



## James Robert Sanders

January 9, 1949 - March 12, 2022

James Robert Sanders

Beloved husband father grandfather uncle and friend

Was born on Sunday, January 9, 1949. They say Sunday's child is full of grace, and let me tell you our dad has always been full of grace. He never met a stranger, and always lent a helping hand. He graduated from McLain High School in 1967. He joined the air national guard and reported to San Antonio after graduation. He married the love of his life, Donna Burd, June 21 right after she graduated in 1968 - that's 54 years of wedded bliss, their love for each other will always inspire us. Our dad prided himself on being a "jack of all trades" he had a successful tractor business for many years. He volunteered as a wrestling coach at Avant for a few years, we just recently visited about how he truly enjoyed that time. He had a trucking business that brought him lots of adventures. He retired from the Tulsa fire department in February 2006 after 27 years of being a Tulsa fireman. Then he found time to buy a few Harley Davidsons and couple of Camaros and that's when the real adventures began. He and our mom have been from one side of the country to the other on that Harley, even through Mexico to Cancun. Luckily, they made it home safely each time. He has thousands of friends and a lifetime of adventure with all of them. If you were lucky enough to know our dad, I can guarantee you had fun. Really good wholesome fun. If he were here with us today, he would invite you all over for dinner, "the more the merrier" he would always say. He truly loved all of you and wants goodness for you all. He lived

a life without regret. He had a gentle heart and sees only the good in people. If he's been a part of your life, you know, he has lived his life gracefully, he always did the right thing and expected that from everyone around him. So, keep that up!

Jim Bob is survived by his loving wife, Donna Sanders; his Mother-in-Law, Charlene Burd; his children and their spouses, Kevin and Kelly Sanders, Kenny and Sherry Klechka; his four beautiful granddaughters, London Klechka, Paige Sanders, Lois Klechka and Faith Sanders; his brothers, Lee and Ernestine Sanders, John Sanders; his brother-in-law Daryl and Shelley Burd; Along with several nieces and nephews he adored.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Orville and Dorcas Sanders; father-in-law, Doward Burd; brother, Buddy Sanders; and nephew, Captain Justin Sanders.

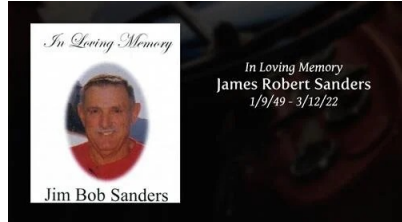
Visitation will be at Peters-Stumpff funeral home Wednesday March 16, 2022 from 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. with formal viewing from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be at The Remnant Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Sperry Thursday March 17, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Burial to follow at Hillside Cemetery. Funeral services will be under the direction of Peters-Stumpff Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers his wishes are to raise money to help his brother and sister firefighters ('tweeners) whose retirement benefits were not as advantageous as most who have retired since. The donations received will be divided between qualified living Tulsa Firefighter brothers and sisters, who retired between 1983 -1989 [(tweeners), qualifying for neither the OFPRS Escalator or Plan B retirement benefits]. This action has no affiliation with the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System (OFPRS) or Tulsa Firefighters IAFF Local - 176. It will be a personal donation by private funds. Link- <https://gofund.me/6ea9a809>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of James Robert Sanders*



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**Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory** - September 07, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *James Robert Sanders*

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October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *James Robert Sanders*

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October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Jim Bob was my best friend for 61 years. It's hard to believe that he is gone. He taught me more about how to live that he could ever have known. I will miss him greatly.*

*John G*

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**John Gutierrez** - March 28, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Dear Family of Jim Bob,  
Please accept my sincere sympathies on the loss of your very wonderful Father. Even though I had not seen him since I was six I will never forget him or all of the fun we had together as kids. I am sure you all will miss him dearly. He surely is in heaven with my Dad, Ray Farmer.  
Love,  
Lorraine

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**Lorraine Laird** - March 24, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ So sorry for your loss.

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**David Dyer** - March 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Rest in peace Jim Bob. I'm sure your mother, Dorcus, has been arranging some of her beautiful flowers to meet you. We will pray for all your family in this time of grief and all of us who have known you were blessed to call you "Friend".

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**Linda Sitzman Pringle** - March 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Jim bob was the greatest person on earth I remember going to his house when I was a little girl with my grandfather jack pryor when he worked for circle B- he would always say be careful around the horses or the cats always lets me drive his golf cart on the long drive



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**Melissa Pryor** - March 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Rest in peace, Jim Bob. Thanks for always being a good friend all these years and the many things I learned from you.



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**Gary Mackey** - March 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

WN

“ Donna and family I'm so very sorry to hear about Jim Bob. He was such a great and wonderful guy. He was true to himself and his faith. He was in my 1st hour class in our sr. year. HE HAD A BIG HEART. He was friends with everyone. Didn't know he was sick. I wish I would have known, prayers would have went up to heaven for him. But I will be praying for you and your family. He will be missed but he can rejoice in heaven. He's waiting for you.



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**Wanda McCray Newman** - March 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rest In Peace, Cousin. I loved spending time with you and your brothers when I was growing up. I love you.



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**Evette Pagano (Bliss)** - March 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ *JimBob was a great guy. He was my friend beginning in elementary where we sat beside each other in our classes because our names were in alphabetical order. He will be missed by so many. A truly good person.*

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**Glenda Seawright Kiper** - March 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ *Rest well, my Brother in Christ and a fellow firefighter. I pray that, God's Blessings and comfort be with this family. Amen*

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**Nelson Sager** - March 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Jim Bob was a good guy and loved to visit me at work. He will be missed very much.*

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**bobby winton** - March 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *I'm sorry for the family's loss. Sending prayers*



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**Bonnie Roberts** - March 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ *You have been such a wonderful friend over the years and will be missed on earth. You have truly earned a place in heaven. God speed my friend. You will always have a special place in my heart.*  
*Kay Edmondson*

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**Kay Edmondson** - March 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *My prayers go out for Jimbob's family, I really did think the world of Jimbob, he was truly a nice sincere man that would help you if you needed him. I'm going to miss him stopping by.*

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**Rusty Wood** - March 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *We have know Jim Bob since school. He was always the best guy. We were so lucky to have made so many fun trips with him and Donna. Always had a great time. He will be missed so much. Love you Jim Bob.*

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**Marshall and Vicki Farr** - March 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ *Sorry for your loss. JimBob and his family were great neighbors back in our teen years in high school*

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**Ginny Jones** - March 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM