



## Mr. Ernest Kirkley Sanders, Sr.

November 26, 1938 - May 23, 2025

Ernest Sanders Sr., a devoted husband, loving father, and proud grandfather, departed this life peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of service, strength, and unwavering love for his family.

Born to Ernest E. Sanders and Jessie Mae Sanders, Ernest was the eldest of three children. He shared a special bond with his beloved sisters, Gwendolyn Sartin and Charleen Hawthorne, guiding and protecting them as a big brother with pride and care.

A native of Chicago Heights, Illinois, Ernest attended Bloom High School, where he graduated in 1956. Shortly thereafter, he answered the call to serve his country by joining the United States Army, where he worked honorably as a Supply Specialist.

Following his military service, Ernest returned to civilian life with a strong work ethic and commitment to his community. He began a long and distinguished career with the Chicago Transit Authority, where he served faithfully for 39 years until his retirement in 2003.

On March 7, 2005, Ernest was united in marriage to Delores Longino-Matthews. Their union was marked by deep affection, companionship, and a shared devotion to family.

Ernest was a dedicated father to his three sons: Ernest K. Sanders Jr. (wife Lasandra), Shawn L. Sanders (wife Shelley), and Dana D. Sanders. He was a proud grandfather to Kirshella, Nishella, Malik, Aaron, Shawndra, Shawnece, Senobia, and Dana Jr. He poured wisdom, encouragement, and unconditional love into each generation of his family.

Ernest's legacy is one of quiet strength, devotion to duty, and deep love for those he held dear. His memory will live on in the hearts of his family and all who were fortunate enough to know him.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wite, Delores Sanders, his three sons and their families; his cherished grandchildren; his sisters, Gwendolyn and Charleen; and a host of extended family and friends.

He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." - Matthew 25:23

# Cemetery Details

## Sardis M.B. Church Cemetery

9165 Monticello Road  
Wesson, MS 39191

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 26. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

"Lovie" Dean Memorial Chapel  
745 Hwy 468  
Brandon, MS 39042

## Homegoing Service

MAY 26. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Ernest Kirkley Sanders, Sr.*



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**Dean Memorial Funeral Home** - May 26, 2025 at 02:18 PM



“ *Prayers for the family*



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**A'smile Alexander** - June 09, 2025 at 12:58 AM



“ *Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Ernest Sanders,*



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**Eddie Ainsworth** - May 27, 2025 at 07:53 AM