



### *Acknowledgments*

The family of Ms. Christine D. Harper Sanders wishes to acknowledge the appreciation and love, and express thankfulness for the kindness and prayers. We would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Sanders and the complete staff of Community Hospice, and also a special thanks to Ms. Carol Baskets.

Services Entrusted to:  
**Newman Mortuary**  
  
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HOME GOING SERVICES FOR

# *Christine D. Harper Sanders*



SUNRISE

December 26, 1935

SUNSET

December 20, 2024

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2024  
11:00 AM

Friendship A.M.E. Church  
County Road 30 • Ozark, Alabama 36360

## Obituary

Christine D. Harper Sanders was the first-born and a Christmas blessing to Sanford A. and Myrtice Rance Harper, on December 26, 1935 in Ozark (Klondyke Community), Alabama. She returned to her Creator at the age of 88, on Friday evening, December 20, 204, with her devoted niece, Timeka; nephew, Sandy Harper; cousin, Tauheed Abdullah; and family friend, Destiny, at her side. She was also the first and "very spoiled" grandchild of her maternal grandparents, Eddie and Alvin Hollinger Rance. Her paternal grandparents were Isaac ("Ike") and Mary Harper. She enjoyed a happy and carefree childhood and adolescence in Klondyke with her aunt-sister, Ruby L. Rance (Flowers) who was just four years her senior. Less than two years later, her only brother, Sanford Eugene, was born and eight years later, her last sibling, Mary Alvin, was born. She was blessed to share her early life with a wide range of cousins from both her maternal and paternal side of her family. Her brother Eugene, who was well-known for his mischievous and fun-loving behavior, nicknamed her "bug".

She joined Friendship A.M.E. Church at an early age and remained active with the church until she moved away. As was the common Christian practice in rural Klondyke, she also attended its sister church, Union Grove Baptist. Christine attended the Klondyke (Rosenwald) School before it closed, but graduated from D.A. Smith School in 1952. Many cousins have share stories of how they "had to" play school with her and sit in a circle as she read to them. She followed her dream (*to the mixed delight of her Klondyke 1st cousins*) to become a school teacher and attended Alabama State University, Montgomery, Alabama. She earned both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Education from Alabama State University. Her teaching career began at Rosenwald School, Newville, Alabama and after marriage, she taught at Calhoun & Ft. Deposit Elementary Schools and retired from the Lowndes County School System in 1990.

In June 1963, she married Johnny O. Sanders, and moved to Hope Hull, Alabama. She joined Mt. Sinai Baptist Church and remained an active member until she relocated to her hometown and community after the death of her husband. She rejoined Friendship A.M.E. Church and faithfully served in many capacities as needed.

Christine was an active member of the Dale County Retired Teachers Association, the Missionary Society, and the Ozark/Dale County Garden Club. She was an outstanding cook and known for her cakes. Family dinners were not complete without her butternut and pound cakes. She also loved to clean, clean, and clean things, whether they needed it or not (LOL). She loved reading (front page to last page) the Montgomery Advertiser, Southern Star and Dothan Eagle newspapers, and was an avid lover of crossword puzzles and find-a-word booklets. She had a good and kind heart, and would help family members, friends or others with whatever means she had when they needed help. She also shared her mother's sense of humor.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny O. Sanders; her parents, Myrtice and Sanford Harper; and her younger siblings, who she dearly loved, brother Sanford Eugene Harper (2004); and beloved sister, Mary Alvin H. Sanders (2024).

She is survived by a loving niece and devoted caregiver, Timeka K. Sanders; nephews, Sanford "Sandy" E. Harper II and Randall "Randy" S. Harper; nieces, Sabrina Harper and Tonya Sanders; in-laws, Odahlia Rance, Reverend Maggie Payne, and Carolyn Harper; and step-daughter, Mary E. Jackson. She is also fondly remembered by her many 1st and 2nd cousins, especially from Klondyke, Altha "Beck" and Alton Newman, A. Lydell Flowers, Rosalind Flowers Binion, Debbie Russell Johnson, A. Jean Russell Tate, Tauheed Abdullah, Joseph Newman, and Leola H. Brown that revered her as a positive role model and ideal cousin. Other relatives include several cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends who visited and helped out when needed during her illness; her fellow church members and friends from the Pinckard Circuit Churches (St. Mark, Newton and Bethel, Pinckard), and Union Grove Baptist Church.

Our prayer is that our dearly loved-one, Christine D. Harper Sanders, will rest in eternal peace with her Lord and Savior.

***"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit"***

~ Psalms 34:18

## Order of Service

### Processional

Musical Selection.....Delyod McQueen

### Scriptures

Old Testament.....Reverend James Booth

New Testament.....Reverend James Booth

Prayer.....Sister Faye Lewis

Musical Selection.....Daniel Johnson & Cornelius Landrum

Poem.....Sanford Harper II

### Obituary

### Acknowledgment & Resolution

Love & Expression.....2 Minutes Only Please

### Musical Selection

Words of Comfort.....Pastor Lisa Cade

### Recessional



### Dear Auntie

My heart broke as I watched you take your last breath. I always told you I would always be by your side.

You're resting well and at peace, and I know you and my mom are having a good time playing and catching up. 'Til we meet again,

I love and miss you dearly.

And don't forget to tell my mom

I got her dressing right,

but don't tell her about the plants.

