



Milton Wade Sanders

July 16, 1936 - September 25, 2025

Milton Wade Sanders, 89, of Hoover, Alabama went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, September 25, 2025.

Milton is preceded in death by his parents Monroe and Martha Sanders and multiple brothers and sisters, and his son Donald Sanders.

He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Jerri Sanders, his sons Dale Sanders and Todd Sanders and daughter Liz Hyde, grandchildren Hannah Payne, Carmen Harper, Isaac Sanders, Emma Cao, Matthew Sanders, and Luke Sanders, and seven great-grandchildren.

Milton was born at home in Concord, Alabama to Monroe and Martha Sanders, he was the 7th of 14 children. While he was technically born on July 15th according to his family Bible, his birth certificate read July 16, 1936. He was raised on a farm and he loved farming and anything to do with farming life, and went on to wish his whole life he could have had a farm. Instead, he always had a dog by his side and loved gardening. He was so proud of his corn, tomatoes, and especially his sunflowers, which his grandchildren loved to play in.

He was a member of the Carpenter's Union, and worked for years to reach the top of his profession. This passion extended to his family, for whom he

created gifts, toys, and family heirlooms from wood. These pieces will be treasured by his family forever, and so will every memory of him.

While he wore many hats and was called different names, his favorite was “Granddaddy.” He sparked a love for the outdoors and inspired creativity in his grandchildren, and they have fond memories of gardening with him.

Milton was raised in a Christian home, which inspired him to become deeply involved in every church he attended, whether that meant singing in the choir or serving on the board, or even just taking part in men’s clubs or attending Sunday school. He was famous for the biscuits he made for the men’s groups at church. Milton most recently attended church at Canaan Baptist Church where he and his wife were members.

To carry on Milton’s legacy, we ask that you remember to say the blessing before you eat. He did not care where he was, what he was eating, or who was listening, Milton always prayed over his food. Prayer was something that carried him and all of us through every hardship and sustained him through everything. Prayer was a respite for him in his final days. We thank you for keeping us in your prayers and we ask that you continue to pray through every hardship, every day good or bad, anywhere you are, and no matter who can hear you.

A one hour visitation will be held for friends and family at McCalla Memorial Funeral Home on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 10:00 AM with a funeral service to follow. Burial will follow at Moore Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, we ask that you make a donation to Kitty Kat Haven & Rescue in Hoover, Alabama or your local Humane Society in honor of Milton Wade Sanders.

Cemetery Details

Moore Cemetery

6043 Moore Cemetery Road
Mc Calla, AL 35111

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

McCalla Memorial Funeral Home
4780 Letson Farms Parkway
Mc Calla, AL 35111
(205) 477-4888
info@mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com

Funeral Service

SEP 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Kitty Kat Haven & Rescue wants to thank the family for including us as a possible way to remember Mr. Sanders. We are so sorry for your loss and no doubt he will be missed by all who knew him. We received a check in memory of Mr. Sanders but were not provided an address for the family. In searching for the address there are conflicting addresses given. In order to let you know who contributed, we are including the name and address in this tribute wall.*

*Kenneth and Michelle Batcher
500 Fairview Drive
Paducah, KY 42001-6010*

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Kitty Kat Haven & Rescue - October 22, 2025 at 03:26 PM

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“ *Jerri & Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I always thought a lot of Milton, and I think he was really a good man. The last time I saw him I told him that his mother would really be proud of how well he has done. We have missed seeing all of you for a while at the reunions.*

Our prayers for all of you.

Sue Dickson & Leah Bailey

Sue Dickson - September 28, 2025 at 04:24 PM

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“Milton and I were cousins through both the Sanders and Batchers lines. He was born a few hours before I was. We were life-long friends who were like brothers in so many ways. We started family reunions for both Sanders and Batchers in 1987 and those reunions have continued annually ever since.

He was a blessing to my life.

Ken Batchers

Ken Batchers - September 26, 2025 at 01:25 PM

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I do not believe that I gave ever known of a more loving Christian man in my lifetime. Uncle Milton was a blessing in my Daddy's life whom preceded him in death and in my life. A true Honorable man to all whom knew him. My heart aches and my prayers are with Aunt Jerri, Dale, Elizabeth Todd and their children.

Debra Sanders Mitchell

debra Sanders - October 02, 2025 at 02:54 PM