



James R. "Jim" Sanders

June 23, 1937 - November 18, 2014

The following obituary is posted as a courtesy to Laird Funeral Home, Elgin, Illinois and in honor of the Sanders family.

James R. "Jim" Sanders, 77 of Paris, TN formerly of Elgin passed away Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at Presence St. Joseph Hospital, Elgin. He was born June 23, 1937 in Vienna, IL the son of Tilford and Grace Elzora Mathis Sanders. He was a graduate of Vienna High School and received an Associate's Degree from Elgin Community College in Fire Science. He had been a resident of Elgin since 1960 and was employed as a firefighter-paramedic with the Elgin Fire Dept for 23 years. Jim was a member of the first paramedic class at Sherman Hospital and was a Captain, Battalion Chief and Fire Inspector before retiring in 1986.

Jim loved to golf and had a hole in one at his home course, The Tennessean in Paris.

Surviving are his loving wife, Joann Koska Sanders whom he married on July 23, 1957, his loving daughters, Jami (Stephen) Laird of Elgin and Lizabeth Sanders of Castle Rock, CO, 7 grandchildren, Clifford James Laird, Jennifer (Chris) Miranda, Renee (Josiah) Todd, Kathryn and Melanie Laird, Alex Gravel and Timothy Laird, a great grandson Anthony Stephen Laird, 6 sisters, Jane (Sherman) McClellan of Bay Town, TX, Myra (Howard) Powell of Ozark, IL, Mary (Bob) Harper of Tunnell Hill, IL, Sharon Folkman of Bismark, IL, Sally (Clyde) Taylor and Judy Nutty both of Vienna, a brother, George Sanders of

Jensen Beach, FL and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his Parents, 3 grandchildren, Emily, Thomas and Colleen Laird, and 4 sisters, Holly Colleen Sanders, Betty Daniels, Vickie Webb and Connie Garner.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, November 22 at Laird Funeral Home, Elgin from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. with firefighter walk through at 4:45 P.M. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to Fire Barn #5 Museum 533 St. Charles St., Elgin, IL 60132.

www.lairdfamilyfuneralservices.com or 847-741-8800.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Laird Funeral Home
310 South State Street
Elgin, IL 60123

Tribute Wall



“ *James R. "Jim" Sanders*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I remember him as one of the most kind boys in high school. We were very good friends. Mary and Martha, you are in my prayers as well as the family I never knew. Sweet memories of Jimmy.*



Virginia Campbell Breeden Jones - November 26, 2014 at 07:51 PM



“ *We were so sorry to hear the passing of Jim. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family at this time.*



Richard and Joan Owen

joan faulkner - November 22, 2014 at 09:26 AM



Jim was one of my classmates, the Class of 1955, from VHS, and I remember him fondly. I am so sorry for your loss. -Pat Gray Kitner

Pat Gray Kitner - November 23, 2014 at 03:16 PM