

## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

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Elder Vernon Barber, II

Elder Luc St. Hilaire  
Elder Matthew St. Fleur  
Datrick Jefferson  
Leon Devon Dizzley, Jr.

## ACTIVE FLORAL BEARERS

Membership Service Ministry of Family Worship & Praise Center  
Family & Friends

## REPAST

*Immediately following the service, the Family invites you to join them for a Repast in the Fellowship Hall of the Old West Florida Enrichment Center.*

## EARTHLY BED OF SLUMBER WITH FULL U.S. NAVY HONORS

Monday, March 10, 2025 | 10:00 AM  
Hymn | Committal | Final Presentation  
Tallahassee National Cemetery  
5015 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, Florida 32311

## FAMILY'S MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

The family of *Chief Nadia Alexis Griffin Sansom* wishes to extend our heartfelt appreciation and sincere gratitude to all who have offered their prayers, love, and support during this time of bereavement. Your kindness, encouragement, and unwavering presence have been a source of great comfort to us. We are deeply moved by the love and strength you have shared, and we are especially grateful for the grace of God, which has carried us through our sorrow. Your thoughtfulness, whether through a kind word, a warm embrace, a prayer, or a contribution, has not gone unnoticed.

A *special thank you* to Family Worship & Praise Center, Tallahassee Cancer Institute, Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, Big Bend Hospice, J.P. Moore Mortuary & Cremation Services, and the Active Duty Legalman Community of the United States Navy for their continued support and care during this time. May God continue to bless each of you.

We find comfort in the words of Psalm 34:18:  
"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."  
With love and gratitude,  
*The Family of Chief Nadia Alexis Griffin Sansom*

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*Nadia*  
GRIFFIN  
*Sansom*

THE  
*Angels*  
ARE WAITING AT  
*Heaven's*  
GATE FOR





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# Precious Memories



*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow  
me all the days of my life,  
And I will dwell in the  
house of the Lord forever.*



*“Sootie”*



# Family & Friends





RETIRED U.S. NAVY LNC

*Nadia Alexis Griffin Sansom*

SEPTEMBER 19, 1979 - FEBRUARY 27, 2025

*"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."  
~ Philippians 1:21*

**Nadia Alexis Griffin Sansom**, affectionately known as "Tootie," was the beloved daughter of Bernard M. Griffin and Shirley Dizzley Griffin. She was born on September 19, 1979, in Charleston, South Carolina. From this special day, it was obvious that God was up to something good, and He wanted Nadia to be a part of the process. She was a resident of Tallahassee, Florida.

**Nadia** was reared in a family of believers. She accepted Christ as her Redeemer early in life. As she grew in grace, she also grew in faith and walked in the wonderful, unlimited power of God in her life. After joining the Family Worship and Praise Center, **Nadia** became a member of the Membership Services Ministry as well as a volunteer with Shoes4School which provides thousands of students in Leon County with brand new shoes.

**Nadia** enlisted in the U.S. Navy on February 22, 2000. She pledged her service to her country and her honor to God in a more excellent way. She served as a paralegal or law clerk under the supervision of a Judge Advocate in the JAG Corps, a military justice branch where she achieved the rank of Legalman Chief Petty Officer (LNC). During her career, she served in the Gulf War, was assigned to the Legal Offices in Mayport, Florida, and San Diego, California, as well as to the Regional Legal Service Office in Japan and on the USS Ronald Reagan. She retired from active duty with 20+ years of exemplary service on February 29, 2020.

**Nadia** was known to go above and beyond the call of duty in her stellar job performance. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Paralegal Studies at Roger Williams University in Providence, Rhode Island. Some of her many responsibilities and activities that she was accountable for in her career included the following: being the founder and president of Military Family Volunteer Network (MFVN), a 160-member organization of active-duty members and their families; representing the government at employment hearings to determine retention or termination employment and creating



A TRIBUTE TO

*Our Sister*

God looked around his garden  
and found an empty place  
He then looked down upon  
the Earth and saw your tired face  
He put his arms around you  
and lifted you to rest  
With the help of his angels  
they flew you to your heavenly place  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
he always takes the best  
He knew you were suffering,  
he knew you were in pain  
He knew that you would never  
get well on Earth again  
He saw the road was getting rough  
and the hills too hard to climb  
He closed your weary eyelids and  
whispered, "Peace be thine."  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
but you didn't go alone  
For part of us went with you  
the day God called you home  
Goodnight sister, until we meet again

Forever and Always,  
Mauri and Quincy







A TRIBUTE TO  
OUR BELOVED DAUGHTER,

*Nadia*

No words we write can ever say  
How much we miss you every day.  
As time goes by, the loneliness grows;  
How we miss you, nobody knows!  
We think of you in silence,  
We often speak your names,  
But all we have are memories  
And photos in a frame.

No one knows our sorrow,  
No one sees us weep,  
But the love we have for you  
Is in our hearts to keep.

We've never stopped loving you,  
We're sure we never will;  
Deep inside our hearts,  
You are with us still.

Heartaches in this world are many,  
But ours is worse than any.  
Our hearts still ache as we whisper  
low,  
"We need you and we miss you so."

The things we feel so deeply  
Are often the hardest to say,  
But we just can't keep quiet anymore,  
So we'll tell you anyway.

There is a place in our hearts  
That no one else can fill;  
We love you so, "Tootie",  
And we always will.

~Mom & Dad~

the orientation briefs as well as conducting the orientation for new employees; providing Executive Support to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Deputy CEO by maintaining their schedules, arranging travel, preparing and producing materials and presentations for executive meetings as well as providing correspondence support; providing legal support to an organization of more than 6,000 military service members including legal assistance, criminal and administrative investigation reviews, and employee termination actions; leading a team of 50 to provide humanitarian support to Japan following the 2011 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami, and planning a morale-boosting family event onboard a nuclear aircraft carrier for 732 families while managing on a budget of only \$18,000.

After her military retirement, *Nadia* combined her people skills with her passion for doing things well, her creativity for cooking, and her talent for preparing visually appealing dishes to convince herself that the time was right to establish a business in her own name, "Tootie's Charcuterie," for catering her tantalizing charcuterie boards/ delicatessen platters.

Additional pastime activities that *Nadia* enjoyed were her love of traveling to other destinations around the country and abroad, fishing, gardening, reading, and solving puzzles, all for her own enjoyment, rest, and relaxation. She also faithfully watched her favorite television series: "Chopped," "Chicago Fire," and "Law and Order."

Nadia was a proud member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., a public service sisterhood that educates the public, assists youth, provides scholarships, supports organized charities, and promotes social and civic change legislation.

"It's time to come home, dear sister; your tour of duty is through. You've given as much as anyone could ever expect to do." The Lord recognized that it was well with Retired U.S. Navy LNC *Nadia Alexis Griffin Sansom's* soul. She fulfilled her life missions and will be rewarded for her perseverance, her integrity, and her honorable deeds. Therefore, the Lord chose Thursday, February 27, 2025, to bring His faithful servant home to earn her eternal rest.

"So take your place of honor among those who have gone before, and know that you will be remembered for now, and evermore." *Nadia Alexis Griffin Sansom* will be missed, but those who know the Lord, have hope in the promise that they will meet again.

Cherishing her life, her love, and her legacy are her beloved children: Kyrie Johnson, Layla Johnson, and Cedrick Johnson, II, all of Tallahassee, FL; her devoted parents: Bernard M. Griffin and Shirley Dizzley Griffin, both of Charleston, SC; loving brothers: Bishop-Elect Quincy Devon (Michelle) Griffin, of Tallahassee, FL and Maurice (Faith) Griffin, of Ladson, SC; affectionate paternal grandmother: Reverend Martha B. Griffin of Charleston, SC; her precious fur baby: Biggie Smalls; in addition to many other sorrowing relatives, comforting friends, and countless others whose lives she impacted in her own special way.



# The Divine Order of Service

Elder Benny L. Bolden, Jr., Officiant  
Family Worship & Praise Center | Tallahassee, Florida

Prelude..... Family Worship & Praise Center Choir  
Processional..... Eulogist, Clergy, Mortician & Family  
Parting Glance & Seating of the Family ..... The *J.P. Moore* Staff

## Sealing of the Bier

The Prayer of Consolation..... Reverend Leon Dizzley  
Selection..... Family Worship & Praise Center Choir

## The Holy Scriptures:

Old Testament ..... Elder Reyonna Parrish  
New Testament ..... Elder Marcus Scott  
Selection..... Family Worship & Praise Center Choir

## Reflections & Tributes:

Family & Friends (Two Minutes each, please)

As a Friend..... Lynette Johnson  
Amanda Rhonda Johnson  
Vera Maloney  
As a Sister ..... Mauri Griffin  
As a Daughter ..... Shirley Ann Griffin and Bernard M. Griffin  
As a Mother ..... Layla, CJ, and Kyrie Johnson

## Video Presentation

Acknowledgements & Resolutions ..... Elder Franchatta Barber  
Sermonic Hymn ..... Elder Star Swain  
Words of Comfort ..... Bishop-Elect Quincy D. Griffin, Sr.  
Mortician's Brief..... Mr. Jamarien "J.P." Moore, LFD  
Recessional ..... Clergy & Family

*Yet we have this assurance: Those who belong to God will live; their bodies will rise again! Those who sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy! – Isaiah 26:19*

## A TRIBUTE TO OUR HERO, Mommy

*To the woman who always stood tall,  
A mother, a friend, a hero to us all.  
With love in her heart and fire in her soul,  
She shaped us, she guided us, and made us whole.*

*Mommy, you were more than just a name,  
You were the light, the strength, the flame.  
In your arms, we found comfort, in your smile, joy,  
With you by our side, we could conquer, destroy.*

*You gave all you had, with never a thought,  
For the struggles you faced or the battles you fought.  
Selfless and brave, you led without fear,  
The superhero we needed, always near.*

*From laughter and joy, to lessons and love,  
You were our rock, sent from above.  
In every moment, we felt your grace,  
In every memory, we see your face.*

*You made life an adventure, so full of delight,  
With you, every day felt so bright.  
Your spirit so fearless, your heart so kind,  
A stronger, braver mother we couldn't find.*

*Layla, CJ, and Kyrie Jade stand here today,  
To honor you, to remember, and to say:  
We'll carry your legacy, proud and true,  
Mommy, our hero, we'll always love you.*

*Your love lives on, beyond time and space,  
Forever etched in our hearts, in every place.  
Rest now, dear mommy, you've earned your peace,  
In our hearts, your love will never cease.*

