



## Pawell Douglas Saunders

March 27, 1933 - August 20, 2019

Rocky Gap, VA- Pawell Douglas Saunders, Sr., 86, of Rocky Gap, VA, died Tuesday August 20, 2019 at Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Born March 27, 1933 in Rocky Gap, he was the son of the late Fred Jackson Saunders and Estella Ferguson Saunders. Mr. Saunders was a retired Brakeman for Norfolk & Southern Railroad and was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in the Korean War. He was a member of Tynes Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Rocky Gap. Mr. Saunders was a cowboy. He had a passion for farming and riding horses. He was a gifted man who had many talents: a brilliant rock layer, a story teller, a boxer, and a family historian. Most importantly, he was a loving husband and father who was devoted to his family. He had also been called into ministry, and had pastored a church and shared his loved of God.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Pawell D. Saunders, Jr.

Survivors include his dedicated wife, Shelia Tucker Saunders; eight children, William Fred Saunders and wife Shirley, Pandora Saunders-Simpson, Tonya Mann and husband Jon, Monique Kerney and husband Maurice, Sonya King, LaTosha Saunders, Lakisha Saunders, and Tashell Mitchell; daughter-in-law, Darlene Saunders; sisters, Minnie D. Harris and Christin McClanahan; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives, and friends.

A Homegoing Celebration will be held at Mercer Funeral Home on Saturday August 31, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Marviene Johnson officiating.

The family can also be reached at the home of Pandora "Fearne" Saunders-Simpson, 5464 Dryfork Road, Rocky Gap, VA or by calling (919) 605-5272. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to his grandson, Lamar Saunders who was in a severe accident while traveling to visit him in the hospital in Roanoke.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pawell Douglas Saunders*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Powell was a good friend of Bobby's back from the railroad days. I enjoyed knowing him at Bobby's By-The-Way. I also enjoyed working with Sonja at St. Lukes. We lost a good man. Love and prayers, Bobby and Nancy Lowe*

**Nancy Lowe** - August 31, 2019 at 02:24 PM



“ *To the family I am so sorry to hear of cousin Pawell's passing. May God bless you all and give you the strength during this most difficult time. Love you all*

**Tweedy** - August 27, 2019 at 07:45 AM



“ *Fearne,  
I am so very sorry for your loss, please know that you are in my prayers.*

**Karen Hoops-Simon** - August 26, 2019 at 02:28 PM

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“ *Let the joyous memories and the fun times make this time of mourning short-lived. May God comfort everyone's heart as He takes Brother Pawall's family and loved ones through this journey. Be assured all who live for Christ will be united with him again.*

*Respectfully and sincerely, Gilbert Stone*

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**Gilbert Stone** - August 25, 2019 at 11:39 PM

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“ *My condolences for you and the famijy.*



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**Kenneth Watkine** - August 25, 2019 at 09:42 PM