



William Ronald Sanders

December 5, 1942 - August 14, 2024

William Ronald Sanders, 81, of Harlingen, Texas, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, in the comfort of his home, surrounded by his loving family. His life was marked by a deep devotion to his family, faith, and community, leaving a lasting legacy cherished by all who knew him. To know Ron is to love Ron...his sense of humor and wit will be missed by many.

Visitation hours will be held on Friday, August 23, 2024, at Rudy Garza Funeral Home in Harlingen, TX, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The funeral service will follow at 2:00 PM at Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery in Mission, TX.

Born on December 5, 1942, in Long Beach, California, to Kenneth and Jessie Sanders, Ron grew up with a passion for fishing, sports, and studying the Bible. He found joy in spending time with his family and beloved pets, particularly during the holidays, and took pride in the successes of his children and grandchildren.

Ron served in the United States Army - Military Intelligence, from 1964 to 1970. He was deployed to Vietnam from November 1967 to November 1968, serving a leadership role on the Advisory Team 38. His service earned him several honors, including the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal,

among many others.

Ron is preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Jessie Sanders, and his brother, Donnie Sanders.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 43 years, Margaret Sanders; daughters, Leticia Sanders, Jane Sanders, and Genevieve Garrison with her husband Kenny; grandchildren, William Garrison with his wife Hannah, Madeline Garrison with her husband Jacob, Brandon Garrison with his fiancée Katelyn, Taraney Loggins; his brother, Carvis Sanders, and many other beloved family members.

Ron's memory will be honored by pallbearers Kenny Garrison, William Garrison, Brandon Garrison, Larry Colson, Alan English, and David Longoria.

Cemetery Details

Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery

2520 South Inspiration Road
Mission, TX 78572
(956) 583-7227

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Harlingen
1702 E Harrison Ave
Harlingen, TX 78550
(956) 425-8200
rgfhtx@aol.com
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com>

Graveside Service with Military Honors

AUG 23. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DF

“ Diana , Audris and Alis Fuller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Ronald Sanders.

Diana , Audris and Alis Fuller - August 26, 2024 at 04:32 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of William Ronald Sanders.



August 26, 2024 at 04:32 PM

JP

“ James Perez purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Ronald Sanders.



James Perez - August 22, 2024 at 11:58 PM

CP

“ Cecilia Villegas Perez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Ronald Sanders.

Cecilia Villegas Perez - August 21, 2024 at 10:08 PM

CP

“ Cecilia Villegas Perez purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of William Ronald Sanders.



Cecilia Villegas Perez - August 21, 2024 at 10:08 PM

LV

“ Love Sandy and Greg Vines planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Ronald Sanders.

Love Sandy and Greg Vines - August 21, 2024 at 07:55 PM

LV

“ Love Sandy and Greg Vines purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Ronald Sanders.



Love Sandy and Greg Vines - August 21, 2024 at 07:55 PM

MF

“ Mr. & Mrs. Raul G. Ortiz and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William Ronald Sanders.



Mr. & Mrs. Raul G. Ortiz and family - August 20, 2024 at 03:22 PM

KF

“ *Katelyn Long’s Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William Ronald Sanders.*



Katelyn Long’s Family - August 20, 2024 at 01:40 PM

AB

“ *Anna Babineaux planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Ronald Sanders.*

Anna Babineaux - August 20, 2024 at 08:11 AM

AB

“ *Anna Babineaux purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William Ronald Sanders.*



Anna Babineaux - August 20, 2024 at 08:11 AM

AO

“ *Al, Bernie, Jeff and Martina Ohlhauser purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of William Ronald Sanders.*



Al, Bernie, Jeff and Martina Ohlhauser - August 18, 2024 at 01:04 PM