



## Tonnie O Sanders

July 27, 1932 - June 21, 2025

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil; for thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **15.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Thomas and Jones Funeral Home  
2457 N Decatur Blvd  
Las Vegas, NV 89108  
(702) 384-7600  
trintion.holmes@dignitymemorial.com  
<https://www.thomasandjonesfuneralhome.com/>

## Homegoing Celebration

JUL **16.** 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

Portals to Glory COGIC  
2301 N. Comstock Dr  
North Las Vegas, NV 89032

## Committal

JUL **16.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Woodlawn Cemetery  
1500 N Las Vegas Blvd.  
Las Vegas, NV 89101

# Tribute Wall



“ Thomas & Jones Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of  
Tonnie O Sanders



---

**Thomas and Jones Funeral Home** - July 16, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ Thomas & Jones Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory  
of Tonnie O Sanders



---

**Thomas and Jones Funeral Home** - July 16, 2025 at 11:20 AM

“The Legacy Of The First Daughter”

*I stand here today as the first daughter  
Of a first daughter,  
Rooted in a line of women  
Who knew how to hold the world together  
With calloused hands and quiet strength.*

*Tonnie Sanders (Big Mama) —  
You were the soil from which we all grew.  
With every meal, every soft-spoken lesson,  
You taught us that family is a flame  
We must never let die.  
You didn't just have gatherings —  
You were the reason we gathered.*

*Antoinette Sanders (Mom) —  
your first daughter,  
Watched you closely,  
Learning that love looks like showing up,  
Like holding peace in a storm,  
Like never letting anyone leave your home  
Hungry for food or for love.*

*And me (Ja Niece Smith) —  
I watched her the way she watched you.  
I carry your fire, your grit, your grace.  
This title, “first daughter,”  
Is more than birth order —  
It's a calling,  
A responsibility wrapped in reverence.*

*I saw how the women before me  
Held the family in their arms  
And on their backs.  
I saw how they laughed while tired,*

*Cooked while grieving,  
Danced while holding pain in their bones.  
Big Mama, you taught us that strength  
Isn't loud —  
It's consistent.  
It's in the pot on the stove,  
The porch light left on,  
The hugs that linger,  
The prayers whispered when no one's looking.*

*And now, as you take your rest,  
Know this:  
The legacy will not be lost.  
The family will still gather.  
There will still be laughter, and food, and love.  
Because I am my mother's daughter —  
And she was yours.*

*I vow to keep the circle unbroken,  
To honor the strength passed through blood and bone,  
To make sure your name lives  
In every warm plate, every long hug,  
Every time we show up for each other.*

*First daughters don't forget.*

*We continue.  
We carry.  
We become.*

*Love Always,  
Your Granddaughter  
Ja Niece Antoinette Smith (Mooka)*

---

**Ja Niece Smith** - July 17, 2025 at 05:45 PM

BS

*Beautiful tribute.* ❤️🕊️

**Beatrice Sanders** - July 23, 2025 at 08:56 PM

BS

“ 1 Peter 3:4: *"You should be known for the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God."*

*"Thank you, Big Momma, for your truly generous spirit. Your home was always open, a sanctuary for all who sought comfort or community. You leave behind a remarkable legacy of love, reflected in the countless lives you touched. Your presence will be missed, especially by your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. May the precious memories you created bring immense comfort to your family during this time of grief. Your love will forever reside in our hearts, a guiding light for generations to come.*

*Rest in Heavenly Peace,*

*Beatrice*

**Beatrice A Sanders** - July 16, 2025 at 10:49 AM

CS

*Very Very Nice.*

**Cordell Sanders** - July 17, 2025 at 04:17 PM

JS

*Beautifully Said Auntie*

**Ja Niece Smith** - July 20, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Tonnie O Sanders.*



---

July 15, 2025 at 07:38 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tonnie O Sanders.

---

July 15, 2025 at 07:38 PM



“ *Alma, Millicent, Andrew & Carolyn purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Tonnie O Sanders.*



---

**Alma, Millicent, Andrew & Carolyn** - July 15, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ *Alma, Millicent, Andrew & Carolyn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tonnie O Sanders.*

---

**Alma, Millicent, Andrew & Carolyn** - July 15, 2025 at 01:34 PM

CF

“ Cordell and family purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Tonnie O Sanders.



---

**Cordell and family** - July 14, 2025 at 08:58 PM

CF

“ Cordell and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tonnie O Sanders.

---

**Cordell and family** - July 14, 2025 at 08:58 PM

TD

“ Terry Daniels purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Tonnie O Sanders.



---

**Terry Daniels** - July 14, 2025 at 02:47 PM

KS

“ Kennedy Sanders purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Tonnie O Sanders.



---

**Kennedy Sanders** - July 14, 2025 at 02:47 PM

PR

“ Paige R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tonnie O Sanders.

---

**Paige R.** - July 12, 2025 at 01:15 AM

LJ

“ *Lashonda Jones lit a candle in memory of  
Tonnie O Sanders*



---

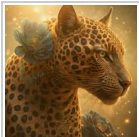
**Lashonda Jones** - July 10, 2025 at 10:35 PM

KS

“ *Reflection is a great blessing when I think about you. Not because of your silhouette of a mom, it's because of the heart of your silhouette that define life's greatest reward. Your heart will forever live in the many lives you have touched through life's journey. Your heart was a giving heart, your heart was a loving heart, and your heart became a role model for me and many others to live life. I did not know that a heart could talk until I listened to you, and your message when you spoke to other people.  
From my heart to your heart "MOM",  
Your Son - Kennedy Sanders*

---

**Kennedy Sanders** - July 02, 2025 at 10:55 PM



“ *Jeanine Bright-Hooper lit a candle in memory  
of Tonnie O Sanders*



---

**Jeanine Bright-Hooper** - July 02, 2025 at 12:32 AM