

# The Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Scripture  
and Prayer ..... Minister Rosalyn Jones

Selection ..... Mr. Kevin Green

Poem ..... Terrence Christon Lanham

Obituary ..... Read Silently

Reflections (Three Minutes Please)

Acknowledgments ..... Jackie Brown

Selection ..... Mr. Kevin Green

Words of Comfort ..... Reverend Michelle Brown-Mars

Recessional

Interment ..... Hillcrest Memorial Park  
2700 Deans Bridge Road | Augusta, Georgia



... *Repast* ...

At Wilhelmenia's House

## Honorary Pallbearers

Nephews



### A Family Prayer

O Lord, be gentle with him.

Be merciful and kind;

For he was loved so dearly by those he left behind,

Walk slowly with him Lord,

As you take him to the Promised Land.

And, Lord when what we've asked is done,

We pray our hearts you'll touch.

And let him know we love him so,

And we miss him just as much.



### Acknowledgements

The Lanham Family would like to extend our deepest and heartfelt thanks to all those who gave so lovingly and unselfishly of their time, support, encouragement, love and compassion, during our time of grief and bereavement. We would also like to say thank you for all the acts of kindness shown to Daniel over the years.

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

# Daniel Lanham

Sunrise  
October 24, 1961

Sunset  
September 26, 2019



Saturday, October 5, 2019  
2:00 P.M.

WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL  
1765 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard  
Augusta, GA



Reverend Michelle Brown-Mars  
... Officiating ...

# The Obituary

Anyone who knew Daniel recognized that he was a truly unique character. He faced more challenges than most of us, but he always maintained a loving disposition no matter what. He unreservedly loved his family, and his family loved him.

Born in Augusta, Georgia, on October 24, 1961, to the late Augustus James and Lillie Mae Lanham, Daniel was the youngest of seven siblings: Juanita Lanham Johnson of Lithonia, GA; James Thomas Lanham and Wilhelmenia Lanham Scott, both of Augusta, GA; Maxine Lanham of Grayson, GA; and a brother and sister who preceded him death, Lucille Lanham-Ridley and Clarence "Bo" Lanham.

For the first seven years of his life, Daniel was raised in South Carolina by his paternal grandparents, Enoch and Mozelle Lanham, so he always felt that he had two "home" locales.

It was in second grade that Daniel moved back to Augusta to live with his parents and siblings while completing the remainder of his schooling. After attending T.W. Josey High School, he served a brief stint in the Army. It was during his military service that the family first learned that Daniel was seriously struggling to find his way. Following military service, he held various kinds of temporary jobs but was never able to establish any kind of stable employment.

Nonetheless, he never gave up and kept trying to support himself independently. Over the succeeding years, he struggled to live on his own in several different states, but he would intermittently accept invitations to live with various siblings. However, he always ended up leaving because, as he explained, he found anything less than his own home too restrictive. So the family was very happy when Daniel decided several years ago that he would at least settle down permanently in Augusta. His decision enabled his big brother, James Thomas, to always make sure that the siblings could reach out to Daniel if he went too long without making contact, and it made his baby sister, Wilhelmenia especially happy because she could more readily and effectively continue her unwavering and ceaseless efforts to help him.

Understandably, then, his siblings were quite surprised and disappointed when Daniel didn't show up this past July for the Lanham Family Reunion in downtown Augusta. He was always so happy and proud to be there, and Wilhelmenia had told him weeks before that she had prepared for him to participate- as usual. So the family definitely knew that something was amiss when Daniel did not show up. As it turned out, he was unable to make it that weekend. But while he wasn't physically present at the reunion, his energy was definitely felt; and his spirit will certainly be there with everyone in attendance at future gatherings.

Now just to keep the record straight, it must be noted that Daniel frequently found lots of ways and lots of time to seriously enjoy life, despite his struggles. For example, he enjoyed playing basketball; he often took advantage of publicly available free entertainment such as First Fridays and outdoor concerts in downtown Augusta, and he enjoyed watching televised sports at public places and the homes of his friends. Additionally, like much of America, Friday nights were designated as mandatory fun nights for Daniel; so as often as he could, he made a point of getting especially spruced up and going out to enjoy something that he found truly entertaining every time Friday rolled around.

Regardless of the day of the week, however, Daniel always took pride in his appearance and worked on keeping his clothing, his body, and especially his sneakers clean. He enjoyed being well-groomed and well-dressed, and he really became quite the social gadfly whenever he felt unusually good about his appearance.

In his more reflective moments, Daniel enjoyed reading. He was intellectually curious and bright, and he voraciously read materials about religion and philosophy. He was not a consistent adherent of any one faith, but he was very spiritual and one of the gentlest souls a person could ever meet. He did his best to lead a good life, and he passionately believed in God's goodness and grace as he made it a practice to concentrate on his blessings rather than focus on his difficulties.

Since he never owned a car, Daniel felt that among his most gratifying blessings were the freedom to roam about widely and the physical stamina that enabled him to walk all over the city for miles and miles at a time. He took real pride in his intimate knowledge of the flow of the streets of Augusta and readily proclaimed with a big smile that the streets belonged to him. Ironically, his earthly life ended unexpectedly when he was struck and killed by a vehicle on one of the very streets he liked to explore so much. And on September 26, 2019, he began walking the streets of heaven in the care of our Creator - safely and forever.

In addition to his surviving siblings, Daniel's passing is mourned by: nephews, Adrian Jarrett Scott, Genesis O. Ridley, A. Terrence Lanham, James Russell Lanham, Carlos Lanham and Thomas F. Lanham; nieces, Marsha Lanham, Tieachia Johnson and Angela Danielle Lanham; two aunts, Doris (Willie) Lanham and Regina (Isaac) Lanham; sister-in-law, Daisy (James Thomas) Lanham; brother-in-law, Carl "Ola" (Lucille) Ridley; several grandnieces and grandnephews; and a host of exceptionally loving and supportive cousins and family friends.

*It is with one voice that his family and friends say today, "Walk on, Daniel! You are missed!"*