

Celebration of Life

Willie Lawrence Sanders age 82. Sunrise, April 12, 1936 in Pecan Point, Arkansas and Sunset, April 6, 2021, Palm Coast, Florida.

Willie was born in Pecan Point, Arkansas to Katie Mae and Willie Lawrence Sanders Sr. When Willie was 6 years old, his parents moved him and his siblings to Michigan. Willie was the oldest of 8 children. Many years later after finishing school, Willie met and married Mary Ann Hooper on January 10, 1960 and they had 3 daughters together.

Willie began working for Ford Motor company as an assembly worker in **October 1964**. He would go on to work for Ford for **30+** years. In March 2001, Willie and Mary relocated to Palm Coast, Florida to enjoy their retirement years. Willie lost his beloved wife on March 31, 2006 after 46 years of marriage.

Willie was affectionately known as Dub to all and loved spending time with his family. He loved to cook and never shied away from trying something new and always encouraged his family members to be as adventurous as him when it came to new culinary cuisines. He also loved to travel with his family and talking politics while being a loyal watcher of news programs. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Willie was preceded in death by his wife: Mary Ann Sanders; his parents: Katie Mae (Allen) Sanders-Brownlee and Willie Lawrence Sanders Sr.; and brothers: Lucas (Claire) Sanders, Sylvester Sanders, and Ernest Sanders. Left to cherish his memory are his daughters: Seneca (Kenneth) Singleton, Sandra (Samuel) Saunders, and Tina Sanders; granddaughters: Alexandria Singleton, Chloe Saunders, Paris Singleton, Janell Saunders, and Ti'Onna Holmes; sisters: Ruby Jean Sanders, Berda Fowler, Shirley Jean Williams, Bernice Walker and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and friends.