



## William Sorrells

January 16, 1934 - January 13, 2021

William Lawrence Sorrells was birthed into this world on January 16, 1934 at 9:34 pm to Benjamin Harrison and Elsie Lucille Sorrells (Powell) in Gladstone, Virginia. He departed the earth realm and returned to his Heavenly Father on January 13, 2021 at 3:10 am. He was the second of eight children: James, Dennis, Samuel Warren, Randolph, Oliver Carlton, Edith Jeanette and Mary Emma.

William (Bill) had a desire to work and with little work to be found in Gladstone, Virginia, he relocated to Chicago, Illinois at the age of 16. He found work in the dry-cleaning industry where he continued working until he began working at Sweetheart Cup Corporation where he worked until his retirement in 1996. He met Melvina Gertrude Diggs, they fell in love and were united in holy matrimony on April 15, 1954. Their union was blessed with four daughters: Leslie, Donna, Kim and Linda. Melvina pre-deceased William on July 11, 1990.

On January 16, 1996, William was united in holy matrimony to Christene Dykes-Sorrells. He became the proud stepfather to three sons, Kevin Dykes and twin brothers, Andre & Andrell Dykes. He also became the grandfather to Justin Deloney and took part in raising him as a grandson. Christene pre-deceased William on November 5, 2014.

William loved working with his hands and worked on cars as a hobby and as a blessing to others. He loved helping others and was instrumental in keeping many cars running until families, friends and acquaintances could purchase better vehicles. He loved gardening for pleasure, especially post-retirement, and even grew vegetables he didn't eat, simply to see them grow and give them away. He enjoyed fishing and shared this love with everyone in his family. There were many fish fries that followed his fishing trips and of course, stories about the "big ones that got away". Creating a family and leaving a legacy of love and kindness were very important to him. He was a family man who would do anything he could to help his family and others, often teaching them the skills he had. He enjoyed family gatherings and was infamous for the best dinner rolls ever, and in fact was a great cook. He thoroughly enjoyed retirement, and would sit for hours reading his Bible and often reading through the Bible multiple times each year.

He joined Zion Travelers Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Alfred E. Smith in 1984 where he served faithfully as a Deacon and as a member of the Finance Committee. He loved his church and inspired many in their relationship with God.

He leaves to cherish his memory, four daughters, Leslie (Dupree), Donna, Kim and Linda (Michael), eight grandchildren, Terrance (Sarina), Latrice, Preston, Patrick, Jonathan, Ethan, Elena and Joshua, ten great-grandchildren, one sister-in-law, Essie Sorrells, three stepsons, and a host of nieces, nephews and other family members and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Lincoln Cemetery

11900 S Kedzie Ave  
Blue Island, IL 60803

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

Travis Funeral Home, LLC  
14338 S Indiana Ave  
Riverdale, IL 60827  
(708) 849-2900  
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## Viewing

JAN 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Live-stream: Travis Funeral Home Facebook Page

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JAN 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Travis Funeral Home, LLC created a Tribute Video in memory of William Sorrells*



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**Travis Funeral Home, LLC** - January 16, 2021 at 04:26 PM

DW

*I only met your dad once, but I know what a father's love can give to his family. You were blessed to have that love for as long as you did and may it hold and comfort you during this time of grief. My prayers and blessings go with you and your family.*

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**Darlene Williams** - January 19, 2021 at 11:18 AM

KA

*May God's comfort heal your hearts today. You all have wonderful memories that will last for many generations. So let your heart not be troubled for your Dad, Granddad is safe in his Heavenly Home. Leslie, Terry, Latrice, Kim & the rest of the family the Agnew send you our love & Hugs. Lamar & Kawana Agnew & Family*

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**Kawana Agnew** - January 19, 2021 at 12:05 PM

MM

“ I met Mr. Sorrell in his daughter Kim's office his bright smile and laugh made my day. I am sending love and prayers to his family and friends. I know this time of transition is difficult and while we are happy for all the time Mr. Sorrells was with us there is never enough time for our hearts. May his memory and legacy live on for generations yet to come. Sincerely,  
Maria Munoz

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**Maria Munoz** - January 19, 2021 at 12:26 PM

AC

*I wish Kim , Joshua, and the family my sincerest sympathy on the passing of Mr. Sorrells. I hope the wonderful memories will sustain all of you at this very sad time. I'm sure he was very proud of his daughter Kim and all that she has accomplished in her life. In sympathy, Amy Campanelli*

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**Amy Campanelli** - January 19, 2021 at 12:34 PM

LF

“ Georgia and I offer our condolences to the Sorrells family. Mr. Sorrells was a patriarch whose legacy, through his children, will be remembered. Lester and Georgia

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**Lester Finkle** - January 19, 2021 at 12:20 PM

DW

“ Darlene Williams lit a candle in memory of William Sorrells



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**Darlene Williams** - January 19, 2021 at 12:10 PM

JW

“ *My friend and fellow deacon will be greatly missed! Deacon Sorrells always had a story to tell and an encouraging word to give. He always lit up when he spoke about his children. May he rest in peace.*

*Dr. Deacon Jewel Walker.*

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**jewel Walker** - January 19, 2021 at 12:09 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William Sorrells.*



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January 19, 2021 at 09:42 AM

SG

“ *May God comfort you in the days ahead. May tears turn to a smile and then laughter. Your Dad lived well and has left you all with wonderful memories. God bless you all. Love, Sandra Glenn*

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**Sandra Glenn** - January 19, 2021 at 08:32 AM

SF

“ *Sarina Beverly & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Sorrells.*



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**Sarina Beverly & Family** - January 18, 2021 at 09:47 PM

LE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Leslie Trimuel - January 18, 2021 at 12:12 PM

DG

*I thank the Lord for having known Deacon Sorrells as a friend and brother. His strong work ethic and faithfulness to family and church will never be forgotten. REST IN PEACE MY BROTHER!!! and to his daughters you are blessed to have had such a man as your father. Pray for you all. Min. Dennis & Loretha Garden*

Dennis Garden - January 19, 2021 at 08:58 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Sorrells.



January 17, 2021 at 11:29 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Sorrells.



January 17, 2021 at 01:52 PM

LS

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



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Linda Sorrells-Smith - January 17, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William Sorrells.



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January 16, 2021 at 07:00 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Sorrells.



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January 16, 2021 at 06:43 PM

RS

“ Regina W. Sampson purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of William Sorrells.



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**Regina W. Sampson** - January 16, 2021 at 12:21 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Sorrells.



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January 15, 2021 at 04:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Sorrells.



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January 15, 2021 at 10:21 AM