



Mr. Michael D. Sanders

September 11, 2022

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit" Psalm 34:18

Michael Dale Sanders, 68, of Johnson City, TN, was called by his Heavenly Father into Eternity on Sunday, September 11, 2022, at his home surrounded by his loving family following a battle with cancer.

Michael was born on July 15, 1954, the fifth child of the late William "PJ" and Ann Catherine Turner Sanders in Johnson City, Tennessee.

He attended Science Hill High School and graduated from Vocational Technical School in Honolulu, Hawaii. Michael served his country as an Artillery Maintenance Supervisor in the United States Marine Corps. After his honorable discharge, he returned to Johnson City and was employed by Eastman Chemical Company as a mechanic for several years.

Michael grew up with his parents and siblings attending St. Paul AME Zion Church.

His star shone brightly in the community as being a "jack of all trades" with a "big heart" and willingness to help anyone. His passions included being a Pittsburgh Steelers fan and working on cars.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, George Sanders; one sister, Janice Sanders Nelson; and one brother-in-law, George Nelson.

Michael is survived by one son, Michael Madison (Merika); two grandchildren, Michael II and Mykaelah; three brothers, William "Hot Shot" Sanders, Alan Sanders (Lisa), and Arthur Sanders (Angela); two sisters, Angela Sanders (Art) and Gail Sanders; his oldest aunt of 98 years, Virginia Sanders Goines; several nephews and nieces, aunts, uncles, and a host of cousins.

The family wishes to express a heartfelt thanks to Caris Home Health Care and the many people who have assisted with Michael's care over the past months.

Celebration of life services for Mr. Michael Sanders will be conducted Monday, September 19, 2022, at 11:30 am from the Chapel of Love at Birchette Mortuary & Cremation Service. The family will receive friends from 10:30 am until the hour of service. Burial will follow at the VA National Cemetery, Mt. Home, TN.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 19. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Birchette Mortuary & Cremation Service, Inc.
219 E Millard St
Johnson City, TN 37601
(423) 926-6013
mitchell@birchettemortuary.com
<https://birchettemortuary.com/>

Celebration of Life

SEP 19. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Interment

SEP 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mountain Home National Cemetery
53 Memorial Ave
Mountain Home, TN 37684

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Michael D. Sanders*

January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *RIP my friend*



Dr Stuart - November 13, 2022 at 06:26 PM



“ *Babby Barner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Babby Barner - October 19, 2022 at 12:01 PM



“ *Van Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



van rollins - September 19, 2022 at 01:01 PM

DH

“ I love you praying for you all



Doris A Hampton - September 19, 2022 at 11:49 AM

AR

“ Sorry I'm not able to be there . My condolences to all of you. You all are in my prayers. Mike is sadly gonna be missed. We loved him but God loved him more. He's with God now at peace . God will give you strength to get through it. Love you all very much. Your Aunt Angela & husband Charles Robinson

Angela Robinson - September 19, 2022 at 11:10 AM

DF

“ My prayers and deepest heartfelt sympathy for the family and friends. Ms Ginny Goines and family. The best friends and dearest loved ones. Dawn (Moncrief) Dee Orié

Dawn Orié Fearon - September 19, 2022 at 10:51 AM

VN

“ Veral Neal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders



Veral Neal - September 19, 2022 at 09:37 AM



“ *Paulette Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Paulette Robinson - September 18, 2022 at 06:41 PM



“ *Kay Freeman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Kay Freeman - September 18, 2022 at 04:20 PM



“ *Paul D Taylor, Sr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Paul D Taylor, Sr - September 18, 2022 at 03:39 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends during this time. Sending our love to all! Tory Sanders and family*



Tory Sanders - September 18, 2022 at 11:59 AM

JF

“ *Janice And St Paul Ame Zion Church Famil sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



janice and St Paul Ame Zion church Famil - September 18, 2022 at 08:11 AM

TR

“ *Tiffany M Ryans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Tiffany M Ryans - September 18, 2022 at 02:24 AM

JF

“ *I love you uncle Mike and I will miss you more than you can imagine, take your rest..the pain is over now*



Jackie/The Benson Family - September 17, 2022 at 06:58 AM

MK

“ *I worked with Mike at the Eastman for a number of years. He and i were best of friends. he was a fine man and everyone thought the world of him. He will be missed. sorry for your lose Mike Keyes.*

Mike Keyes - September 16, 2022 at 06:25 PM

LP

“ *Lori Parks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Lori Parks - September 16, 2022 at 03:34 PM

CF

“ *Carla Forney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Carla Forney - September 16, 2022 at 12:08 PM

EV

“ *Estelle Vaughan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Estelle Vaughan - September 16, 2022 at 11:44 AM

GD

“ *Rest in peace, friend. Prayers of comfort go to the family. Galen Droke*

Galen Droke - September 16, 2022 at 11:05 AM



“ *Dwayne Forney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Dwayne Forney - September 16, 2022 at 01:03 AM



“ *One of my best childhood and adult life friends so sorry to find this out*

Dwayne Forney - September 16, 2022 at 01:03 AM



“ *Praying for you all I love you*



Doris A Hampton - September 15, 2022 at 05:53 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your families loss keeping you in prayer.*



Bill Sherri and Charli Meadr - September 15, 2022 at 04:45 PM

RH

“ Renea Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders



Renea Hall - September 15, 2022 at 02:24 PM

EH

“ Elaine Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders



Elaine Hall - September 15, 2022 at 12:22 PM

MV

“ Michael Vaughan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders



Michael Vaughan - September 15, 2022 at 10:42 AM

PA

“ Phyllis. Askew lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders



Phyllis. Askew - September 15, 2022 at 10:26 AM

MD

“ *Melvin Drumgoole*

Melvin Drumgoole - September 15, 2022 at 06:20 AM

MD

Rest In Peace.

Melvin Drumgoole - September 15, 2022 at 06:21 AM

KM

“ *Kathy B. Mills lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Kathy B. Mills - September 14, 2022 at 10:01 PM

CT

“ *Connie Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Connie Thompson - September 14, 2022 at 09:17 PM

CR

“ *The Rutledge- Hart- Bradley families send our sincerest condolences to the members of the Sanders family. May you treasure your precious memories and feel the comfort of God's Love during this difficult time. You will continue to be in our prayers* ❤️



Clara Rutledge - September 14, 2022 at 06:01 PM

PF

“ Paul Faw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders



Paul Faw - September 14, 2022 at 05:05 PM



“ Linda Workman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders



Linda Workman - September 14, 2022 at 09:56 AM

RS

“ We send our condolences to the family. Mike is now resting in the arms of our Savior.

Sincerely,
Ron & Gwen Smith

Ronald Smith - September 14, 2022 at 06:59 AM

HT

“ We love you Mike and will miss you no more pain rest easy with Aunt Ann and Uncle Tj .



Hope Turner - September 14, 2022 at 06:40 AM

HW

“ Harlan Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders



Harlan Wells - September 13, 2022 at 09:48 PM

RM

“ Ruth (Wells) Mensah lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders



Ruth (Wells) Mensah - September 13, 2022 at 09:47 PM

SS

“ Sandra Sylvers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders



Sandra Sylvers - September 13, 2022 at 06:50 PM

FL

“ Frazier Lyons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders



Frazier Lyons - September 13, 2022 at 06:41 PM

KT

“ *Keitha Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Keitha Thompson - September 13, 2022 at 05:14 PM

SL

“ *Stephen Letcher lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Stephen Letcher - September 13, 2022 at 05:08 PM

SR

“ *Sylvia Reid lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Sylvia Reid - September 13, 2022 at 04:26 PM

 Susie Colston

“ *There's no more pain, no more worries Mike. Fly Free. ❤️*



Susie Colston - September 13, 2022 at 04:22 PM

DG

“ *Darlene Goodlett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Darlene Goodlett - September 13, 2022 at 03:00 PM

SB

“ *Sylvia Bachman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Sylvia Bachman - September 13, 2022 at 02:39 PM

VN

“ *Veral Neal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Veral Neal - September 13, 2022 at 02:16 PM

SW

“ *Steve Wagner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Steve Wagner - September 13, 2022 at 01:39 PM

BJ

“ Bobby J Ryans Jr sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders



Bobby J Ryans Jr - September 13, 2022 at 12:22 PM

JW

“ Janice And Jonathan Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders



janice and jonathan wells - September 13, 2022 at 11:29 AM

PR

“ Pate Rhea sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders



Pate Rhea - September 13, 2022 at 11:15 AM

SS

“ Sherika Stevens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders



sherika Stevens - September 13, 2022 at 10:58 AM

SS

“ *Uncle mike I'm gonna miss you something terrible no more pain I love you soooo much*

sherika Stevens - September 13, 2022 at 10:58 AM

RM

“ *Sorry to the family for your loss. He is in a better place. He will be missed.*



regina D minor - September 13, 2022 at 10:28 AM

MB

“ *Mickey Bridwell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Mickey Bridwell - September 13, 2022 at 09:24 AM

DD

“ *Donna Lyons Drakeford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Donna Lyons Drakeford - September 13, 2022 at 09:19 AM

RN

“ *Ricky Nobleton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Ricky Nobleton - September 13, 2022 at 08:23 AM

CB

“ *Charles Buford sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Charles Buford - September 13, 2022 at 08:05 AM

LJ

“ *Louis Locke Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Louis Locke Jr - September 13, 2022 at 05:08 AM

NH

“ We send our heartfelt sympathy, love, and prayers to the Sanders Family regarding the loss of Michael – a brother, father, uncle, cousin, and friend. He was a loving, caring, and gentle man who was always quick with a friendly smile and cheerful disposition.

Nancy & Norman



Norman Howard - September 13, 2022 at 12:37 AM

NH

“ Aunt Ginny & the Goines Family sends their “Love and Prayers” that the Sander’s Family will know God’s comfort and peace during this very challenging time! She and the Family want you to know that she has many fond memories of Michael, who responded quickly to her numerous requests. In addition, Aunt Ginny holds a special place in her heart for Michael and the entire Sanders Family. Aunt Ginny and the Goines Family!



Norman Howard - September 13, 2022 at 12:33 AM

GF

“ Gary & Moricina Fain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders



Gary & Moricina Fain - September 12, 2022 at 11:10 PM

DW

“ Debra E. Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders



Debra E. Williams - September 12, 2022 at 10:54 PM

DM

“ Darrell & Janice Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders




Darrell & Janice Murphy - September 12, 2022 at 09:07 PM

ML

“ Mary Latham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders



Mary Latham - September 12, 2022 at 09:02 PM

 Babby Barner

“ Babby Barner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders



Babby Barner - September 12, 2022 at 08:45 PM

VP

“ *Viola Patton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Viola Patton - September 12, 2022 at 07:50 PM

Mary Rollins

“ *Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



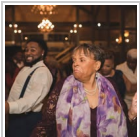
Mary Rollins - September 12, 2022 at 05:58 PM

DD

“ *Delores Ann Delaney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Delores Ann Delaney - September 12, 2022 at 05:23 PM



“ *Carolyn Fain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael D. Sanders*



Carolyn Fain - September 12, 2022 at 03:25 PM