



Fannye Thompson Sanders

January 28, 1921 - August 29, 2021

Fannye Thompson Sanders, one of 13 children, born to the late Horace Cofford and Martha (Manning) Thompson, was born in Blacksburg, Cherokee County, South Carolina on January 28, 1921 and passed away peacefully at home on August 29, 2021 in Winston Salem, North Carolina. Graduating from Academy Street High School in Blacksburg, SC, she furthered her education at South Carolina State

Hospital School of Nursing in Columbia, South Carolina becoming a registered nurse. Fannye served during WWII in the U.S. Army as a 2nd lieutenant army nurse. At the conclusion of WWII, she moved to New York City, NY to raise a family.

In 1941, while in nursing school, she met and married the late Robert Sanders becoming parents to Robert Louis (d. 1948), Carmen Ruthine, Sarah Carol, Toby Gene (d. 2003) and Larry Vernon (d. 2004).

Structured, loyal and nurturing, Fannye's passions included love for God, family, friends, sewing, and gardening. An avid walker, she was known for extensive morning walks, up to 7 miles. Known as "Aunt Fannye" and "Grammy," many fondly recall her years living on the "the Vineyard" in Massachusetts, where for decades she spent summers hosting her children, grandchildren (grandson Desmond Vondell Sanders preceded her in death), great grandchildren and other family members and guests at her Oak Bluffs home. After many years in association, on December 29, 2007, Fannye dedicated her life to Jehovah God and was baptized.

as one of Jehovah's Witnesses

Left to cherish dear memories are her daughters, Carmen R. Sanders and Sarah C. Wilson both of Winston Salem; grandchildren, Damon (Stephanie), Tanya, Tiffini and Syletta; great-grandchildren, Alexander, Damon Jr., Kyia, and Gabriel; daughter-in-laws, Vashti Sanders and Sylvia Sanders; sisters, Maggie Hewie and Lillian

Previous Events

Graveside

SEP 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

Parklawn Memorial Gardens
2730 Peters Creek Pkwy
Winston Salem, NC 27127

Tribute Wall

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“ I had the privilege of being her hospice nurse during the last months of her life. She has two wonderful daughters who invited me into their home to share in the care of their mom. Her passing places one more nurse in heaven. We will all be together on the last day.

Frank Smith RN - September 03, 2021 at 03:27 PM

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“ I get my condolences to the family Auntie you will be missed

Jannie Manley - September 03, 2021 at 12:01 PM

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