

Acknowledgements

The family of Nathaniel A. Samuels extends our heartfelt gratitude for the many expressions of love, prayers, service, and support shown during our time of bereavement. Your kindness, compassion, and comforting words have been a source of strength and encouragement to us.

We are especially grateful to the staff of the Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Applied Home Health of Houston, Texas, for the exceptional care, dedication, and compassion they provided to Nathan.

We also give special thanks to Ms. Jennifer Floyd, Funeral Director at San Antonio College Mortuary, for her professionalism, guidance, and support throughout this process, as well as to Winford Funeral Home in Houston, Texas, for their care and service.

May God bless each of you for your love and kindness.

Final Resting Place

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach Road
San Antonio, TX 78209

Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 10:15 AM

Repass:

Luby's Restaurant
911 N Main Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78212

Professional Services Entrusted To:

San Antonio College Mortuary
218 W. Ashby Place
San Antonio, TX 78212
Ms. Jennifer Floyd, Funeral Director
Office: 210-486-1000
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HONORING THE *Life of* *Nathaniel Alphonse Samuels*



SUNRISE

MAY 16, 1962

SUNSET

JANUARY 17, 2026

VISITATION

JANUARY 30, 2026

SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE MORTUARY
218 W ASHBY PLACE, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78212

BISHOP BRENT M. BRYANT, SR. OFFICATING
REDEEMING GRACE CHURCH
4500 NORTH FOSTER RD
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78244



Obituary

Nathaniel Alphonso Samuels was born on May 16, 1962, in Passaic, New Jersey. He attended the Newark Public School System during his early years. At the age of 12, he went to live with his aunt and uncle, Jennifer and Nathaniel Manning, in Willingboro, New Jersey.

In 1979, Nathaniel moved to San Antonio, Texas, with his Aunt Jennifer, who later became his legal guardian and beloved mother. He attended Judson High School, where he ran track and participated in the Medical Sciences program. With aspirations of becoming a Medical Biochemist, he graduated in 1980 and soon after enlisted in the United States Army. Nathaniel proudly served his country for eight years.

After separating from the Army, he returned to Texas and settled in Austin, where he worked as a manager for Toys "R" Us. Determined to further his education, he earned an Associate Degree in Electrical Engineering. This accomplishment led him to Houston, Texas, where he built a successful career as an IT Technician with Sprint, T-Mobile, and Asurion. He also served several years as a supervisor in shipping and receiving with FedEx.

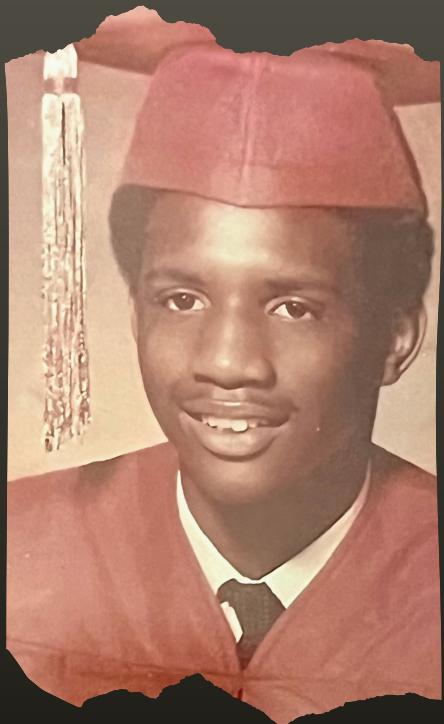
Nathaniel had a zest for life and a love for adventure. He enjoyed dancing, zip lining, decorating his home, and trying new experiences. Dressing well was one of his greatest passions, earning him the affectionate nickname "Mr. GQ." He also loved to travel and was especially devoted to his mother, Jennifer, insisting on accompanying her so she would never travel alone.

Nathaniel was a genuine, fun-loving, and kindhearted gentleman who was respected and cherished by many. His warm spirit, laughter, and generosity left a lasting impression on all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Bessie Davis, and two brothers, Roy Julius Samuels and Thomas Christopher Samuels.

Nathaniel leaves to cherish his memory his loving mother, Jennifer Davis; three sisters, Daisy Samuels, Yvette Mitchell, and Naomi Blue; five brothers, Charles Samuels, Dollar Samuels (Shayna), Rashon Simpson (Stacy), James Boyd, and Nathaniel Manning, III (Dawn); sister in law, Tyronda Samuels; his birth mother, Gloria Chapman; the beloved Adams family of Houston, Texas; Ms. Juanita Hayward of New Jersey; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Memories



“My Nathan, My Forever Son”

From the day God placed you in my care,

My precious gift, my pride,

I knew my life was brighter then

With you right by my side.

From New Jersey streets to Texas dreams,

I watched you grow so strong,

With courage in your heart, my son,

And faith to lead you on.

You wore your strength with dignity,

Your kindness showed each day,

With “Mr. GQ” style and grace,

You lit up every way.

You served your country faithfully,

With honor, heart, and pride,

And stood beside your mama, son,

On every journey’s ride.

From dancing feet to distant lands,

From laughter to deep prayer,

You showed the world how love looks true

By always being there.

Though Heaven now has called you home,

My heart still holds your face,

Your voice, your smile, your gentle ways,

No time will ever erase.

Until the day God calls me too,

And we meet once again,

I’ll carry you in every breath,

My child, my dearest friend.

Sleep peacefully, my precious son,

Wrapped in eternal love—

Your mama’s heart walks close with you,

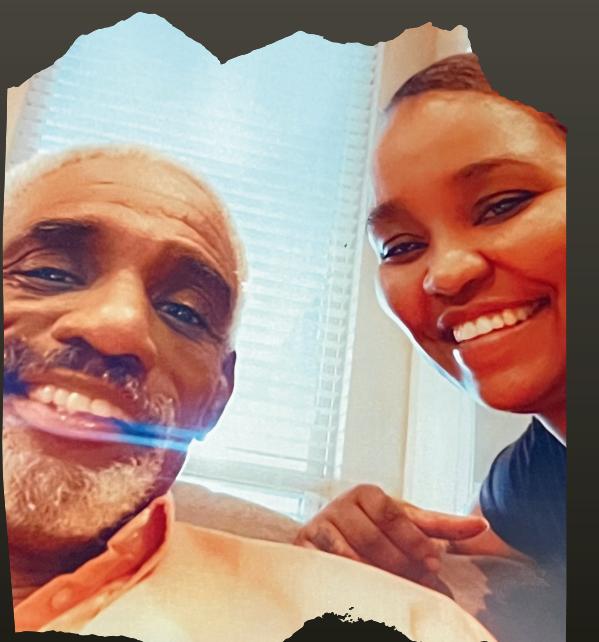
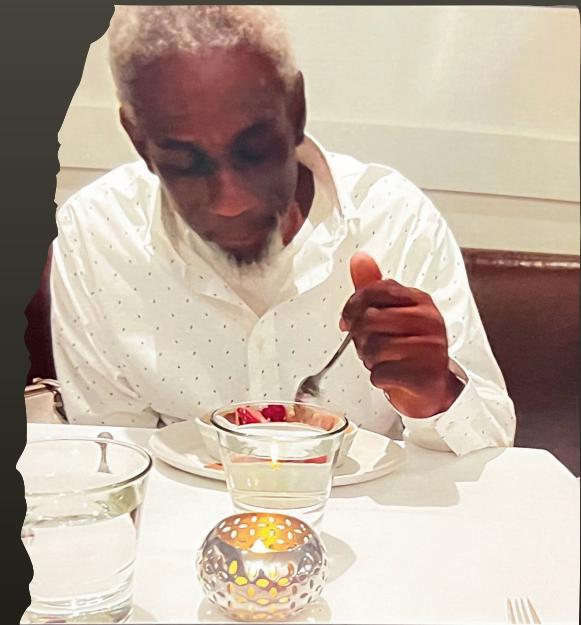
And God’s arms up above.

Love, Mom

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“A Soldier’s Legacy”

He stood in strength and discipline,
With courage tried and true,
He answered when his country called—
And proudly saw it through.
In uniform, with steady heart,
He served with honor, pride,
Protecting dreams of freedom
With valor as his guide.
Through sacrifice and silent strength,
Through duty’s chosen way,
He gave his best for liberty
Each night and every day.
Not just a soldier strong and brave,
But gentle, kind, and wise,
A loving son, a faithful friend,
With warmth within his eyes.
Now Heaven stands at attention,
As angels line the way,
Saluting one who served with grace
And honor every day.
Rest easy now, dear soldier,
Your watch on Earth is done,
Your duty stands forever proud—
Well served, beloved son.