



In Loving Memory



Earl E. Sanders Sr.

December 21, 1946 — July 25, 2026

SGT EARL EUGEN
SANDERS, SR.

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OBITUARY

Earl Eugen Sanders, Sr. was born on December 21, 1946, in Wichita, Kansas, to the loving union of the late Mack Willie Sanders and Callie May Anderson. He was the youngest of seven children. Earl was raised with strong values of faith, family, hard work, perseverance, and service—values that would guide him throughout his entire life.

Earl attended L'Ouverture Elementary School, Horace Mann Junior High School, and North High School before earning his GED. He was a man who believed in determination and never allowed circumstances to define his ability to grow, provide, and succeed.

On December 4, 1965, Earl married the love of his life, Katheryn Elaine House (Kathy). At the time of their marriage, Earl was 18 years old and Kathy was 16 years old. Together, they shared 58 years of marriage filled with love, commitment, and devotion until Kathy's passing on February 28, 2024. Their union was blessed with four children: Earl Eugen Jr., Lichelle Reniese, Deitric Jermaine, and Mark Ashely.

At the young age of 18, Earl followed in the footsteps of his older brothers and was drafted into the United States Marine Corps. He proudly served his country as an E-5 Sergeant and spent two years serving in the Vietnam War. His military service was a reflection of his courage, discipline, and commitment to protecting others. During his honorable service, he received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with one Bronze Star, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Presidential Unit Citation.

Earl was a devoted husband, loving father, and faithful provider. He worked at EBY Construction, Bceing, and later retired from Spirit AeroSystems. As a cement finisher, Earl took great pride in his craftsmanship. He was very particular about his work and believed everything should be done with excellence. He took great pride in every project he completed. Earl absolutely loved his tools. He was also gifted with a love for music where he enjoyed singing and playing the harmonica, it's how he expressed his joy and brought happiness to those around him.

Earl's faith was an important part of who he was. He grew up and was baptized at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, where he sang in the choir and faithfully served on the Deacon Board. His relationship with God was reflected through his service, humility, and love for others.

Earl Eugen Sanders, Sr. was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Katheryn Elaine Sanders (Kathy); his parents, Mack Willie Sanders and Callie May Anderson; his brothers, Mack Sanders, Eph Sanders, Joe Sanders, and Amos Sanders; and his sister, Pearlie Dudley.

He leaves to cherish his memory his brother, Lawrence Sanders (Nettie) of Wichita, Kansas; his sons, Earl Sanders, Jr. (Theresa), Deitric Sanders, and Mark Sanders (Ashley), all of Wichita, Kansas; his daughter, Lichelle Alford (Robert); and Goddaughters, Valerie Leon and Versena Coleman, both of Wichita, Kansas, Jacquie Estep (Mike) of Seattle, WA, and Marrion Brown (Gerry) of Tulsa, Oklahoma. He leaves a legacy through his grandchildren: Sierra (Lawrence), Isis, Mackenzie, Amari, Anyah, Tremaine, Myles, Mycah, D.J., Jeremiah, Joshua, bonus grandchildren Jamie, Christopher, Kiara, and Monroe.

He was blessed with great-grandchildren: Damyla, Damylan, Arielle, Arionn, Mileena, Kaiyah, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, church family, and friends.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:23 (NKJV)

PROGRAM



In Loving Memory of Earl Eugen Sanders Sr.

August 14, 2026

Calvary Baptist Church

2653 N. Hillside

Wichita, Kansas 67219

Dr. T. Lamont Holder, Pastor/Officiant



Order of Service

Music and Viewing

Procession of the Family.....Clergy

Statement of Purpose.....Pastor Victor McCollough

Flag Ceremony.....Color Guard

Solo.....D. J. Breathett

Old and New Testament..... Pastor Joseph Moore

Prayer.....Pastor Willard Dallas

Acknowledgements/Obituary.....Valerie Leon

Reflection/Solo....."Precious Lord".....Mike and Jacquie Estep

Reflections of Life (2 minutes)

Lawrence Sanders, Sr. (Brother)

[Expressed by Min. Stephanie Stovall-Taylor (Niece)]

Mycah Garner (Grandson)

Anyah Sanders (Granddaughter)

Ronald Sanders Sr. (Nephew)

Video Tribute.....D.J. Alford (Grandson)

His Legacy to Us

Dad the Steady Rock - Mark (Son)

Dad My Biggest Fan - Deitric (Son)

Dad the Teacher - Lichelle (Daughter)

Solo.....First Lady Cherrie Holder

Words of Comfort.....Pastor T. Lamont Holder

Parting View.....Jackson Mortuary

Recessional

Livestream Link: <https://www.facebook.com/CalvaryBCICT>

MEMORIES

Final Resing Place

Kansas Veterans Cemetary at Winfield

Repat

Calvary Baptist Church
2653 N. Hillside Ave.
Wichita, Ks 67219



WITH THANKS AND GRATITUDE

The family wishes to convey our deepest appreciation for the love you have shown us through food, gifts, cards, spending time together, and most of all your prayers.

*A special thanks to the wonderful team at Traditions Health Hospice for your support and guidance.
-The Sanders Family*

Pallbearers:

*Myles Garner (Grandson)
Mycah Garner (Grandson)
Robert Garner (Son-in Law)
Shane Sanders (Nephew)
Ronald Sanders Sr. (Nephew)
Larry Sanders (Nephew)
Michael Sanders (Nephew)
Ronald Sanders Jr. (Great-Nephew)*



Flower Bearers:

*Theresa Sanders (Daughter-in-Law)
Ashely Sanders (Daughter-in-Law)
Versena Coleman (Goddaughter)
Marrion Brown (Goddaughter)
Sierra Sanders (Granddaughter)
Isis Sanders (Granddaughter)
Mackenzie Sanders (Granddaughter)
Amari Sanders (Granddaughter)
Anyah Sanders (Granddaughter)
Jamie Coleman (Godgranddaughter)
Kiara Campbell (Godgranddaughter)*

Honorary Pallbearers:

Darron Alford (Grandson), Jeremiah Sanders (Grandson), Joshua Sanders (Grandson) Monroe Battles (Godgrandson), Christopher Stewart (Godgrandson), Carson Daniels (Nephew), Mike Estep (Godson), Tramaine Garner (Grandson)

Honorary Flower Bearers:

Nettie Sanders (Sister-In-Law), Annie Sanders (Sister-In-Law), Cyndi Mundine (Niece), Sheri Canady (Niece), Kimberly Gammon (Niece), Billie Faye Cole (Godsister), Narvella McElrath (Godniece), Dr. LaTonya (Godniece), Raynal James (Goddaughter), Penelope Sanders-Jones (Niece)

