



## Turtle Sanders (Darian Kirkpatrick)

February 9, 2007 - October 14, 2023

Turtle Sanders (Darian Kirkpatrick), age 16, of McIntyre, died Saturday, October 14, 2023. A Celebration of Life service will be conducted Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 2:00 PM in the Chapel of Williams Funeral Home with the Rev. Phil Rogers officiating. The family will receive friends at the Williams Funeral Home on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 from 1:00 PM until the service time.

Turtle Sanders was born in Albuquerque, NM, but had made her home in Georgia for most of her life. She was a Junior at Wilkinson County High School, where she was a member of the Beta Club, and also former cheerleader. She was in the dual enrollment program at GMC College and a member of the National Honors Society. Turtle loved to play soccer and dance. She worked at Surcheros in Milledgeville. Turtle was an independent person but was taught to always check on and befriend people sitting alone. She always tried to bring joy and happiness to others. She was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Survivors include her parents, Carrie and Doug Sanders, Jr. of McIntyre ; her brother, Nick Famiglietta of Milledgeville ; her sisters, Natasha Wilkerson of Albuquerque, NM, and Connie Sanders of Kathleen; her grandparents, Sybil Jones (Larry) of SC, Doug Sanders of Gordon, and Patricia Tullis (Robert) of Sparta ; great grandparents, Ruby Tarte of SC and Martha Bevins (Paul) of Gordon ; her best friend and pet companion, Roxie. A number of nieces and nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles also survive.

A 2nd Celebration of Life service will be conducted at The Palace at Wilkinson County High School at 6 PM

The family has requested, in lieu of flowers, that friends make memorial donations (<https://www.williamsfuneralhome.net/payments-and-donations/donations>) to assist with expenses.

You may view and sign the online guest book at [www.williamsfuneralhome.net](http://www.williamsfuneralhome.net)

Williams Funeral Home and Crematory of Milledgeville is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

OCT 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville  
1670 N. Jefferson St.  
Milledgeville, GA 31061  
(478) 452-2148  
staff@williamsfuneralhome.net  
<https://www.williamsfuneralhome.net>

### Celebration of Life

OCT 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

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### A Second Celebration of Life Service

OCT 18. 6:00 PM (ET)

The Palace at Wilkinson County High School  
11481 GA Hwy. 57  
McIntyre, GA 31054

# Tribute Wall



“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Webcast will start approximately 10 minutes before the service in memory of Turtle Sanders (Darian Kirkpatrick)



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - October 18, 2023 at 12:52 PM

DA

“ This is Daniel Clemons I texted her for almost a year and she was very nice and inspiring.

Daniel - November 08, 2023 at 09:30 PM

ML

“ Turtle was the Wilco Middle School FCA president in 2019. She was a born leader and served God with gladness. I was always honored to be in her presence. Job well done, now take your rest!



Mrs. Larkin - October 22, 2023 at 09:57 PM

LM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Friends at Johnnie McDade. 🙏❤️🙏

Luther Minor - October 21, 2023 at 10:21 AM

JH

“ I remember her Grandmother Patti, ( my cousin ) telling me about her when they were together when she was young. Such a loss for the family. You have our Deepest Sympathy . Joy Jean and Bruce Hughes

Joy Hughes - October 20, 2023 at 03:54 PM

WM

“ Carrie, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. Know in the coming days ahead, God will lead and guide you and comfort you you to face another day.

Wayne Marsh  
Douglas, Ga.



Wayne Marsh - October 19, 2023 at 08:16 PM

DC

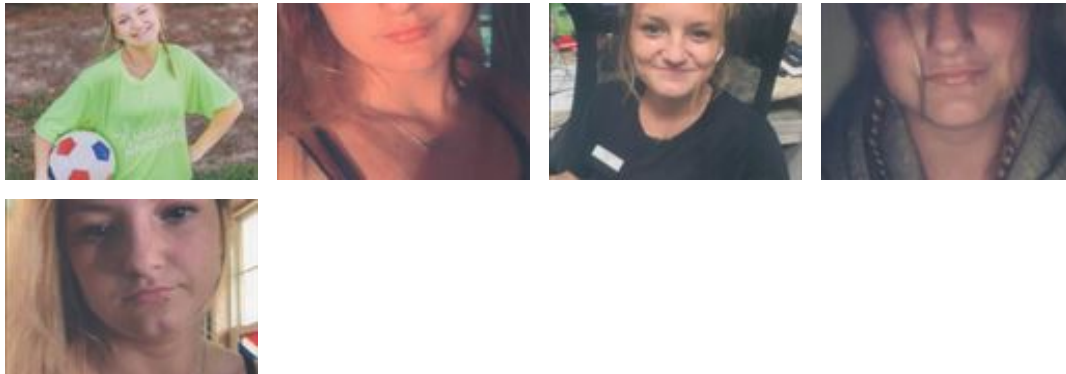
“ RIP our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time!!!! Donna Carey and Family !!!!!



Donna Carey - October 18, 2023 at 02:08 PM



“ 86 files added to the album LifeTributes



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - October 18, 2023 at 08:34 AM

AT

“ Me and Turtle went to daycare together when we were younger and were very close, we had just started to talk more and get closer as she passed. she was the kindest soul to walk this earth. her words, her actions, her kindness, everything about that girl was sweet. i had never heard a hurtful word come out of that girls mouth from the time we were 3 to october 14th, 2023. her soul was too kind for this hurtful world.

ainsley tyson - October 18, 2023 at 07:17 AM

HM

“ I seen turtle a lot during school and this past summer I attended a teen camp at Emmanuel and turtle would always be around smiling and helping out whenever she could, she always asked me how I was. I know she is much happier now rest easy turtle

hunter meeks - October 17, 2023 at 06:46 PM

SF

“ Turtle was nothing but kind to me. We were just starting to get closer but she would tell me how beautiful I was all the time and we would go back and fourth on how pretty she was I absolutely loved her so much.

suria-hope faircloth - October 17, 2023 at 03:38 PM

WT

“ 25 files added to the album WCHS Pics

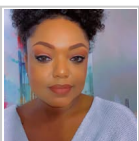


WCHS Media Team - October 17, 2023 at 03:20 PM

TR

“ I had the pleasure of having Turtle as a student in my Primary computer lab class. She was a very sweet, well-mannered, and lovable girl. Years later I recalled seeing Turtle dance with other students for a Black History Program. She performed really well. Turtle will truly be missed. Sleep well princess. 💕💕

Tomika Reeves - October 17, 2023 at 02:16 PM



“ My 17 yo son was friends with her and he had nothing but nice things to say about her. My deepest condolences to her family on behalf of mine

Melanie Daria - October 17, 2023 at 01:50 PM

EP

“ I remember when Turtle attended Gordon First Baptist Church. She and Darla DeCarle would sing in church Childrens Christmas program. They were so cute.



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**Emily Proctor** - October 17, 2023 at 11:25 AM