



## Rev. Dr. Robert E. "Bob" Sanders

December 31, 1944 - August 12, 2014

Rev. Dr. Robert E. "Bob" Sanders, age 69 years, a resident of Chattanooga, Tennessee and a former resident of Johnson County, passed away Tuesday evening, August 12, 2014, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

Bob was born December 31, 1944 in Carbondale, Illinois. He was the son of Joed and Anna Isabella (Hight) Sanders.

Bob was united in marriage to Janet (Boyer) in 1990 in Marion, Illinois. She survives.

Other survivors include: his children – Robert Sanders of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Scott (Becky) Sanders of Atlanta, Georgia, Bridget (Joe) Holder of Cape Coral, Florida, Rob (Jackie) Deaton of Springfield, Illinois, and Randall (Nina) Deaton of Chattanooga, Tennessee; 8 grandchildren – Joshua Sanders, Benjamin Sanders, Ella Sanders, Kelsey Holder, Ava Deaton, Parker Gleeson, Shari Balouchi, and Ali Balouchi; a sister – Joanna Sanders-Clymore and her husband Eddie of Creal Springs; a nephew – Kyle Clymore; cousins, other relatives and many dear friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents.

Bob was a 1963 graduate of Vienna High School. He attended Tennessee

Temple University and earned a Master's Degree and Doctorate in Pastoral Ministries from Covington Theological Seminary.

Bob had served as a pastor of many churches and was a Christian counselor. He and Janet attended "The Crossing Church" in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Bob was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan. He enjoyed fishing and was a great animal lover. Bob especially enjoyed bird watching.

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday afternoon, August 16, 2014, at 2 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Rev. Dr. Rick Sharp will officiate.

The family will receive friends from 1 PM – 2 PM Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Hephzibah Ministries, 2158 Northgate Park Lane, Suite 418, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37415.

A Memorial service will also be conducted Saturday, August 23, 2014, at 2 PM (EST) at The Crossing Church, 7501 Standifer Gap Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421. The family will receive friends from 1 PM - 2 PM (EST) Saturday, August 23rd.

Interment will be at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **16**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home  
705 North First Street  
PO Box 695  
Vienna, IL 62995  
(618) 658-2311  
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com  
<https://baileyfh.com>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Dr. Robert E. "Bob" Sanders*

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January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Dear Janet and Family,  
I feel like I should say Dear Mom & Dad I love you all so much.  
I'm so sorry Janet I just heard of Bob's moving on to Heaven.  
Actually when my husband Jason was looking on line for the church  
contact info for counseling.  
I can't even begin to say thank you for all the Godly Wisdom and  
strength you all deposited into my and Chloé's life. To be able to  
thank a friend for literally standing in the face of demons for your  
sake. This is not a thank you most will hear.  
But Bob will have millions of demons that had to flee because of his  
willingness to stand in Jesus Name! I'm so grateful for the difference  
God's wisdom made, for the way he so freely shared with such a  
tender heart, for the change it made in My Life, and for You Janet  
being willing to share such a special gift with the rest of us. I love  
you sweet friend.  
Debbie Fleming and Family*

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**Debbie Fleming** - October 01, 2014 at 09:00 AM

JA

“*"This world" has lost one of the mostly godly men I have ever known. It saddens my heart that Bob is not here to counsel the hurt and broken. I was in the process of lining up three dear people for his counseling and they will be at a loss for never receiving his wisdom. His counsel was like no other counsel I have ever known. Bob always seemed bigger than life because of his spiritual gifting. Bob paid a heavy price to walk in fellowship with The Lord and there are thousands of people that will never be the same because of his sacrifice... Thank you, dear Bob. My heart is at a loss but I am so excited for Bob. I can only imagine the rejoicing at his grand entry into the gates of heaven! I long for that day myself.*

*Thank you Bob for your sacrifice, your spiritual wisdom, and especially for showing me how to face the enemy and still stand firm. I will carry on what you have taught me and I will share it with as many people as I can until my "grand day" comes!*

*You finished well!*

*Love in Christ,*

*Jan Sutton Smith Langley*

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jan - August 23, 2014 at 08:38 AM

JR

“ Dr. Bob will be deeply missed by me and so many. He has been a spiritual father to me, my pastor, a mentor and teacher, and more than anything he and Janet's life have been a model of how to love the body of Christ. I first met Dr. Bob when I had first come to the Lord almost 14 years ago. He displayed genuine Christ-like love toward me, and ministered deliverance and healing in profound ways. The first time I ever talked with him was after a night of my first encounter to the spiritual realm. From that moment on, Jesus began to teach and train me regarding spiritual warfare, and later leading me to discover the various facets of inner healing. The words of Jesus continue to echo in my heart for Dr. Bob... "Well done, my good and faithful servant"! He has truly served the Lord until his going home. What an example he has set for me, and so many others. The last conversation we had was full of laughter and included his many jokes, stories of praise about his grandchildren, a word of encouragement and a reminder of some new things Jesus had for me (A hot griddle?!). He assured me it was good! ;) The Lord has taught me so much through him and I am so very grateful! I know that one day when we return with the Lord, behind Jesus I can see Dr. Bob on his horse leading the charge with all the saints! I look forward to that day! Janet and family my prayers are with you all. May the Lord comfort you all during this time of grief. Janet, if there is anything I can do, please do not hesitate to ask. (These pictures I recently found and believed they speak for themselves.)



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Jennifer Rigsby - August 20, 2014 at 07:51 PM

KM

“*Rev. Dr. Bob Sanders was a spiritual father to me. He taught me to be kind to myself and how to live in my new spirit instead of my old nature. I have been so blessed that I can't fathom putting it in mere words here. One of the most valuable things I learned since I've known Dr. Bob is that it is the responsibility of the body of Christ to pick up the fallen and brokenhearted until we have picked up the very last one of them. Up until November of 2006 I had never had the kind of relationship with my Lord and Savior as I have learned through the years from both Dr. Bob and Janet. It's all about Jesus! You remain in my prayers as we honor the memory and celebrate the life of my pastor! In His grip, Kim Brown McDonald*

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**Kim Brown McDonald** - August 20, 2014 at 06:00 PM

MB

“*My past 12 plus years knowing Dr. Bob Sanders has been all gain for me! Dr. Bob is a mentor; a teacher; a preacher; a prophet; an advocate; though a true friend. I always enjoyed his direct honesty mixed with a bit of humor! He would pull up his grandpas country wisdom such as "Boy, that man rather climb a tree and tell a lie than stand on the ground and tell the truth!" Just this morning I asked Candy, wonder what Dr. Bob is doing this morning? and Candy yells back from the bedroom, I know he is NOT eating cantaloupe for breakfast! Wow! I miss him! Now Jesus gets to laugh at his country wisdom and humor; what a blessing we had knowing my friend! God Bless you all, especially you ,Janet! Martin Boyd Chattanooga*



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**Martin Boyd** - August 20, 2014 at 11:53 AM

CS

“ Dear Sanders Family, I am completely blessed by the way Bob ministered into my life and the lives of many of my friends! I will never forget the first time our prayer group met at my home where Bob bluntly stated, "There are 150 demons on your porch and we need to deal with them." What?!?!?!?! I didn't sleep for a week!!!! However, this drove me into spiritual warfare training with Bob which changed my life and helped prepare me for ministry. Bob will be missed by us all! Janet, you and your family are in my prayers. Love you! Chrissie Shaheen

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**chrissie shaheen** - August 20, 2014 at 10:04 AM

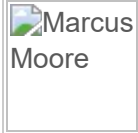
BD

“ When I think of Bob, there are two scriptures which come to mind; "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Ps. 116:15 and "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Mt. 25:21 I'm so thankful that Bob's suffering and the malfunction of his physical body is over... but it doesn't remove the loneliness and missing him here on earth. He was God's messenger to all of us in so many ways and so many helps that mere words do not begin to describe the measure of their worth. Janet and family, my prayers and thoughts are with you during this most difficult time. May God sustain and keep you in all His ways,

*Barbara Davis*

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**Barbara Davis** - August 15, 2014 at 08:55 PM



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Marcus Moore - August 14, 2014 at 08:55 PM



“ We miss you so much and cherish all our times we shared together. You taught us so much and because of Christ living through you, our lives are forever changed.  
*Bob, Beth and Jeremiah Burkey*



Bob Burkey - August 14, 2014 at 08:06 AM



“ Ken And Linda Moffett sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Dr. Robert E. "Bob" Sanders



Ken and Linda Moffett - August 13, 2014 at 08:58 PM

LM

“ *Lonnie Ray Moffett lit a candle in memory of  
Rev. Dr. Robert E. "Bob" Sanders*



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**Lonnie Ray Moffett** - August 13, 2014 at 08:56 PM