



Ronald Virgil Sanders

September 3, 1934 - February 28, 2019

Ronald Virgil Sanders, 84 of Higginsville, Missouri passed away on Thursday, February 28, 2019, at Meyer Care Center in Higginsville.

Born Monday, September 3, 1934 at his beloved farm homeplace in rural Higginsville, he was the son of the late Virgil Sanders and the late Ruth Borgstadt Sanders.

On December 18, 1954 he married his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Mary Sue Gillilan Sanders. She preceded him in death on December 6, 2013.

Ron graduated from Higginsville High School, Class of 1952. He spent the majority of his adult life working in masonry construction, beginning as a bricklayer with Union Local 15. In 1960, he and Joe Wood established Sanders & Wood Masonry. In 1997, Joe retired and Ron and Mary created Ron Sanders' Masonry Construction Company. In 2000, Ron retired and his sons took over running the company.

In 1979, he was one of the original shareholders in the creation of Higginsville State Bank. The bank was later bought out by First Central Bank, now Central Bank of Warrensburg. Ron remained a member of the board of directors until December 2018.

He was a past aldermen for the City of Higginsville and helped bring the city airport to Higginsville. He was a member of Central Christian Church, Disciples of Christ and loved his church deeply. In his later years, he accompanied his grandsons, other youth and Salem UCC on two trips with

Youth on Mission.

Ron loved sports and was a huge Huskers fan. He coached youth baseball for many years and was President of the Husker Booster Club. He faithfully followed his grandsons through their young lives as they participated in many activities - football, baseball, basketball, track & field, rodeo, band, vocal and the Husker Moonbuggy Team among others. Ron was inducted into the Husker Hall of Fame in 2015.

Surviving are two sons both of Higginsville, Kevin (Dawn) Sanders and Jim (Susan) Sanders; one daughter, Julie (Glenn) Opfer of Higginsville; eight grandchildren, John (Amber) Opfer, Ryan Terry, Timothy (Abbie) Opfer, Jordan (Kandice) Sanders, Kyle (Erin) Sanders, Casey (Aubrey) Sanders, Dane Terry, Cody Sanders; and four great grandchildren, Maya Sanders, Lillianna Opfer, Porter Opfer, and Henry Opfer.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Robert Sanders; and one sister, Louise Echelmeier.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at Central Christian Church with Alan Lumpkins officiating. Interment will follow the service in the City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM on Saturday, March 9, 2019, prior to the service. Casket bearers: John Opfer, Timothy Opfer, Kyle Sanders, Casey Sanders, Cody Sanders, Jordan Sanders, Ryan Terry, Dane Terry. The family suggest memorials to: Central Christian Church - Window Fund or the Lafayette County Cancer Coalition.

Cemetery Details

City Cemetery

2275-2491 Lipper Ave.
Higginsville, MO 64037

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Central Christian Church
16 W 20th St.
Higginsville, MO 64037
central@centralhigginsville.org
<http://centralhigginsville.org>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Virgil Sanders*

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Ronald Virgil Sanders*

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Ronald Virgil Sanders*

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ *Ronald Virgil Sanders*

January 31, 2023 at 02:49 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Susan Echelmeier - December 07, 2020 at 03:23 PM

 Debbie Haney

“ So sorry to learn of Uncle Ron’s passing. My memories of him are kindness and his fun loving teasing. Prayers for the family during this time of loss.

Debbie Haney - March 08, 2019 at 07:54 PM

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“ Although not there in person, with you in heart , as you say final farwells , as a family on Saturday. Ronnie had a charismatic, fun loving way about him...often with a glint in his eye as he fully lived life; that is until the passing of the love of his life, Mary Sue. Seems a part of him died with her. But he forged ahead and did the best he could without her there to complete him. My prayer is that you continue to carry him in your heart as you remember those special times shared. I myself have a smile and a tear, as I think of him, my favorite cousin. But, as with Daddy, he remains a very real presence to me and a big part of who I am today . His person and love for me, is buried deep within me as a burning flame, that never goes out. The gift of family lives on ! God be right there with you all, as a beloved family, you lay him in his final resting place next to Mary Sue; although his strong , hard working , caring and love sick soul , has already gone on to meet her in the sky...Love and heart felt prayers to you all. Patty Borgstadt



Patty Borgstadt Thomas - March 07, 2019 at 08:22 PM

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“ Sorry to hear of Ronnie passing. Sympathy to the family. Eddie & Linda Kammeyer

Eddie Kammeyer - March 06, 2019 at 06:29 PM

JK

“ *Message from Eugene 'Jack' Kaeding:. Sorry to hear of Ronald Sanders passing. Ron and I had a wonderful relationship. Together with the Higginsville football team who took conference honors 3 years running. Ron played left guard, I played center. My sympathy all his family and friends. Jack Kaeding*

Jack Kaeding - March 05, 2019 at 03:30 PM