



Travis Jerrell Sanders

November 25, 1936 - January 9, 2026

Travis Jerrell Sanders passed away peacefully on January 9th, 2026, surrounded by his

daughters and loved ones. He was 89 years old.

To some, he was a veteran. A man who proudly served his country and guarded secrets he

would never tell. He would see a young woman while on leave, who would capture his mind and

his heart. He and Margaret (Jeanne) Sanders would be married in 1956. He would continue on

to stay in the service another two years, taking the sense of duty it instilled in him to build a new life for his new family.

To others, he was a man of faith. His trust in the LORD only grew throughout his life; a comfort

we find now, knowing that He is present and rejoicing at the face of God.

While his absence is

deep and profound, there is a great peace in knowing his new and perfect wholeness and his

reunion with all those who have walked before him.

To his family, he was a jokester. To walk into his home would be to hear his laughter, his endless

stories, and maybe, if you were lucky, a surprisingly good Donald Duck

impression.

He was a man of devotion, of service, of duty, of endless kindness and deep, abounding love.

My cousins, my brother, and I, we called him "Grandad"

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Jerrell is survived by Chere Sanders Gillham, Jerri (Jack) McCombs, Kerri (Kevin) Bradford,

Merri (Matthew) Pitman, 10 grandchildren (Shelly, Maria, Brandon, Brittney, Courtney, Kelsey,

Cody, Caid, Zac and Cathy)) and 6 great-grandchildren (Jackson, John-Riley, Mary Margaret,

Scarlett, Saylor, and Archer). He was preceded in death by his parents- Emory & Maeatres

Sanders, wife- Margaret (Jeanne) Sanders, daughter- Terri (Cricket) Hurr, grandchild- Leslie

Ann Robinson, and sister- Ann (Sanders) Ingram.

A celebration of his life will be held on Sunday at 2pm at McCalla Memorial Funeral Home,

visitation will be preceding at 1pm. Graveside service will be held at 2pm the following Tuesday

at Pine Rest Memorial Park in Foley, Alabama. He will be laid to his final rest next to his bride.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites donations to the Shriners Children's Hospital.

https://donate.shrinerschildrens.org/give/145680/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=161282874&gbraid=0AAAAADy9t160YpV9ZWzls6Nq0x3fqxcP#!/donation/checkout?c_src=google&c_src2=loveshriners

Cemetery Details

Pine Rest Memorial Park

16541 US 98
Foley, AL 36535

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

McCalla Memorial Funeral Home
4780 Letson Farms Parkway
P.O. Box 629
McCalla, AL 35111
(205) 477-4888
info@mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com
<https://www.mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

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Graveside Service

JAN 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“*Mr. Sanders was a second dad to me during my teenage years. He was such a loving, sweet and funny man. He was also just as strict with me as he was with his other 5 daughters. The Sanders family played such a role in my formative years. I was so blessed to have them in my life. I am still blessed to have them in my life now, with the exception of Jerrell and Jeanne. And to have been treated by both of them as a 6th daughter meant the world to me. Mr. Sanders will be missed dearly. I love you and will miss you so much. Thank you for everything you and your beautiful family did for me and for being such a blessing and important part of my life.*”

carla gamble - January 11 at 01:02 PM

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“*Mike and Teresa Woodruff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Travis Jerrell Sanders.*”

Mike and Teresa Woodruff - January 10 at 03:00 PM

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“*Mike and Teresa Woodruff purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Travis Jerrell Sanders.*”



Mike and Teresa Woodruff - January 10 at 03:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Travis Jerrell Sanders.*



January 10 at 12:55 PM



“ *Oh OH he loved to dance! We danced at a class reunion and cleared the floor! I thought both he and I would fall on floor before it was over! We were wore out! He was a precious soul and I will miss his talks on the phone- until we meet again Jerrell - much love goes with you! Donna Hebard Hurst*

Donna Hurst - January 09 at 09:40 PM



“ *Allison and Lauren purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Travis Jerrell Sanders.*



Allison and Lauren - January 09 at 08:50 PM