



Fred Eugene Sanford

April 28, 1947 - October 18, 2012

Fred E. Sanford

Fred Eugene Sanford, 65, retired Oklahoma Game Warden and Vietnam veteran, left this world and stepped into Glory on Thursday, Oct. 18.

Sanford was born at rural Barnsdall on April 28, 1947, to Lumus Elbert Sanford and Gracie Mae Hickenbotham Sanford. He was reared and educated in Barnsdall and graduated from Barnsdall High School with the class of 1965.

He attended OSU Technical School in Okmulgee and joined the United States Air Force in 1967. He trained as a navigation equipment repairman and served at Lackland AFB in TX, Keesler AFB in MS, Holloman AFB in NM, Clark AB, Philippines, and Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam.

He was honorably discharged in 1970 and went to work at Petrolite in Barnsdall. A passionate lifetime hunter and fisherman, he was employed as a Game Warden in Garfield County in 1973 by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

He transferred to Nowata County and was married to Stevana Stevenson Legg on Dec. 26, 1977, in Barnsdall. In 1990 he transferred to Osage County, later adding Washington County to his assigned territory. He and his wife

moved to Bartlesville in 2001 and he retired from his "dream job" in 2003.

Fred loved to teach kids how to hunt and fish, teaching numerous hunter safety classes and conducting fishing clinics in the Barnsdall area. Most of the hills in this part of the country have his footprints on them. He was also known for his good manners, wit and charm and his unique "Freddie-isms." Fred greatly enjoyed his many hunting and fishing trips to Colorado, Wyoming, Kentucky and Missouri with his game warden brothers.

He was a member of Bartlesville Southern Baptist Church, Bernie & Dexter's Bunch Sunday School Class, the American Legion, NRA, Oklahoma Game Wardens Association, and the North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association.

He is survived by his wife of the home, Stevana, one son, Bradley of Houston, TX, one daughter, Lisa Boggs and husband Dwayne of rural Ramona, his mother, Gracie Sanford of Barnsdall, two brothers, John Sanford and wife Lori of Brunswick, GA, and Terry Sanford of Barnsdall, one sister, Mary Mason of Barnsdall, one grandson, Cody Boggs and wife Vickie of Superior, CO, one granddaughter, Stefanie Boggs Stoops and husband Zakk of Collinsville, two great-grandchildren, Ethan and Elise Boggs, his aunt, Dora Davis of Nowata, and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lumus Sanford.

A celebration of his life will be held at Bartlesville Southern Baptist Church at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, under the direction of Stumpff Funeral Home. A greeting time will follow in the Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers, donation may be made to the Bartlesville Southern Baptist Church Building Fund. 5111 S.E. Nowata Road, Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74006.

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Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

Bartlesville Southern Baptist Church
5111 S.E. Nowata Road
Bartlesville

Tribute Wall



“ Fred Eugene Sanford

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ Fred Eugene Sanford

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ My prayers are with you Stevana and the family.It won't be long before we see our loved ones again!

Jan Turner - October 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm a cousin of Fred's from the Sanford side. Fred and I had some great times fishing,hunting and watersking together. He could always put a smile on my face and have a good time. You will be missed and I love you. Jayne Loy

Jayne Loy - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Fred Eugene Sanford.

October 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ *Stevana and Family, So sorry to lose Fred. Mike and I really enjoyed our visit with you guys last week. Fred was a real light in a dark world. Chin up, we'll see him again, soon!* ”

Rome Ingle - October 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Have great memories of Fred. It has warmed our hearts as we have shared them with each other the past few days. We are praying for your family. Love ya'll!* ”

Jim & Wylene Brunk - October 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *Fred was a great guy and he will be sorely missed.* ”

Larry and Robin Thompson - October 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family. I know Fred is already scouting around in the Happy Hunting Grounds. Deer season is upon us. We will definitely miss him here in Kentucky. I hear that we may get to see you in the near future.* ”

Steve and Martha Smith - October 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers. So sorry for the loss of such a good man.* ”

Mike and Simon Willett - October 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ So sorry to hear about Fred.

Johnie Richardson Victor ID - October 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CQ

“ So sorry to hear of Fred's passing...He was such a fine example to so many. May he rejoice in heaven and celebrate in glory. Fred I am proud to have had you as a friend growing up. Prayers for his wife and family....Sincerely, Carolyn Wade Quillin

Carolyn Wade Quillin - October 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ I haven't seen Fred in over forty years or more. He was a friend and just one great person to be around.

George Van Brunt - October 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ so sorry for you loss, I love you guys.

Nancy Westfall - October 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Fred Eugene Sanford c/o Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory funeral home.

October 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ We will deeply miss our dear friend and neighbor "Mr.Fred". He has been a wonderful influence on our children since they moved next door to us. He will live on as he has taught them all so much about hunting, and instilled in them his passion.

As he always told the kids "see you round like a donut"...we look forward to visiting him again in his heavenly cabin in the woods.

The Swanson's - October 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I miss you already. See you round like donut in our heavenly home.

Mary Annie Rooney - October 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Condolences to Fred's family. When he was the weakest, God showed him strength and that strength was relayed to his family and friends through his testimony. May his words encourage us all in the days ahead. I am glad to have known Fred as FRIEND.

Patti Wyrick - October 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Fred is a very fond memory for me. He was very good person. I'm sorry for his family. Mary

Mary (Waits) Nieburg - October 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ A great, great fun guy. Will surely be missed.

Beverly Griffin - October 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ My deepest sympathy to Fred's family. He was good at his job. I appreciate his military service. He was faithful in all his endeavors and what more can one ask of a man. Remember the fun and loving times to help you through the sadness.

Juanita Clark - October 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ I am very sorrowful to hear that we have lost Fred, but I know there was a wonderful homecoming in Heaven when he passed. Fred will be truly missed. He was always a happy to see me and my family.

Much love,

Joe and Kristi (Kelley) Grubbs and family

Kristi Kelley Grubbs - October 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ My condolences go out to the Sanford family during this difficult time.

Brock Moore (Barnsdall, OK) - October 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM