



## George Sanders

March 29, 1940 - July 9, 2016

Mayor George Sanders and his bride Wanda Faye Sanders shared their life together for nearly 54 years. They were inseparable in life and followed one another closely in death.

Wanda Faye Sanders (née Crutcher), 72, returned to her heavenly home on July 7, 2016 after a valiant battle with cancer. Her devotion to her family and her firm belief in God supported her in this struggle and ultimately gave her peace.

Former Mayor George Sanders left this world for his heavenly home on July 9, 2016. He was 76 years old. A husband, father, grandfather, brother, respected leader, tireless friend, and mentor—one man loved by many, and his death leaves a void that can now only be filled with beautiful memories.

Faye came from and was blessed with a loving family. She was born to the late Willie B. & Mable L. Crutcher in Toney, Alabama on June 24, 1944. She was the middle of five children. Faye accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age. She graduated from Council Training High School in 1962. She married her best friend George Sanders in September 1962. Faye helped raise their two daughters and instilled the importance of family, education and hard work. She was strong and a loving force in the Sanders household. She loved being a homemaker, but she also enjoyed working

outside the home when their “girls” started high school. Although Faye cherished her job as mom, grandma would prove to be her greatest love.

George was born to the late Louise McCauley & Jessie Sanders in Town Creek, Alabama on March 29, 1940. George also came to know the Lord at an early age. He graduated from Council High School in 1959 and attended Alabama A&M. George was drafted into the US Army in 1963 and retired as Master Sergeant. During his military career he received numerous commendations including the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Army Good Conduct Medal-7th Award. Following his retirement, he enjoyed a 20 year Civil Service career as the Chief of Logistics at General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital.

George Sanders also served as the Mayor of the City of St. Robert from 2005 to 2014. Prior to being elected Mayor, he served the City of St. Robert with his election as Alderman, Ward 4 in 1990 for 13 years. George served as President of the Board for 11 years. He also served as Mayor Pro tem and chairman of various committees. While he positively impacted change in many areas, a few of his significant accomplishments include: Chimney Memorial, St. Robert Municipal Pool, the purchase of Freightliner Fire Truck, Fishing Pond, Enhancement Grants for Sidewalks, St. Robert Municipal Gold Course, Fort Leonard Wood Primary Care Facility, St. Robert Landing, St. Robert Welcome Sign and the Pedestrian Bridge over Interstate 44.

George and Faye were married for 53 years and they will be dearly missed by their loved ones who celebrate the fact that they are at peace with their creator. George and Faye are survived by their daughters, Voletta Marshall (Kenneth) and Tammi Woodard (André); their grandchildren: Chelsea Stecher (Dan), Alex Marshall, Devin Woodard (Lauren), Nathan Woodard and Kenneth Marshall; and their great-grandkids Leo and Everly Secher. They also leave behind nieces, nephews and many extended sons and daughters who

affectionately considered them their “mom & dad.”

Faye is also survived by her brother Lorenzo Crutcher and her sister Cedaree Lockhart. She is preceded in death by her brothers William and Maxidean and their parents.

George is also survived by his sister Luvinia Bradford (Alfred, San Antonio, TX), sisters: Nancy L. Foster (Hillsboro, AL) Gloria D. King (Town Creek, AL), Thelma O. Johnson (Wille Joe, Town Creek, AL), Rebell S. Moore (Charles, Decatur, AL), Barbara A. Woodfork (Chicago, IL). Brothers: Carswell Sanders (Sarah, Town Creek, AL) Barry K. Cogger (Janice, Tuscumbia, AL); Sister In Laws: Bessie L. Sanders, (Decatur, AL) Dorothy M. Sanders, (Chattanooga, TN)

George is preceded in death by siblings: Kellie L. Sanders, Purcell Sanders, James C. Sanders, Bobby L. Sanders and Erie Sanders.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 15, 2016 in the ARK of Waynesville. Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made in memory of George and Faye Sanders to their favorite charity that serves veterans and families: Family Endeavors, 535 Bandera Road, San Antonio, TX 78228 or they may be left at the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ George Sanders

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ Mayor and Mrs. Sanders you are truly missed, this place is not the same since you went away. You were our mentors in every way, you set the example of what marriage and family should be. We miss the hugs, smiles and the talks from church, commissary or every time we saw you around. Mayor Sanders thank you for what you did for St Robert, MO, you made us proud. Continues to look down or check in on us from heaven.



Mr. & Mrs. Ronald and Felecia Jordan - September 14, 2017 at 11:56 AM



“ Linda Cole-Schonbok lit a candle in memory of George Sanders



Linda Cole-Schonbok - July 20, 2016 at 10:40 AM



Love Ms Faye and Mayor Sanders!!

Linda Cole-Schonbok - July 20, 2016 at 10:41 AM

TF

“ *The Washington Family sends condolences to the family at this difficult time.*



**The Washington Family** - July 15, 2016 at 10:37 AM

MF

“ *Mr. And Mrs. James Ford And Family lit a candle in memory of George Sanders*

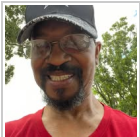


**Mr. and Mrs. James Ford and family** - July 15, 2016 at 10:07 AM

BS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. George was a good friend and coworker for 25 years. Your Mother was such a nice person as well*

**Bill & Peggy Starnes** - July 15, 2016 at 09:57 AM



“ *May God be with you in your family in this time of sorrow and may He comfort you. Know that God will be with you during those times when you are lonely, sad, and just need someone to talk with. Our loved ones are only gone for a short period of time but when we meet again there will be a great reunion. I pray that God will continue to bless and keep his loving hand upon you and your family.*



**Michael M. Reynolds** - July 15, 2016 at 09:30 AM

CL

“ Clayton lit a candle in memory of George Sanders



Clayton - July 15, 2016 at 12:13 AM

CL

“ I was honored and privileged to have met George in 96 as a young Specialist in the Army. During the past 20 years he was always there for me and my family whenever I needed advice, wisdom, or guidance. He will be greatly missed by all.

Clayton - July 15, 2016 at 12:13 AM

DA

“ I considered George a good friend, helpful since I first met him in Logistics. My life is better and enriched from having known him as, in my opinion, are the lives of everyone with whom he came in contact as well as the cities of St Robert and Waynesville. RIP, George, and enjoy your well-deserved rest and peace.



David Ashby - July 13, 2016 at 06:36 PM

LH

“ Lesa Helm lit a candle in memory of George Sanders



Lesla Helm - July 13, 2016 at 04:42 PM

RM

“ *Roxan McAlmont lit a candle in memory of George Sanders*



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**Roxan McAlmont** - July 13, 2016 at 10:17 AM

ST

“ Nelson Mandela once said that, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” Meaning it is through education in which we all can be equal, poverty can be eliminated, gender bias can be stopped, and peace can be fostered.



Mayor Sanders greatly understood this as he encouraged my 3rd grade class on a field trip to the city government building. He talked about the importance of education and related to them by showing the display of childhood memories which holds the safety pinned overalls he wore as a young boy. The 23 “thank you” letters my class wrote to Mayor Sanders, almost unanimously, expressed their favorite part of the trip was meeting the Mayor and hearing stories of how his mother had encouraged him to do his best in school.

To see the boy in the safety pinned overalls now, as the mayor of their city, is an impression those 23 young minds will never forget. That day, Mayor Sanders certainly changed the world.

To the family, relatives, and friends of Mayor Sanders, you all have my family and my condolences.

Sandra L. Tucker & Family  
Former Freedom Elementary Teacher  
Waynesville School District

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Sandra Tucker - July 13, 2016 at 09:06 AM

EG

“ *Edna Givins lit a candle in memory of George Sanders*



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**Edna Givins** - July 13, 2016 at 08:56 AM

PC

“ *Pat & Don Cummins lit a candle in memory of George Sanders*



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**Pat & Don Cummins** - July 12, 2016 at 11:21 PM

RW

“ *RosalindPride OTC Waynesville lit a candle in memory of George Sanders*



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**RosalindPride OTC Waynesville** - July 12, 2016 at 09:49 PM

RW

“ *RosalindPride OTC Waynesville lit a candle in memory of George Sanders*



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**RosalindPride OTC Waynesville** - July 12, 2016 at 09:46 PM

CC

“ Charles Colbert lit a candle in memory of George Sanders



Charles Colbert - July 12, 2016 at 08:17 PM

CC

“ Voletta & Tammy, God didn't promise days without pain, laughter without sorrow or sun without rain. But God did promise strength for the day, comfort for the tears, a light for the way, and for all who believe in His Kingdom above. He answers their faith with everlasting love. We have known your family since Okinawa. No that our hearts and prayers are with you guys and your families. Charles & Phyllis Colbert

Charles Colbert - July 12, 2016 at 08:09 PM

LF

“ LaWanda Cruther Mason Family lit a candle in memory of George Sanders



LaWanda Cruther Mason Family - July 12, 2016 at 03:20 PM

CL

“ Cindy Ludwig lit a candle in memory of George Sanders



Cindy Ludwig - July 12, 2016 at 01:31 AM

VA

“ *Veronica Anover lit a candle in memory of George Sanders*



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**Veronica Anover** - July 11, 2016 at 06:47 PM

SP

“ *Sandra Piper lit a candle in memory of George Sanders*



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**Sandra Piper** - July 11, 2016 at 04:58 PM

LC

“ *LIFE CARE Center lit a candle in memory of George Sanders*



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**LIFE CARE Center** - July 11, 2016 at 03:51 PM

AP

“ *George was a great man and a wonderful friend. I'll miss him. Al Petru*

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**Al Petru** - July 11, 2016 at 03:26 PM

WA

“ Warren S. And Shari Anderson lit a candle in memory of George Sanders



Warren S. and Shari Anderson - July 11, 2016 at 03:09 PM

AN

“ Mayor Sanders and his wife Faye were the loveliest people one could ever meet. The community and world will not be the same without them. Together in Heaven. God be with the family.  
Adele Nickels

Adele Nickels - July 11, 2016 at 01:52 PM

RC

“ Ralph Cook lit a candle in memory of George Sanders



Ralph Cook - July 11, 2016 at 12:34 PM

RV

“ Ralph Vook lit a candle in memory of George Sanders



Ralph Vook - July 11, 2016 at 12:32 PM

SK

“ Shelly Kaolowi lit a candle in memory of George Sanders



Shelly Kaolowi - July 11, 2016 at 12:09 PM

PG

“ We pray for your comfort and strength during this season of seemingly insurmountable grief and pain. God is able to make your days shine brighter as ever to conquer despair. Let him always be your guiding light!



PULASKI COUNTY CAMP GIDEONS - July 11, 2016 at 10:42 AM

CB

“ Our deepest sympathy to family and friends of a strong and courageous couple who gave their best in making a difference for our country and growing community!



CSM Harold and Brigitte Burleson - July 11, 2016 at 10:31 AM

MD

“ Michelle Denison lit a candle in memory of George Sanders



Michelle Denison - July 11, 2016 at 10:19 AM

PG

“ *Peggy Getz lit a candle in memory of George Sanders*



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**Peggy Getz** - July 11, 2016 at 10:11 AM

PG

*The world has lost two great people. I have known them since 1989 and they have always been gracious, an example of what a good person is/does and a blessing to all. Thoughts and prayers to the family as they get through the days ahead. Heaven is now that much better and brighter with their arrival.*

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**Peggy Getz** - July 11, 2016 at 10:14 AM

EB

“ *Ed And Sue Bott lit a candle in memory of George Sanders*



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**Ed and Sue Bott** - July 11, 2016 at 09:21 AM

LH

“ *What great friends you have been over these many years. I wish you peace and know you will be remembered well. I am glad that one didn't have to be left behind. All my love, Luge*

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**Luge Hardman** - July 11, 2016 at 08:18 AM

MS

“ *Marlin Stevens sent a virtual gift in memory of George Sanders*



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**Marlin Stevens** - July 11, 2016 at 07:35 AM

RP

“ *Rex And Cindy Plank lit a candle in memory of George Sanders*



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**Rex and Cindy Plank** - July 10, 2016 at 09:40 PM

RP

“ *Rex And Cindy Plank lit a candle in memory of George Sanders*



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**Rex and Cindy Plank** - July 10, 2016 at 09:38 PM



“ *Jennifer Sheffa-Wallace sent a virtual gift in memory of George Sanders*



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**Jennifer Sheffa-Wallace** - July 10, 2016 at 08:56 PM

JB

“ Joy Bolduc lit a candle in memory of George Sanders



Joy Bolduc - July 10, 2016 at 06:53 PM



“ Evelyn Keen lit a candle in memory of George Sanders



Evelyn Keen - July 10, 2016 at 06:50 PM

Peggy Getz

“ Peggy Getz lit a candle in memory of George Sanders



Peggy Getz - July 10, 2016 at 04:30 PM

DM

“ Debby Myers lit a candle in memory of George Sanders



Debby Myers - July 10, 2016 at 04:01 PM

DL

“ I have know George Sanders since I was 5. He was a special man and like a second father to me for many years. I will miss him..

Darla and Paul Lucas - July 10, 2016 at 03:31 PM

HB

“ Henry And Donna Berry-Knapp lit a candle in memory of George Sanders



Henry and Donna Berry-Knapp - July 10, 2016 at 03:18 PM

SF

“ Sarah Franks lit a candle in memory of George Sanders



Sarah Franks - July 10, 2016 at 01:43 PM

SF

“ Sarah Franks lit a candle in memory of George Sanders



Sarah Franks - July 10, 2016 at 01:42 PM

LW

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Lee Whiteley - July 10, 2016 at 01:33 PM



“ Martel Goldman lit a candle in memory of George Sanders



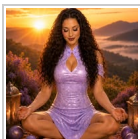
Martel Goldman - July 10, 2016 at 01:14 PM

MS

“ Marge Scott sent a virtual gift in memory of George Sanders




Marge Scott - July 10, 2016 at 12:38 PM



“ Nori Marie lit a candle in memory of George Sanders



Nori Marie - July 10, 2016 at 12:02 PM

 Reshun Taylor

“ *The mayor I ever knew he loved the city like it was his family I just want to say thank you for your friendship leadership and guidance from the Taylor family*



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**Reshun Taylor** - July 10, 2016 at 11:06 AM

CL

“ *Charlotte Dunn LPN lit a candle in memory of George Sanders*



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**Charlotte Dunn LPN** - July 10, 2016 at 10:00 AM

CL

*Mr. Sanders was my patient for a short time very pleasant person. So sorry for your father's passing. RIP*

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**Charlotte Dunn LPN** - July 10, 2016 at 10:03 AM

LL

“ *Linda Levett lit a candle in memory of George Sanders*



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**Linda Levett** - July 10, 2016 at 09:42 AM



“ *Debbie Kendrick lit a candle in memory of George Sanders*



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**Debbie Kendrick** - July 10, 2016 at 09:42 AM



“ *Jim & Marilyn Phillips lit a candle in memory of George Sanders*



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**Jim & Marilyn Phillips** - July 10, 2016 at 09:01 AM



“ *Condolences to the family.*



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**Marisol Corbett** - July 10, 2016 at 07:24 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you the family of George.*

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**Bill Anderson** - July 10, 2016 at 06:10 AM

FH

“ *Freda Hunnicutt lit a candle in memory of George Sanders*



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**Freda Hunnicutt** - July 09, 2016 at 08:01 PM

MJ

“ *Merel And Debra Johnson lit a candle in memory of George Sanders*



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**Merel and Debra Johnson** - July 09, 2016 at 06:44 PM

LL

“ *LOIS LEROY LOFTON lit a candle in memory of George Sanders*



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**LOIS LEROY LOFTON** - July 09, 2016 at 04:50 PM

LL

*thoughts and prayers are with the family*

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**LOIS LEROY LOFTON** - July 09, 2016 at 04:51 PM

AC

“ Alan And Pam Cox-Clark lit a candle in memory of George Sanders



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**Alan and Pam Cox-Clark** - July 09, 2016 at 04:10 PM

KC

*Proud to have called George my friend.*

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**Keith Copeland** - July 10, 2016 at 10:56 AM

AC

“ Bless Mayor Sanders, and the Sanders family. We grieve over the loss of a truly good and honorable man. Dedicated husband to Ms. Faye, and a true public servant who loved the community he served for so many years. I am proud to have served at his side. You have fought the good fight Mayor Sanders, you are at peace now with your cherished wife Ms. Faye.

*Alan and Pam Clark*

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**Alan and Pam Cox-Clark** - July 09, 2016 at 04:10 PM