



Sandra Gail Oree

December 3, 2019

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Sandra Gail Oree was born on February 9, 1948 in Youngstown, OH. The eldest child of parents *William Oree, Jr. and *Annie Laura (Cofield) Oree, Sandra was the quintessential first-born child. Whether you were her sibling or not, whether she knew you or not – Sandra had no problem telling you exactly what to do – and if you were smart, you did exactly what she expected!

A beautiful and talented girl who was born an “old soul” full of energy and life, “San” was a tomboy during her early childhood and enjoyed chasing neighborhood cats, climbing trees, and beating the neighborhood boys at their own games. San professed her love of the Lord at the age of 12 and was baptized in her home church, Greater Friendship Baptist Church in Youngstown, OH.

To understand San, you have to understand the most important thing to San was her family. Anything right or anything wrong that San did was deeply rooted in her love for family and fierce protection of the people that meant the most to her. San also loved anything beautiful. San was just as comfortable, confident and beautiful in sweatpants and no makeup as she was in a full sequined gown and 5-inch heels. Never one for tradition, San knew herself and knew what looked good on her. She was never one to follow trends and

was usually years ahead of fashion trends.

San took great pride in her home and no matter how much or how little money they had, she made her home a comfortable place to live and a beauty to behold. Shag carpets on the walls. Purposely broken then reassembled mirrors. Artwork displaying established and up-and-coming African-American artists adorned her walls. All in an effort to surround her family in beauty. “Beautiful is whatever or whoever YOU call beautiful”, she would tell her children.

Mom was the mother of three, Tommy Lee, Jr. of Charlotte, NC (Sharon), Marlon Richard of Bessemer City, NC (Patricia), and Antoinetta Terese of Mt. Holly, NC. She loved her children fiercely and completely.

Sis leaves behind her siblings Mary Emma Oree Thomas (Laray) of Youngstown, OH, Phyllis Ann Oree Brewer and Elizabeth Carol Oree both of Dallas, NC, Gloria Louise Oree Draper of Newington, CT and Barbara Jean Oree of Hartford, CT and *William Oree, III (Brenda) of Youngstown, OH.

Grandma Oree leaves behind her beloved grandchildren, Oree Believe of South Bend, IN, Zion Zubari, Isaiah Jsahni, and Solomon Soul of Charlotte, NC. Noah Smith of Bessemer City, Jonathan Schoenholz of Charlotte, NC and Joshua Schoenholz of Charlotte, NC

Sandy had many friends – many of which were not brothers and sisters by blood, but siblings of the heart: Joi Fant of Toledo, OH, Dorothy Walker of Rock Hill, SC, Seretha Henderson of XXX, NC, Brenda & Ronald Williams of Weddington, NC, Margie Mitchell of Bloomfield, CT, Judea Green of Clinton, NC and Kathryn Hughey of Portland, CT.

Aunt San had a host of nieces, nephews, godchildren, cousins, aunts, uncles,

and other family members, too numerous to name individually, that spread across the timeline of her beautiful, beautiful life. We were all privileged to be touched by her love and she will be sorely missed.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ I lived beside Mrs. Sandy for almost 8 years, she was the best neighbor you could ever ask for, but she was more than just a neighbor, I could come and talk to her about life or just sit and chat about nothing in particular. She always thought about me and my boys. We use to get so tickled at her starting decorating for christmas at Halloween, but oh it was always so beautiful and warming. She was a beautiful special soul and I will never ever forget her. I feel so.blessed to have got to know and be apart of you. I love you Mrs. Sandy ♥

Jessica Chasteen - December 15, 2019 at 11:52 AM

DS

“ My condolences to the family. I remember Sandra from Monroe Elementary . She was a sweet girl everyone liked.. A beautiful person inside and out. Praying for your family.

Doris Satterwhite - December 13, 2019 at 01:09 AM

DS

“ I remember Sandra from grade school. She was a kind person then. Everyone liked her. My condolences to her family and friends.

Doris Satterwhite - December 12, 2019 at 06:20 PM

JD

“*"Mama Brown" This is the name I shall always think of her. She opened her heart to so many, she gave guidance, support, laughter and LOVE. I am truly sorry for the loss of a wonderful woman, but I take comfort knowing her beautiful soul lives on in everyone she has touched. My love reaches out to you Terri, Tommy & Marlon. I send love, hugs and prayers that today will be a true celebration of your mom's life. I wish I could be there.*

Julie

Julie Dessin - December 11, 2019 at 11:12 AM

MR

“*May the family be comforted by the memories and love that your imprint left for them. Tommie Lee may God give you peace 🕊️ during this difficult time. I am thinking of you and your beautiful family.*

With sincere condolences, prayers and light,

*Mychilette Roberson - Bowen
and Family*

Mychilette Roberson-Bowen - December 11, 2019 at 07:16 AM

JB

“*Tommy and Family, You all have my Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Joanne Bease - December 11, 2019 at 06:54 AM

JF

“ *Joi Carter Fant lit a candle in memory of Sandra Gail Oree*



Joi Carter Fant - December 11, 2019 at 12:45 AM

WC

“ *I knew San thru my sister Joi..It was like she knew us all of her life. We laughed and always had great times. My kids called Aunt San, and they loved her too. She was with us when our father died and she had to hold my daughter down..we had a big laugh about it later..My prayersand prayers are with you all and even tho I never met you all, you're my family and I'm love you all. FLY HIGH MY FRIEND* □

Wili Carter - December 10, 2019 at 10:02 PM

DC

“ *my heart is truly heavy. sand was like a sister to me and my siblings. I remember her and I went shoe shopping, she brought me about 20 pairs of shoes and we always laugh about those dolls[inside joke] all of tou are in my prayers, look to god for your comfort. RIH MY DEAR SISTER YOU WILL BE MISSED.*

DOROTHY CAETER - December 10, 2019 at 04:27 PM

DE

Praying for your Family!

DeLois - December 10, 2019 at 10:50 PM

GD

I will miss my sister dearly, the last thing she said to me was that she couldn't wait till I got there to stay with her for Thanksgiving. We were looking forward to that visit together. Rest in Peace my beautiful sister, I will always love you and will keep you in my heart forever.

Gloria L Draper - December 15, 2019 at 05:54 PM

LO

I will miss you aunt San dearly, we shared so good times together and laughed a lot RIP Love you Latrice Oree

Latrice Oree - December 15, 2019 at 05:56 PM

LD

Aunt San, you were like a mother to me every since I moved to Charlotte. I will miss you dearly. We have always had a good time through the ups and downs. RIP my second mother. I will love you always. Lavonne Draper

Lavonne Draper - December 15, 2019 at 06:01 PM

MD

I will love and miss you auntie San, you always made me feel like one of your own grandkids. RIHP love always.

Mike Draper - December 15, 2019 at 06:06 PM