



Vijay Melik Sanders

May 26, 2005 - May 2, 2017

Vijay Melik Dione Sanders, 11 years old, was born in Columbia, SC on May 26 2005 to Samantha Sanders. He was called home May 1, 2017. Vijay was the oldest of three children yet, he was named from an older brother, Tavion Vijay. Vijay was reared by his “nana”, Ruby Anderson along with his siblings on Satchelford Road.

“Lil’ Man”, as he was affectionately known, has a huge family of people who loved him. He was always a happy, lovable child. He attended the public schools of Richland County and was a fifth grader at Satchel Ford Elementary School of Academics and Arts in Columbia, SC.

“I, as a mother, couldn’t ask for a better kid. He had his own personality and didn’t mind saying what was on his mind. His heart is so big that he cared more for others than he did himself. Can’t say how lost I am but, I know God has made a new angel. I love you son”.

Your Mother, Samantha

“Momma Ruby loves you Vijay. You were a handsome young man who was very popular in school. You were very respectful and full of manners. I know you loved soccer, basketball, riding your bike and telling others what you wanted them to do. You were always concerned about my well being and frequently asked, ‘Nana are you feeling ok’. There’s not a moment that I don’t think about you. I may not have birthed you but, you are part of me as well.

You said, ‘Papa gone to Heaven so, I’m the man of the house’.

I love you Vijay”

Vijay was preceded in death by his older brother, Tavion Vijay Sanders. Left to cherish precious memories are his mother, Samantha Sanders; siblings, Zyire Chrystopher, and Samantha Monique Sanders and Amon J. Smith; grandmother, Ruby Anderson; grandparents, Teresa and Lyndon Hopkins; aunts, Destiny McGlaughlin, Robin Glover, Jennifer Pelzer, Tiffany Corley, Monique Jackson Melissa Miller; step mother, Lakeisha Miller; cousins, Travell and Ta'Nasia Figgs; uncles, Terry McGriff and Ezekiel Hayes; best friends, Cooper, Collin and Zackary; a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY 5. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel
6400 North Main Street
Columbia, SC 29203
(803) 254-4673

Funeral Service

MAY 6. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church
1237 House Street
Columbia, SC 29204
(803) 799-8906

Tribute Wall

HW

“ *Vijay will live forever on our heart his smile and the bestnof times he spent with us many late nights him and Zack up playing games you woll be missed but you are our little angel in heaven,Love you forever ,you were always Zacks best friend and always will be*



Hazel white and Zackary Wooldridge - May 05, 2017 at 08:53 AM

LC

“ *Love forever, The Comptons purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Vijay Melik Sanders.*



Love forever, The Comptons - May 05, 2017 at 08:32 AM

RG

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Robin Glover - May 04, 2017 at 08:26 PM

TM

“ My prayers and love are you with the Sanders family during this difficult time. Vijay's charm made days in class and aftercare better. I will miss smile in the halls.

Mrs Meetze, a teacher at Satchel Ford



Tammy Meetze - May 04, 2017 at 04:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vijay Melik Sanders.*



May 04, 2017 at 02:42 PM

BG

“ *We are praying for the Sanders family. We will miss Vijay. This is truly heartbreaking. ~Patrick, Brenda & Braden agree*

Brenda Green - May 03, 2017 at 01:32 PM

JT

“ *We will miss seeing Vijay in the neighborhood. He was always quick with a beautiful smile and a great playmate. Our thoughts are with you.*

The Turner Family

Julie Turner - May 03, 2017 at 10:16 AM

JN

“ Dear Family and Friends of Vijay,

We are deeply sorry for loss. May the many wonderful memories of Vijay's time at Satchel Ford bring you comfort now and always.

*With much love,
The Nostrant Family*

Jamie Nostrant - May 03, 2017 at 08:10 AM

SM

“ Sending condolences to the Sanders family. Praying for strength and healing at this time. I will always remember Vijay's smile and the way he always asked me questions a certain way that made me smile. My heart is broken, but i know God had a better plan for him. Stephanie Morris, Teacher at Satchel Ford Elementary.



Stephanie Morris - May 03, 2017 at 07:03 AM