



## Brother D S "Nathaniel" Summers

April 19, 1937 - March 30, 2020

D.S. (Nathaniel) SUMMERS was born in St. George, South Carolina on April 19, 1937 to Shelly and Ora Summers. He was their third child. His father, Shelly Summers Sr. and Ora Summers were born in St. George SC. On September 1949 at the age of 36, while living in Mappsville Virginia, Shelly was tragically killed in a car accident. At an Early age, he learned how to be a strong provider. He understood the importance of being a strong leader and role model for his younger siblings. The skills he learned built a foundation for his adult life as a father, husband, church member and leader. On March 30, 2020, D.S. made his transition into the hands of his heavenly father.

D.S. (NATHANIEL) SUMMERS was a man of his WORD.

### Man of Faith

In 1958, in Pahokee, Florida, Nathaniel first met Azalene Hall. They were married for 60 years. He believed in family and marriage. They had two children. Nathaniel believed so much in family, that he would round up the family and children and made sure that everyone was getting the Word of God. He took everyone to church with him and if the car was full, he made the kids walk to the church. We still had to beat him to the church. We could not be late.

### FAMILY

Nathaniel was always encouraging family gatherings. Every summer, he would take us to meet different family members from Carolina to Georgia and New Jersey. He made sure we were going to see family.

He was a Serious and Dedicated man. Once he said it, it was going happen! Whatever he said, he believed in what he was talking about. If Nathaniel said, "I was going to whip you" then he was going to whip you. Nathaniel built his life around his community, church and family.

## COMMUNITY

He believed in giving everyone the RESPECT due to them. He said, "You respect everybody, and you expect them to respect you." As a friend and neighbor, he always made himself available to assist others. Nathaniel would always make it his business to lend a helping hand to others. Every voting season he would round up the elderly and take them to vote. When church was over, he would stay behind to make sure all tasks was completed. He would not leave until everything was accounted for. He loved his church, pastor and above all the Word of God.

## The Family

Preceded him in death, his father and mother, : Shelly and Ora Summers, had 11 children: Jessie James, Shelly Jr, Nathaniel, Mary Alice, Altomese, Leroy, Florine, and Alonzo.

Nathaniel leaves to celebrate his life and legacy; his wife of 60 years: Azalene Summers; daughter: Connie Graham and son: siblings Alphonse Hudson; Barbara Ann, Mary Lee and Viola (all from the Central Florida area.)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **10**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel  
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.  
Apopka, FL 32703  
(407) 886-3388

## Graveside Service

APR **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Winter Garden Cemetery  
13636 Lake Butler Blvd.  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brother D S "Nathaniel" Summers*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Charliemae Simmons Davis** - April 11, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



**Charliemae Simmons Davis** - April 11, 2020 at 11:25 AM



“ *#SummersFamilyCircleOfLOVE - IN HONOR OF OUR COUSIN NATHANIEL from The Children of the late Harold M. Simmons, Sr (1st Cousin)*



**Charliemae Simmons Davis** - April 11, 2020 at 11:11 AM

CD

“ *Charliemae Simmons Davis lit a candle in memory of Brother D S "Nathaniel" Summers*



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**Charliemae Simmons Davis** - April 11, 2020 at 11:06 AM

CD

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Charliemae Simmons Davis** - April 11, 2020 at 09:44 AM

LC

“ *Cousin Azelene and Family,  
We send our deepest sympathy during this time of grief. You have been and will continue to be in our prayers. Love you!  
hashtag ##SUMMERSFAMILYCIRCLEOFLOVE - NATHANIEL SUMMERS 🌹  
Chris and Lisa (Simmons) Cunningham - Jacksonville, Florida  
Harold Simmons Sr. (Daughter)  
St. Augustine, Florida*

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**Lisa and Chris Cunningham** - April 10, 2020 at 10:32 PM

SS

“ Dear Cousin Azalene,

*Praying for you and family and wishing we could be there. So sorry to hear about Nathaniel and know you were there to support and care for him every minute! We will miss him at the Summers Family Reunions! I know you all Enjoyed many trips to South Carolina and the "Grits Festival." My parents Lizzie and Grant always enjoyed the visits in SC and to Florida!! Your home was always open to family. I know Nathaniel will be dearly missed. We have so many wonderful memories!!* ❤️ 🙏



*Love you Much,  
Cousin Sharon Scott & Family  
Columbia, SC  
#Familyfirst for Nathaniel Summers* ❤️

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**Sharon Scott** - April 10, 2020 at 08:49 PM

“ *Special Days*



*I remember those special days of laughters  
and cheers*

*Bringing things of old into remembrance*

*Keeping traditions alive by staying in touch with love ones and  
friends*

*Those days I held close to my heart through thick and thin*

*I remember those special days where I couldn't get out of bed  
from the sweat of my brows and tears falling from my chin*

*Those days I struggled but I held on as much as I could*

*Remembering those special days kept me like the Lord said he  
would*

*Special days warmed my skin as well as my heart*

*Often leaving a sunburn but I didn't mind if it left a mark*

*The breeze and light covering shade from the old willow tree*

*Kept the kids occupied as I fell fast asleep*

*Those days are the days I held dear to me*

*As I start my new journey, I expect you to hold on to those days and*

*remember me*

*Tell my cousins and great grands of those special days*

*Good and bad*

*But don't forget to tell them about my favorite day*

*When I held on tightly to my Lord's hands*

*By: Sa'Von Garrett*

*From: Rose Garrett, Dana Garrett, and Sa'Von Garrett*

*Your South Carolina's loved Cousin Nat. Cousin Azalene thank you for taking care of our Cousin Nat. To all of Summers family we love each of you.*

*With love*

*Mickey*

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**The Garretts'** - April 10, 2020 at 07:43 PM

LB

“ L.C., Patricia, and his Bonhams purchased the D  
elightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Brother D  
S "Nathaniel" Summers.



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**L.C., Patricia, and his Bonhams** - April 07, 2020 at 04:33 PM

DC

“ *Diane T Coleman lit a candle in memory of Brother D S "Nathaniel" Summers*



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**Diane T Coleman** - April 05, 2020 at 03:58 PM

JT

“ *To: Azalene and Family,  
The deep sorrow and grief you are experiencing and will continue to experience; know that Yahweh your Heavenly Father is with you to help you bear it. For it is written Hebrews 13:05 ... I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong in Yahweh!  
... Grace be with you all. (Titus 3:15)  
Love You,  
James & Lucy Toombs*



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**James Toombs** - April 04, 2020 at 06:21 PM

JT

“ *James Toombs lit a candle in memory of Brother D S "Nathaniel" Summers*



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**James Toombs** - April 04, 2020 at 06:12 PM

LB

“ *Dearest Cousin Azalene and Family: Please accept the heartfelt condolences of my family and Patricia. I feel blessed to have been reunited with you and Nate after 50 years. Our God knows all and He saw to it that we could have this time together. I cannot say that I understand how you feel. I can say that I have undergone the same experience with losing my wife. You are not alone...God gives us only so much time...I trust that you made the most of it on this earth. Make all memories into positive; may "Nate" be in heaven at least three days before the devil realizes that he is with our God.*



Love,  
LC.

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**L.C. Bonham** - April 03, 2020 at 08:44 PM

SN

“ *Scherill Waters Newsome lit a candle in memory of Brother D S "Nathaniel" Summers*



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**Scherill Waters Newsome** - April 03, 2020 at 10:52 AM