



## Mr. Daniel Clark Sanders Sr.

July 5, 1932 - April 4, 2018

Daniel C. Sanders, Sr. was born on July 5, 1932 in Stanley, North Carolina to Mose E. and Minnie E. Sanders. He peacefully transitioned from this life to life everlasting on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Dan was educated in the Mecklenburg County, North Carolina School System. As a kid, he was spirited and mischievous. His exploits not only got him in trouble in the neighborhood, but also caused him to have many private bathroom sessions with his Dad. It was during one of these sessions that Dan decided to exit North Carolina and move North.

In 1956, he joined the U.S. Army. He was stationed in the continental United States and did a tour of duty in Germany. He was Honorably Discharged in 1958 and remained in Reserve Status until 1962.

On May 26, 1962, he married the love of his life, the former Mary G. Swann. They enjoyed 54 years of wedded bliss. If ever there was a couple meant to be together, it was Mary and Dan. They were a dynamic duo. You rarely saw one without the other. The door to their home always swung on “welcome hinges”. There was always “room for one more” and a space at the dinner table for one more plate. Theirs was truly a match made in heaven!

Dan worked for Arcade Sunshine Laundry, Sealtest Foods and finally retired from the Government Printing Office in 1994. In 1977, he became a member of the Prince Hall Masons—John F. Cook #10 Chapter.

Dan was the consummate outdoorsman. He loved fishing, golfing and boating.

Wellington Beach was his favorite spot. He and Mary would jump in the motor home and off they went. There were many celebrations and special events held at the beach, and everyone was always welcome!!

Dan epitomized what a man's man was supposed to be. He was a supportive father, grandfather and the best uncle ever!!! Family meant everything to him, and he made sure his kids (and those he adopted) were always taken care of. He was the family caretaker, and you could always count on him in time of illness, hard times or just to give a word of encouragement. He loved life and lived it to the fullest. He was loved and respected by all who met and knew him. He enjoyed many things, including music, and would break out in song when you least expected it. His heart was huge! We will miss his gracious, generous and one-of-a-kind spirit.

He leaves to cherish his memory two daughters, Sheila Diane Swann and Vanessa A. Buckner; 1 son, Daniel C. Sanders, Jr. and his wife, Becky; 8 grandchildren, Karen, Ronnye, Sean, Sylvonna, Ashley, Chiquita, Amber and Nikki; 12 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild; 2 Ms. s, Minnie Butler and Annabelle Footman; his best friend of over 60 years, Wilbur Avent; 2 bonus daughters, Pat Small and Deidre Jackson and a host of loving nieces, nephews and friends.

Dan was preceded in death by his loving wife, Mary, his son, Raymond L. Swann, his parents, 3 brothers and 3 Ms. s and 1 son-in-law, James L. Buckner.

# Cemetery Details

## Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery

11301 Crain Highway  
Cheltenham, MD 20623

# Previous Events

## Viewing

APR 14. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Master's Touch Praise Miniistry  
4706 Raleigh RD  
Temple Hills, MD 20748

## funeral service

APR 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Interment

APR 16. 9:30 AM (ET)

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