



## Garry Dale Sanders

June 3, 1947 - June 26, 2021

Funeral services for Garry Sanders, 74 of Carmine, Texas, are scheduled for 10:00 on Thursday, July 1, 2021 at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Carmine with Rev. David Tinker officiating. Burial will follow in the Carmine Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Thursday, July 1, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Wednesday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Garry Dale Sanders was born June 3, 1947 in Burton, Texas to Henry Alfred and Sylvia (Jacob) Sanders. He was baptized on August 24, 1947 at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Carmine by Rev. Leo H. Simon and confirmed on May 21, 1961 also at Martin Luther Lutheran Church by Rev. A.M. Hannemann. His confirmation verse was Matthew 10:32-33, "So every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven." A graduate of Round Top-Carmine High School in 1965, he was passionate about sports, lettering in Baseball, Track and Tennis.

In 1967 he married his high school sweetheart, Leonita Citzler of La Grange and settled in Giddings, Texas. After the birth of their first-born son, Randy in 1969, Garry was drafted, and the new family moved to Ft. Bliss where he was

stationed for two years. He was discharged honorably as a Specialist IV in 1971 and the family moved back to Giddings and Garry began working in the family refrigeration business.

After working with the Texas Highway Department and Giddings State School, he began his twenty-six year career with GTE / Verizon where he retired as a Network Analyst. Garry and Leonita's family grew to three during this time with Timothy born in 1973 and Vickie in 1981. He then began his second career as a Long Haul Truck Driver for Blue Bell Creamery retiring in 2012.

Garry loved family, sports, travel, vintage cars, hot rods, and aircraft. He supported all three of his kids' sports interests and hobbies whether it was football, baseball, or volleyball. He was a huge Dallas Cowboys and Rice Owls fan. Garry took his family on numerous trips to such destinations as St Louis, Disney World, Colorado, Georgia, Tennessee, California, England, and Hawaii and rafted down the Colorado, Arkansas, and Ocoee Rivers. He also attended many Texas Aggie Football road games with Randy, Tim, and Jason as well as numerous NASCAR, Indy Car, and Red Bull Air races. Garry loved Air Shows, especially US Navy Blue Angels and the USAF Thunderbirds and once flew in a B-17 Bomber from WW II.

When his grandchildren were born, they became his love. Always a phone call away it was nothing for Garry to be on the road to Corpus Christi to cuddle Viviana and Lauren when they were home from school or shuttle them to and from school. The time they spent together was precious and always included a home cooked spaghetti dinner and trip to Luby's. Years later when Kyle, Andrew, and Spence were born he had another opportunity to cuddle with little ones. Whether it was reading quietly inside or watching the boys run and play outdoors, Garry always looked forward to their time together.

His civic activism included membership in American Legion Post 276, as well

as the Carmine Chamber Commerce, Carmine Volunteer Fire Department, Carmine Hall - Cedar Creek Schuetzen Verein and his favorite – volunteering at the Carmine Chamber of Commerce Museum.

Garry passed away the evening of Saturday, June 26, 2021 at his home in Carmine.

Garry was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Sanders and Sylvia Sanders, and by a very special aunt and uncle, Marilyn and Kyle Spence; brothers-in-law, Milton Bage, Edrol Wagner, John Smidovec, and Johnny Dunham, and sister-in-law, Alice Loehr.

Survivors include his wife, Leonita; children, Randy and his wife Dika, Tim and his wife Stephanie, and Vickie and her husband Jason; grandchildren, Viviana, Lauren, Kyle, Andrew, and Spence; sister, Becky Dunham; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Carolyn and Leroy Bennetsen, Albert Loehr, Marjorie and EJ Stibora, Marilyn Wagner, Gene and Doris Citzler, and Annie and Allen Mueller.

Pallbearers will be Greg Bage, Mark Bage, Baron Bennetsen, Bradley Loehr, Kevin Stibora, Shane Stibora, Jerrell Smidovec, Jonathan Dunham, Gaschen Geissen, Scott Neumann.

Memorials may be made to Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Carmine, Hospice Brazos Valley or the charity of one's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Carmine Cemetery

Carmine Cemetery Road  
Carmine, TX 78932

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 30. 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings  
3950 East Austin Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

## Family Present for Visitation

JUN 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings  
3950 East Austin Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

## Visitation

JUL 1. 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings  
3950 East Austin Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

## Funeral Service

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JUL 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Martin Luther Lutheran Church  
211 Luther Lane  
Carmine, TX 78932

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Garry Dale Sanders*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - June 29, 2021 at 05:58 PM

CC

“ *Sending our deepest condolences.  
Robert and Cathy Carney*

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**Cathy Carney** - July 02, 2021 at 06:16 PM

RG

“ *We were so sad to hear about the passing of Garry! He was a dear friend & a classmate! We know how difficult the times ahead will be! We will keep all of you in our thoughts & prayers! 🙏*  
*Ron & Carol Goehring*

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**Ron & Carol Goehring** - July 01, 2021 at 09:52 PM

JH

“ *JoAnn Harrison lit a candle in memory of  
Garry Dale Sanders*



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**JoAnn Harrison** - July 01, 2021 at 09:26 AM

OS

“ I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers for you and your family in the days ahead.

*Ollie Siegeler*

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**OLLIE SIEGELER** - June 30, 2021 at 07:00 PM

BK

“ *Our thoughts and prayers*

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**Billie and Deloris Koehl** - June 30, 2021 at 06:53 PM

BW

“ *Sending prayers to the Sanders family.*



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**Bruce & Linda Wischnewsky** - June 30, 2021 at 02:12 PM

ST

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. I know he will be missed by all. My deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers for all the family especially Leonita. Love to all.*



*Sandy Tietjen*

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**Sandy Tietjen** - June 30, 2021 at 01:43 PM

DC

“ Donna & Todd Cozzaglio purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Garry Dale Sanders.



Donna & Todd Cozzaglio - June 30, 2021 at 01:01 PM

LP

“ Linda Pfeffer lit a candle in memory of Garry Dale Sanders



Linda Pfeffer - June 30, 2021 at 11:51 AM

RS

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Rebecca Sherrill



Rebecca Sherrill - June 30, 2021 at 10:33 AM

LL

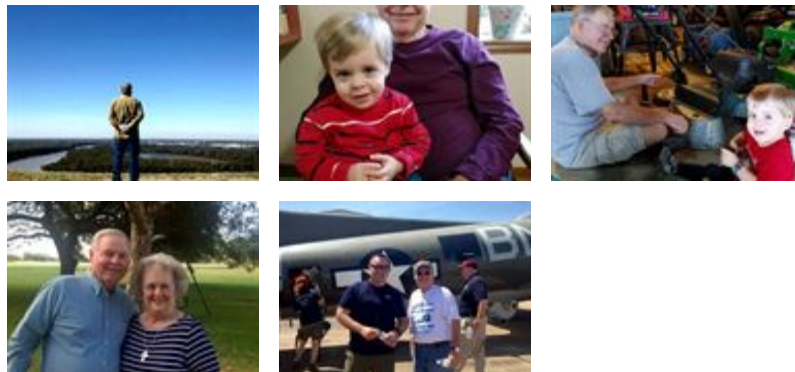
“ Larry And Linda Levien lit a candle in memory of Garry Dale Sanders



Larry and Linda Levien - June 29, 2021 at 10:30 PM



“ 79 files added to the album Life Tributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - June 29, 2021 at 05:47 PM



“ Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Garry Dale Sanders.



June 29, 2021 at 05:38 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear of Garry's passing! May he RIP!!! 🙏🙏  
for your family! What a nice, kind person Garry was! Dale & Charlet  
Neidig

dale neidig - June 29, 2021 at 05:21 PM



“ Dear Leonita and family. Please know that all of you are in our  
thoughts and prayers. You'll have our deepest sympathy. We have  
lots of awesome memories. Love to all. Carol n Doug Fewell.

carol n Doug Fewell - June 29, 2021 at 04:36 PM

JK

“ Growing up I spent lots of time with Vickie & the Sanders family in their home and along on a couple of their family trips. I have fond memories of Garry driving us to Fiesta Texas and even to Tennessee. Garry made sure Vickie and I had fun, and he never seemed to mind all of our giggles and silly girl antics. Garry was a kind, loving father. He will be missed dearly. I pray God will give his family peace and comfort.  
~Jami Jacob Koehl

Jami Jacob Koehl - June 29, 2021 at 02:49 PM

MD

“ Our deepest sympathy to Leonita and all of the family.



Marvin and Betty Dallmeyer - June 29, 2021 at 01:44 PM

MW

“ Leonita and family:  
We are so sorry for your loss. Y'all are in our prayers!!  
Maxine and Roy Wunderlich

Maxine Wunderlich - June 29, 2021 at 01:38 PM

BM

“ Leonita~ love & peace to all



Brenda Mueller - June 29, 2021 at 11:35 AM

DS

“ *Doug & Sharon Smith lit a candle in memory of Garry Dale Sanders*



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**Doug & Sharon Smith** - June 29, 2021 at 11:08 AM

MM

“ *Our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to you, Leonita and all your family. We are so sorry for your loss.*  
*Rodney and Melanie Meyer*

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**Melanie/Rodney Meyer** - June 29, 2021 at 10:25 AM

DL

“ *My deepest condolences to all of the Sanders family.*



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**Dustin and Yumi Levien** - June 29, 2021 at 09:49 AM

KS

“ *Dear Leonita and family, I'm so very sorry to hear of your loss. Thinking of you and family with sympathy and hoping that days ahead will bring you comfort and peace.*

*Our Sympathy,  
Bobby & Karen Sanders*

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**Karen A Sanders** - June 29, 2021 at 08:39 AM

JN

“ Thoughts and prayers are with all of you.  
Sincerest sympathy.

*Jo Ann (Mgebhoff) Nelson*



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**Jo Ann Sell Nelson** - June 28, 2021 at 08:34 PM

SL

*Leonita, So sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers for you and your family.  
Stephanie Willard Lyon*

**Stephanie W Lyon** - July 01, 2021 at 04:50 PM

DE

“ Please accept my sincere sympathy. May  
your memories bring you comfort on those  
dark days ahead. Prayers.



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**Debra Eckert** - June 28, 2021 at 06:17 PM

OD

“ My deepest sympathy to you, Leonita, and all  
your family in this loss. May God comfort you  
and bless you.



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**ORANELL DUNK** - June 28, 2021 at 05:41 PM

GF

“ So sorry to hear of his passing. Such a sweet soul, a good guy. May God Comfort You All and Bless You with His Peace and Presence. With Sympathy, Gene and Nancy Fuelberg



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**Gene and Nancy Fuelberg** - June 28, 2021 at 05:07 PM

VF

“ Violet Frosch lit a candle in memory of Garry Dale Sanders



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**Violet Frosch** - June 28, 2021 at 04:36 PM

DN

“ I am saddened to read of Garry's death. May your family find strength and comfort from your faith in Christ.



*Dwight Nittsche*

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**Dwight Nittsche** - June 28, 2021 at 10:40 AM

TM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Garry's passing. Please know my prayers are being said for you and your family.

*Teresa Muniz*

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**Teresa Muniz** - June 28, 2021 at 09:31 AM

JM

“ *Judy & Jerry Matula purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of Garry Dale Sanders.*



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**Judy & Jerry Matula** - June 27, 2021 at 07:21 PM