

In Loving Memory of
Mrs. Lister Griffin Sanders

Sunrise
August 15, 1926

Sunset
October 24, 2014



Tuesday, October 28, 2014 - 6:00 P.M.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street
Newark, New Jersey

Interment

Westlawn Cemetery • Elizabeth City, North Carolina

Obituary

"I have fought the good fight!
I have finished the race;
I have kept the faith."
(2 Timothy 4:7 in NKJV)

On Friday, October 24, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. **Mrs. Lister Griffin Sanders** was called to eternal rest at the Newark Beth Israel Medical Center located in Newark, New Jersey after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Lister Griffin Sanders, a native of South Mills, North Carolina, was born on August 15, 1926. She was the daughter of the late Mr. Isaiah and Mrs. Emma Griffin. Lister was the youngest of seven (7) children; and her mother passed away when she was seventeen (17) month old. Her father raised his family surrounded by the simple pleasures of a loving family and farm life.

She received her early education at the Rosenwald School located in South Mills North Carolina. She joined the Pentecostal house of Prayer in South Mills at an early age' and after moving to Newark, New Jersey, she attended Greater Abyssinian and later became a member of the Crystal Light Ministry, FBC.

She was employed at the Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and retired after over thirty (30) years of service. After retirement, she worked at the Laundry King for an additional ten (10) years. She also worked at SHA-HAK Urban Wear which is clothing store owned by her sons. Lister had a great zest for life, and was fondly known in the entire community as "NANA" to all of her family and friends.

Lister was united in holy matrimony to Mr. Van Lee Jackson who preceded her in death on November 24, 1968. She later married Mr. Cardell Sanders on January 23, 1973. Cardell preceded her in death in 1981. Cherishing the memories of a life well-lived are three loving children: Mrs. Eula Simpson, her husband, Booker, Hampton, Virginia; Murad (Van) Ali and fiancé' Tisha Scott, Newark, New Jersey; and Shamsiddeen (Yancy) Ali and his wife Marcia of Suffolk, Virginia. She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Roxanne Griffin.

She also leaves to cherish her precious memories fourteen grandchildren: Lenny, Sharonda, Tanaugee, Shekeilah, Murad "Man", Murad "Peanut", Ahmad, Ameenah, Zakiyyah, Furad, and Steven. Three of her grandchildren preceded her in death: Dwight, Rahman, and Sabreen.

She is survived by several great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter; one sister, Mrs. Julia Gaynor of Norfolk, Virginia; and one sister-in-law Mrs. Pearl Griffin, South Mills, North Carolina..

She was also predeceased by four sisters: Roberta Sawyer, Corrine Griffin, Emma Jane Harris (Janie); and Fannie Stiles. Her only brother preceded her in death, Mr. Tom Griffin. Other survivors include her nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, extended family and friends.

A special thanks to the staff of the Newark Beth Israel Medical Center for your patience and for all of you aiding in her care and well-being throughout her illness and during her final days.

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