

Acknowledgments

We the Sanders Family wish to thank everyone who gave us kind words, phone calls, food and too many other things to mention. Mark 4:24 With what measure you meet it is given back to you. May God Bless you exceedingly.

~Special Thanks to Belinda Taylor. We appreciate the love and care rendered to our father from you. We love you Belinda. Pastor David Singleton & the First Baptist Church Family. Thank you for your great generosity and Christ like love in our time of need. God Bless

Active Pallbearers

Brian Sanders
Robert Sanders
Ricky Sanders

Shawn Cox
Carlton Sanders
Michael Sanders

Honorary Pallbearers

Calvin Sanders
Gordon Sanders

Cedric Whitaker

John Sanders
James Paul Sanders

Flower Bearers

Debra Sullivan
Linda Brasher
Sharon Ivory
Vanessa Mc Daniels

Mary Young
Shelia Arnold
Marissa Sanders

Interment

Bethel Springs Community/Cemetery
Bethel Springs, TN

Repast

Bethel Springs Community Center
51 Parkway
Bethel Springs, TN

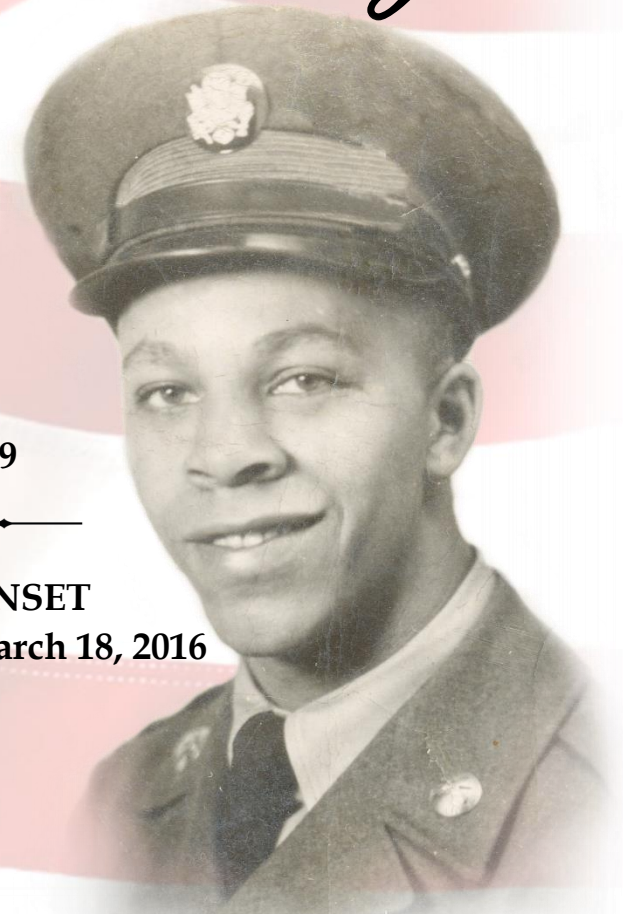
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In Loving Memory

Rev. Henry H Sanders Jr.



SUNRISE
July 5, 1929

SUNSET
March 18, 2016

Monday, March 28, 2016.
First Baptist Church
134 Jackson St.
Bethel Spring, TN 38315
Pastor Jacqueline Mathew, Eulogist

Obituary

Henry Henderson Sanders was born to Rev. Henry Henderson Sanders and his wife Mary Eliza Hill on July 5, 1929. He was small for his age but learned the value of hard work early in life. He served as the messenger boy and baby sitter for his nieces and nephews as their parents toiled in the cotton fields. He was a keen observer and learned quickly. He worked diligently but was often enticed into mischief by fun-loving siblings.

He entered Bethel Springs Rosenwald School before he was of age, tagging along with his mother who was employed at the school. When he was formally enrolled he was a quick study and worked hard to maintain good grades. He formed a strong bond with his buddy, Grady Robinson. The two went on to McNairy County High School and graduated Valedictorian and Salutatorian in 1948.

Henry entered A & I State College (Tennessee State) with a few suits, a few dollars and a desire to learn. Having a strong work ethic served him well for he had to work in the cattle barns in the morning, a local cafeteria at lunch and as a night watchman in Bellmeade over the weekends. He budgeted his money and was able to make ends meet.

Henry accepted the call into the ministry in 1956 as a Wesleyan minister. Pastoring at Masseyville, Purdy and Walter L Thompson Wesleyan Churches. He served as Assistant Superintendent of the South Ohio District and statistician. Later he would preach on radio and local cable access channel every Sunday.

During the Korean Conflict Henry was drafted and headed for Europe. He spent two years in the European Theatre, stationed in France and Germany. Upon his return in 1953 he married the love of his life, Lizzie Jo Batts.

In 1955 he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Tennessee State University. In 1975 he completed his formal education with a Master of Science degree from Tennessee State.

For 10 years Rev. Sanders taught at segregated Crowder High School in Decaturville, where he earned the nickname "Prof". Perhaps the youngest teacher on staff and the most relatable, he taught vocational agriculture and coached basketball while molding the lives of countless young men and women.

After integration he was one of three teachers of color hired to teach at Riverside High School, where he remained for 13 years. Feeling the need to be more of an influence in his home county Henry began a career at McNairy Central High School, serving as FFA advisor and science teacher until his retirement in 1991.

A product of the civil rights era, Henry thought it was extremely important to stay politically active. He worked in various capacities with the NAACP and The Tennessee Voters Council.

Henry departed this life on Friday, March 18 at Jackson Madison County General Hospital. He leaves to celebrate his life two daughters: Jacqueline Matthews, Taja Sanders, two grandchildren: Ashley and Trey Smith; a devoted son-in-law; Henry L. Smith; a cherished sister-in-law; Helen M. Sidney; a host of nieces and nephews and two very special caregivers Larry and Belinda Taylor.



Daddy

Thank you for being the husband, father & man of God you were ordained to be.

You showed us love and took care of us. We never had to worry for anything. Being a Godly man you raised us up in the ways of the Lord and taught us how to love Jesus.

People from myriad walks of life received your love and training. You taught us how to raise cows and work in the fields (LOL) We thank you for that too.

You were the example of a man and father but for now we say well done good and faithful servant well done

Jacqueline, Dorsetta and Taja

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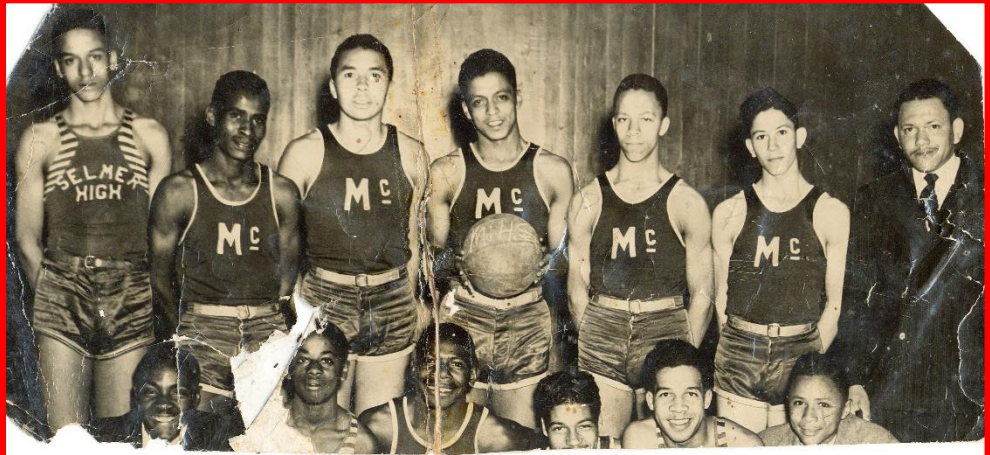
After Glow

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways
Of happy times, laughing times, bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I left now that my life is done.*

Order of Service

	<i>P</i>
<i>Processional.....Family</i>	<i>R</i>
<i>Selection.....Ezella Robinson</i>	<i>E</i>
<i>The Scriptures.....Shawn Cox</i>	<i>C</i>
<i>Prayer.....Shawn Cox</i>	<i>I</i>
	<i>O</i>
<i>Selection.....Karen Edwards</i>	<i>U</i>
<i>Expressions..... (Three Min. Please).....Family</i>	<i>S</i>
<i>Betty Claire Arnold</i>	
<i>Elizabeth Hudson</i>	
<i>Mirissa Sanders</i>	<i>M</i>
<i>Michael Sanders</i>	<i>E</i>
<i>Selection.....Marie Sidney</i>	<i>M</i>
<i>Remarks..... (Three to Five Min Please).....Students</i>	<i>O</i>
<i>Elder Darnell Johnson</i>	<i>R</i>
<i>Buddy Esters</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>Dorothy Patterson</i>	<i>E</i>
<i>Obituary..... (Silent Reading)..... Soft Music</i>	<i>S</i>
<i>Acknowledgement.....Aleshia Thompson</i>	
<i>Words Of Comfort.....Rev. Waldo Campbell</i>	<i>&</i>
<i>Celebration of Life.....Pastor Jacqueline Matthews</i>	
<i>Musical Selection</i>	
<i>Recessional</i>	

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