



George T. Sanders

August 20, 1948 - August 13, 2016

George Tilford Sanders, age 67 years, a resident of Stuart, Florida and a native of Vienna, passed away Saturday, August 13, 2016, at 1:55 PM at the Treasure Coast Hospice Center in Stuart.

George was born August 20, 1948 in Marion, Illinois. He was the son of Tilford and Grace Elzora (Mathis) Sanders.

George is survived by: his children – Erica Sanders of O’Fallon, Laurie (her husband, Todd) Wagner of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, and Mark Sanders of Chicago; 4 grandchildren – Chase Sanders of O’Fallon, and Taylor, Logan, and River Hope Wagner all of Highlands Ranch, Colorado; 6 sisters – Jane (her husband, Sherman) McClellan of Baytown, Texas, Mary (her husband, Bob) Harper of Tunnel Hill, Myra (her husband, Howard Ray) Powell of Ozark, Sharon Folkman of Bismark, Sally (her husband, Clyde) Taylor of Vienna and Judy Nutty of Vienna; his companion – Celeste Worsnop of Port St. Lucie, Florida, his faithful canine companions – Jake and Pinocchio, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and many dear friends.

In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by: 4 sisters – Holly Colleen Sanders, Betty Daniels, Connie Garner and Vickie Webb; a brother – James “Jim” Sanders, as well as his maternal and paternal grandparents.

George attended grade school and middle school in Vienna, Aurora and Elgin. Later, his father's work returned the family to Southern Illinois and George was a 1966 graduate of Vienna High School.

George served in the U.S. Army National Guard. After earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, George began his career in sales and distribution. He networked throughout the United States, later expanding to France and Italy. After moving to Florida, he obtained a franchise as the owner/operator of the air and ground shipping company, Treasure Coast Freight Savers, until his retirement.

George was of the Catholic faith. His interests included reading, travel, ocean life, astronomy and spending time with family and friends. He was an avid Miami Heat NBA basketball fan.

A memorial service honoring the life of George Sanders will be conducted Saturday afternoon, August 27, 2016, at 2 PM at Vienna Fraternal Cemetery. Those attending the service are asked to gather at the cemetery at 1:45 PM.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905.

George's daily goal and motto was from the writing "A New Day" which reads: "This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it...or use it for good, but what I do today is important, because I am exchanging a day of my life for it! When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something that I have traded for it. I want it to be gain, and not loss; good and not evil; success, and not failure; in order that I shall not regret the price that I have paid for it."

Cemetery Details

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery
N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Tribute Wall

CW

“ Hello my sweet George. I'm thinking about you as it was eight years ago today that you transitioned. Although I miss you, I know you're part of the beautiful, eternal, universal One. I so wish our 20 year temporal life together could have lasted a bit longer. Do you remember that kind and selfless note you left on Dr. Foldes' syllabus sitting on the kitchen table? That you thought he had a crush on me, but that you didn't blame him...and that you loved me? I didn't agree that he had such feelings for me. Ultimately however, you were right. He and I are now happily married. You thought he was a good man and he thought the same of you. I am one of the fortunate ones to have experienced real caring and true love in this life. I want anyone who may read this to know with certain certainty, that with all the heartache you dealt with in life, that you were, and continue on, as a funny, clever, thoughtful, accomplished, kind, compassionate and Good being. As you might say, "You're finer than a frog hair". See you later George and hug Jake for me. Thanks for the memories and the love. Celeste

Celeste Worsnop - August 13, 2024 at 03:52 PM



“ George T. Sanders

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM

LW

“ Linda Shetler Weatherford lit a candle in memory of George T. Sanders



Linda Shetler Weatherford - September 03, 2016 at 10:05 PM

TS

“ George, you were the reason I moved to Florida and began a new life, and raised three fantastic kids. I remember you offering me a job if I ever wanted to move to Florida. I can never thank you enough for that. Although we went separate ways throughout the years I will always be grateful I had the chance to know and work with you, may you R.I.P. now
Terry Spain

Terry Spain - September 01, 2016 at 08:09 AM

MS

“ You were my father, though I never got the chance to know you. If any of my family... ANY of the Sanders clan, could reach out to me and show me a picture, or a video.. I sure would love to hear his voice. RIP Dad.

Mark Sanders - August 31, 2016 at 09:38 PM

 Joan Fisher

Mark, I was married to your dad for a short while well after your mom, Shelby and dad divorced. Your dad was full of laughter. We had a lot of fun together. He spoke of you and his daughters and how he had wished to have been closer to you all. I'm sorry you never got to meet him. I'll see if I can locate any photos of him. Please send me your email or fb account so that I can pass anything onto you. Your dad even stopped by my house, about 2 years ago, to ask for amends for any wrongdoing he may have done. He was pretty frail then and needed assistance back to his vehicle after we chatted for about an hour.

Joan Fisher - August 14, 2017 at 11:17 AM

MF

“ *Mary Jaye Faulkner lit a candle in memory of George T. Sanders*



Mary Jaye Faulkner - August 24, 2016 at 08:37 AM

JU

“ *Julie lit a candle in memory of George T. Sanders*



Julie - August 24, 2016 at 07:26 AM

TC

“ *Tracy Clements lit a candle in memory of George T. Sanders*



Tracy Clements - August 24, 2016 at 06:24 AM

 Ron
McBride

“ *Ron McBride lit a candle in memory of George T. Sanders*



Ron McBride - August 20, 2016 at 04:53 AM

KG

“ *Kenny And Sue Goddard lit a candle in memory of George T. Sanders*



Kenny and sue Goddard - August 19, 2016 at 08:52 PM

LT

“ *Leslie Turley lit a candle in memory of George T. Sanders*



Leslie Turley - August 19, 2016 at 04:54 PM

VT

“ *My sincere condolences to the family of George Sanders. May you find comfort in your loving memories, and in God's promise to soon "swallow up death forever" and "wipe away the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25;8) With deepest sympathy,*

V. Thompson - August 18, 2016 at 08:11 PM

TC

“ *Tim Clements lit a candle in memory of George T. Sanders*



Tim Clements - August 18, 2016 at 07:49 PM

TC

I'm so happy that we have got to know each other after many years apart growing up as my uncle George Now As adults, we have grown even closer and so alike in so many ways lots of BS, laughter, tears , comfort & i will always cherish those moments we had together. You have a special place in my heart Love Tim

Tim Clements - August 18, 2016 at 08:04 PM

JS

“ *John & Nadene Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of George T. Sanders*



John & Nadene Slack - August 18, 2016 at 12:26 PM

JJ

“ *Jerry & Elaine Jackson lit a candle in memory of George T. Sanders*



Jerry & Elaine Jackson - August 17, 2016 at 04:31 PM

WD

“ *Wayne Dunn lit a candle in memory of George T. Sanders*



Wayne Dunn - August 16, 2016 at 08:48 PM

LG

“ Lora Goddard lit a candle in memory of George T. Sanders



Lora Goddard - August 16, 2016 at 08:42 PM

LG

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Lora Goddard - August 16, 2016 at 08:41 PM

BW

“ Bill & Barb Warmack lit a candle in memory of George T. Sanders



Bill & Barb Warmack - August 16, 2016 at 06:24 PM

FK

“ Floyd & Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of George T. Sanders



Floyd & Linda Koehler - August 16, 2016 at 06:30 AM



“ *Cracra Morris lit a candle in memory of George T. Sanders*



Cracra Morris - August 15, 2016 at 04:37 PM

NB

“ *Nancy & Ray Breeden lit a candle in memory of George T. Sanders*



Nancy & Ray Breeden - August 15, 2016 at 03:18 PM

CW

“ *Clearon And Janeross Wright lit a candle in memory of George T. Sanders*



Clearon And Janeross Wright - August 15, 2016 at 02:50 PM

ST

“ *Scott And Kay Tapley lit a candle in memory of George T. Sanders*



Scott and Kay Tapley - August 15, 2016 at 01:29 PM

ER

“ *Elaine Rotan sent a virtual gift in memory of George T. Sanders*



Elaine Rotan - August 15, 2016 at 10:37 AM

JR

“ *James & Diane Rainbot lit a candle in memory of George T. Sanders*



James & Diane Rainbot - August 15, 2016 at 09:11 AM

KB

“ *Karen And Rich Brumley lit a candle in memory of George T. Sanders*



Karen and Rich Brumley - August 15, 2016 at 09:11 AM

JF

“ *Richard and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with each family member at this time.*



Richard and Joan Owen

Joan Faulkner-Owen - August 15, 2016 at 05:25 AM

BT

“ *Becky Turley lit a candle in memory of George T. Sanders*



Becky Turley - August 14, 2016 at 08:00 PM

BT

We had so many good times and great talks. Missing you already!!!! As always..... Love You !

Becky Turley - August 16, 2016 at 11:56 PM