impact on our lives. Such a person is not forgotten by us or by Almighty God. Malachi 3:16 tells us that God has a "book of remembrance." Job 14:15 assures us that God "will call" and the dead "will answer", they will come back to life. In that Paradise earth there will be no sorrow, sickness death or pain. (Revelation 21:3-5, Matthew 5:5 and Luke 23:43) May these divinely inspired promises give you solace and strength in the days until these promises are fulfilled.##imported-begin##Sharon Hill##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but knows that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 What a wonderful prospect for our future.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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“ Hero.. A mythological or legendary figure... they only come once in a lifetime! God bless you Brother, and the entire Daniels family.##imported-begin##JW Antonio C.Sturgis##imported-end##

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“ Our sincerest sympathy to the Daniels family. GME touched all our lives. God bless you and keep you in your hour of sorrow.##imported-begin##Ronald E. & Juanita L. Clarke##imported-end##

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“ May God's loving presence comfort you, His perfect peace restore you, and His promise of eternal life sustain you during this time of loss.##imported-begin##Dolly C. Green, WM, Magdalene Chapter #45##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my sincere condolences.##imported-begin##Davis Vincent Hill##imported-end##

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“ The Pinkney family will like to express our deepest and warmest heart felt regret of your lost love one.##imported-begin##ALVIN J PINKNEY##imported-end##

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“ The officers and members of Truth Chapter #19 O.E.S. offer their condolence and deepest sympathy to the Daniels Family.##imported-begin##Judy W. Estep##imported-end##

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“ We offer our heartfelt sympathy to the Daniels family.... Gladys, Thornton and Van. Sam will be missed by all of us, but his monumental deeds and acts of kindness and entrepreneurial leadership and motivation will serve as a beacon of hope for generations to come. may he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Ruth and Ackneil M. Muldrow, II##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with your family in your time of bereavement.##imported-begin##Jimmie Plummer & Family##imported-end##

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“ Our prayers are with you and we convey our deepest sympathy##imported-begin##PM Henry Foy & Family##imported-end##

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“ Our prayers are with the Daniel family. May God keep you in his grace through this time of homegoing##imported-begin##Joshua P Roberson##imported-end##

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“ Our prayers are with you and your family at this time of loss. Hughes family.##imported-begin##RW Nelson Hughes##imported-end##

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“ To the family of Samuel T. Daniels, Sr.: We wish to convey our deepest sympathy upon the death of Grand Master, Samuel T. Daniels, Sr.##imported-begin##Nathaniel & Beverly Scroggins##imported-end##

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“ May the arms of Almighty God comfort those who put their trust in him. You are in our prayers.##imported-begin##PM Steven & Sis. Connie Collier##imported-end##

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“ *"To be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord". May His love and blessed assurance be with you throughout your time of sorrow.*##imported-begin##PM Joseph K Carpenter III##imported-end##

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“ *Our heartfelt sympathy to the family. Sam will always be in our memory*##imported-begin##John & Carole Baynard##imported-end##

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“ *To The Daniels Family: Please accept my sincere sympathy and know that we share your lost.*##imported-begin##PC /PM Ora Ballinger##imported-end##

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“ *My deepest sympathy to the Daniels family.*##imported-begin##James E. Jarvis##imported-end##

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“ *Daniels Family, MAY PEACE BE WITH YOU*##imported-begin##PM Stephen Mims##imported-end##

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“ I extends my deepest sympathy to the Daniels family. Mr. Daniels will be greatly missed by those who lives he has touch.##imported-begin##Harold Robinson##imported-end##

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“ May the God that you serve continue to watch over and protect the Daniel Family. God is in charge and he will comfort you and never leave you. Arthur M Barnes Baltimore Alumni Chapter##imported-begin##Arthur M Barnes##imported-end##

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“ To the family of Samuel T. Daniels, Sr.: We wish to convey our deepest sympathy upon the death of our dear friend, Samuel T. Daniels, Sr. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at your time of bereavement. Lionel and Geraldine Desbordes##imported-begin##Dr. and Mrs. Lionel A. Desbordes##imported-end##

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“ I wish to convey my deepest sympathies. My prayers are with the Daniels family at this time.##imported-begin##Willie C. Williams##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. God Bless.##imported-begin##Robert L. Steele III##imported-end##

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