



## Troy Lee Sanders Jr.

September 24, 1971 - August 7, 2019

Troy Lee Sanders, Jr. is predeceased by his grandpa and grandma, Franklin and Ethelene Sanders, and grandpa, John Chaney. He is survived by his daughter, Tayler Sanders and her significant other Sha’Onta McCollum, of Fayetteville; granddaughter and grandson, Neveah and Jaedyn McCollum, both of Fayetteville; significant other, Margaret “Christy” Tolar, of Fayetteville; father, Troy Sanders, Sr. and his significant other Melissa Riddle, of Wilmington; mother, Cecilia Burke, of Fayetteville; brother, Freddie Barfield, Jr., of Fayetteville; sister, Teresa Cole and husband Chad, of Hope Mills; niece, Brittany Fulcher, and great niece, Layah, of Hope Mills; Roy Fulcher III and wife Anni, of Virginia Beach; nephew, Jordan Griffin, of Fayetteville; and grandma, Cecilia Chaney, of Fayetteville.

### Our Son

As we write this, we have broken hearts that our son, Troy Jr., has left us at a young age of 47. Our lives will certainly never be the same. It's hard to imagine that he is no longer here with us. He will always be in our hearts, and one day we will be together again.

We had and continue to have a wonderful son of whom we are so very proud. He was a wonderful Dad, Husband, and Grandfather.

We remember the day he graduated from the Police Academy. We were so proud of his accomplishments, and Troy was so excited about his career. His excitement was like that of a small child at Christmas; bright eyes and such a big smile. As time continued, he had the same bright eyes and smile when his daughter, Tayler, was born. He was one proud Dad.

There are so many things that our children, family, and friends do that we take for granted because everyone is living in such a fast-paced life. We all have said or heard, "If there is something you want to do or say, do it today, for we are not promised tomorrow."

As much as I can, I will tell you one thing on the lighter side; my Daughter, Teresa, and

Brother, Olin, always pulled for the Dallas Cowboys while Troy and I always pulled for the Redskins. Just a little, fun thing we would do.

Rest in Peace, Son. You will always be with us. We love and miss you. We know you are now at peace, and are with your Grandparents.

Love,

Daddy and Momma

From Tayler:

My dad had a very big heart. He would always come to my rescue, no matter the situation. Growing up, he would tuck me in every night, even as a teenager and would tell me he loved me over and over again before leaving the room. He would do anything for me. Dad was my true hero and protector. He has notes all around his house that say, "I love you, Tayler."

My dad and I had many, many good times and some trying times but I would not have traded him for anything in the world.

I love you, Dad! <3<3<3 (<3 U <3)

Tay Tay

My handsome Uncle,

Death was never something I used to think of at all. I've never acknowledged the true reality of how life would change after, or all of the feelings that come with losing someone you love and care about, especially when it's family. :\

We may have hardly ever seen each other or talked as much as we should have, yet I had a special bond with you and I knew at any time or day that if I needed someone to talk to, you would always reply back. I knew I'd never be judged by you and always reminded you of the same. You probably knew more of the "real me" and about me than most of our family. I will always cherish that. Our personalities were so much alike: we were the goofy ones with a big heart. I would always get excited when I knew you'd be at one of our family functions. As soon as I walked in, you'd be smiling just as much. You'll always be the king of break-dancing (haha!).

Freddie has some big shoes to fill. It won't ever be the same without you here. You were the comedian who made everything more fun, yet you've always let me know that you would always be a "protector" to me since I was a little girl.

We were the "cool" ones with the Good Looks! (Which, I know, I got from you). Your LAUGH is one of the things no one will ever be able to forget; that goofy laugh... I can hear it now.

I love you, Troy, forever and always.

Wait! I know everyone already knows, but there was only one other girl from day one who outshines your beautiful niece: your twin, daughter, and world. You'd brag and remind me of how lucky you were (and of course how lucky she was. LOL).

Even though it really does hurt to know you really are gone, I know you're better now; no more pain and hurt.

Love you,  
Brittany

From Teresa:

My Brother Troy had a heart of gold. Growing up, he would get on my nerves with his "macho" ways. I can recall a time or two that I had to set him straight. A little tap on the nose was all it took. Troy had a sensitive nose that slightly bled easily, which helped me out. As we grew older, we were not as close as we should have been, but we were still there for each other. He knew not to mess with me and he also knew I wouldn't let anyone mess with him. But, as much as we all tried, there were still demons that grabbed him from the inside that none of us could protect him or save him from. Troy was no longer a social butterfly. If you spoke to Troy, more than likely you reached out to him. Before the conversation was over, Troy would tell you he loved you, probably more than once. On Wednesday 8-7-19, Troy joined many beautiful souls, as his struggle was over. I am positive our grandma Ethelene is telling him he is no longer lost and welcomed him home.

I love you and miss you! XOXOXO <3

Your #1 Sister

From Freddie:

If you knew my brother Troy, you knew he was a very loving person. Troy wasn't a people

person and it was hard for him to talk to people. Troy was always straight forward with me and tried to always watch over me.

Troy and I made a lot of memories, good and bad. Many times, Troy would jerk me up and knock some sense into me. I always looked up to Troy and Troy was always there for me, any time of the day or night. I can hear him now on the phone with Tayler, telling her a million times that he loved her, until she said she loved him too. It's like he never wanted to hang up. Troy was always very apologetic if he did something he wasn't proud of.

You will be missed, Troy. Love you

Your Baby Brother,

Freddie

A service will be held on Saturday, August 17th at 12 o'clock at Faymont Baptist Church,  
3663 Cumberland Rd  
Fayetteville, NC 28306

In lieu of flowers, send donations to:  
My Rover-Reese Fellowship Homes  
560 Wilkes Rd.  
Fayetteville, NC 28306

# Comments

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“ Troy, it just wasn't time. Hope your journey offers all that our minds conjure for the next step.



**Kirk Partney** - August 29 at 12:31 PM

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“ Lynda Campbell Grover lit a candle in memory of Troy Lee Sanders Jr.



**Lynda Campbell Grover** - August 18 at 08:41 PM

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“ Troy was my best friend growing up. We shared lots of memories. Dr. Pop was his break dance name in Chilly Chill and the Fresh Crew. He was the best at popping for you, know what I'm talking about? And when I say the best, I mean it. He would practice for hours every night. He and I had a thing called the Stallone Club. We both loved Sylvester Stallone. We would dare each other to do stuff like, "if you don't jump off the top of the house, you ain't a Stallone." We used to play cops at his house, and he would video it on the camcorder. What I wouldn't do to have those videos. We were a tight crew for real. Troy, Charles Hayes, Charlie Green, and I...always together. I could tell you story after story. He was my closest, dearest friend and I hate that I moved away to Raleigh and missed these last few years hanging out with him. I'm so sorry and will pray for his family. Tayler, Troy Sr., Cecilia, I love and miss you, miss lady. You were like my second mom. Theresa, I love you, girl. I remember Troy and I used to aggravate the shit out of you when we were kids. Little Freddie, who ain't little anymore: love u lil bro. I'm so sorry for our loss. R.I.P. Troy, until we meet again, brother. Love u cuz, your brother from another mother, Kevin Tew

**Kevin Tew** - August 16 at 12:42 AM

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“ Tayler Sanders lit a candle in memory of Troy Lee Sanders Jr.



Tayler Sanders - August 15 at 10:36 PM

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“ Ashley Adams Pavey lit a candle in memory of Troy Lee Sanders Jr.



Ashley Adams Pavey - August 15 at 03:08 PM

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“ I loved Troy like no other man on earth. He was my rock. We met in March of 2012 and had been inseparable since then. He had a heart of gold, which was what led me to fall in love with him. He loved his family, especially Tayler, and he made me laugh. He could always cheer me up on a bad day. More than once I've seen him help someone who needed it, whether it was changing someone's tire or giving a stranger something to eat. He really was the kind of guy that would give the shirt off his back. He was an animal lover as well. To me, he was my everything. I will ALWAYS treasure our memories and all the good times we've had. Troy will live in my heart forever. I love you Troy Lee Sanders Jr 14!!!!  
Each day I wake will be another day closer to you!

Christy Tolar - August 15 at 12:44 AM

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“ Troy, I really don't know where to begin. I have known you since you were about 12 years old. You were a very well mannered and loving person from a great family that was so proud of you. Almost 8 years ago, you and my daughter Christy began a relationship and grew strong love for each other. She is truly lost right now. You two had such big plans ahead, but God had bigger plans for you. He decided to take you Home and end the huge struggle you had to fight so hard for so long. May you rest now, but it was just too soon. Christy and I will always be here for Tay, so don't worry

about her or your grandbabies. Just watch over them from above. I love you, Troy, and wish things had turned out different for you and Christy, but God knows best. RIP Troy, I love you. -Sherry



**Sherry Strickland** - August 14 at 07:26 PM

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“ Lori Munsey lit a candle in memory of Troy Lee Sanders Jr.



**Lori Munsey** - August 14 at 04:44 PM

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“ Janice Walker lit a candle in memory of Troy Lee Sanders Jr.



**Janice Walker** - August 14 at 03:49 PM

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“ Lynne Jones Holder lit a candle in memory of Troy Lee Sanders Jr.





“ In looking back through my memories with Troy as a small child, I think of how he would cling to his momma! Trying to pry him loose to hold him was almost impossible. I had half a chance because I favored his momma in looks but within a second he would figure it out and beg to be held by his momma! I can still see him carrying Taylor in his arms almost afraid to let her feet touch the floor fearing she would grow up right in front of his eyes! Troy was so handsome in his police uniform and so proud of his accomplishment.  
Life took Troy in a different direction but through the journey he held to his unconditional love for his momma, daddy, daughter, sister, brother and grandparents. He carried himself with humility and kindness and that is what will be remembered.  
Love, Aunt Peggy

peggy flavell - August 14 at 01:17 PM



“ We are so sorry for everyone's loss! Sending love, peace and prayers to all. The obituary is a beautiful tribute to Troy's life! Love, Danny and Tammy Colley

**Danny and Tammy Colley** - August 14 at 03:12 PM

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“ I just want to let the family know I'm sorry for their loss. I've known Troy for many years. He will be greatly missed. There is one thing I knew about Troy, and that is he loved him some Taylor. RIP Troy!!! Tiffany Sealey



Tiffany Cook Sealey - August 14 at 12:20 PM



“ I still can't believe you're gone. I'm really going to miss you bud, and I will never forget all the great times we have shared throughout our lives. Rip bud

**Charles** - August 14 at 03:35 PM

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“ Becky Miller Johnson lit a candle in memory of Troy Lee Sanders Jr.



Becky Miller Johnson - August 14 at 12:04 PM