

William Ira Sanders, Jr.

May 20, 1954 - December 26, 2023

William Ira Sanders, Jr., 69, of Lubbock, Texas passed away on December 26, 2023. Will was born May 20, 1954, in Lubbock, Texas to William Ira Sanders Sr. and Viva Jean Sanders.

Loved ones include companion Rita Harris; daughter Jennifer Gary and spouse Les Gary; daughter Julia Drennan and spouse Jeromy Drennan; son Nathan Sanders and daughter Melissa DeVillier. He was preceded in death by his father William Ira Sanders Sr. and mother Viva Jean Sanders.

Will was one of 5 children, siblings included sisters Linda Haltom and Debra Rumsey and two brothers Nick Sanders and Mark Sanders. He was raised in Lubbock and Smyer Texas. He graduated from Smyer High School in 1973. He had 9 grandchildren, Calli, Haelee, Austin, Bentley, Bailey, Jalynn, Kelsey, Avitt and Brooks. He was an amazing father and an even better Grampy. He started his first career taking over his fathers moving company then became an entertainer and performer, and the lead singer in a band. Around the age of 30 he started a new venture and career as a relocation specialist. He started his own moving company and worked traveling the US coast to coast. He strived to work hard and do an impeccable job to be the best at everything he did to make every customer happy. He prided himself in his work. Will knew no strangers, he was liked by all that met him, he was the life of the party and lit up any room he entered and if you were lucky enough to hear his stories you would leave laughing and loving him and knew you had a life long friend.

His favorite things in life most of all were his dogs, especially a yorkie named Fletcher. He loved to travel in his motor home with all his dogs camping, going to the beach, playing bingo, and visiting any casinos along the way. He loved to going to Biloxi. When he was home, working in the yard was his passion. He would say when he was finished in the yard, "Now our yard is the best on the block". He was amazing and irreplaceable, one of a kind and will be forever missed.

A celebration of his life will be 2:00 PM Wednesday, January 3, 2024 in Sanders Memorial Chapel. Please celebrate the life of William by visiting www.sandersfuneralhome.com. A webcast of services will be available as well as our online guest book.

Cemetery Details

Miller Crematory

202 Avenue Q
Lubbock, TX 79415

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 3. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of William Ira Sanders, Jr.



Sanders Funeral Home - January 03, 2024 at 02:17 PM

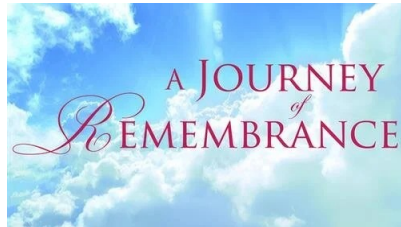
JG

My daddy❤️❤️❤️❤️

jennifer gary - January 06, 2024 at 12:54 AM



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Ira Sanders, Jr.



Sanders Funeral Home - January 02, 2024 at 12:54 PM

LC

Beautiful Tribute Video. We will miss Will. Lorrie, Travis and Serriah at Penske Abilene.

Lorrie Coker - January 03, 2024 at 12:11 PM



“ *Lorrie C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Ira Sanders, Jr..*

Lorrie C. - January 03, 2024 at 11:30 AM



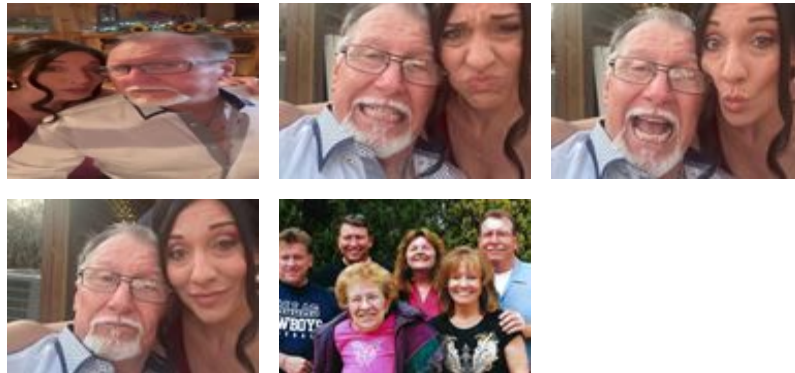
“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Ira Sanders, Jr..*



January 02, 2024 at 02:54 PM



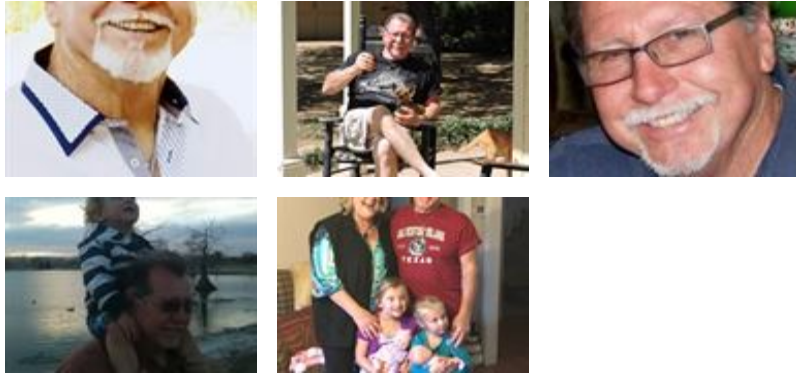
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Sanders Funeral Home - January 02, 2024 at 02:50 PM



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Sanders Funeral Home - January 02, 2024 at 12:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *William Ira Sanders, Jr.*



January 02, 2024 at 11:11 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket* was purchased for the family of *William Ira Sanders, Jr.*



January 02, 2024 at 11:02 AM

JG

“ My dad was amazing he was hilarious and I cherish all my years with him being raised by him he was more than a dad he was my best friend I could talk to him about anything he was my biggest supporter and fan and and I was his biggest fan. Until we are together again in heaven I will be talking to you in the sky dad I know your watching over me! ❤️

Jennifer Gary - January 01, 2024 at 08:25 PM

CC

“ Will was the BEST! Not just at what he did as an exceptional mover, but as a friend to each and every client. That is why we all came back to Will, time and time again! Will made everyone's move so much easier and worry free! We are saddened to lose a great friend, but ever thankful to have shared a part of life with him. Our hearts and prayers surround the family, friends and loved ones today, and in the days to come! With love, appreciation and honor to our friend, Will Sanders. Coby Crump, and the many clients he has been a part of their move. We love you, Buddy!

Coby Crump - January 01, 2024 at 05:04 PM

RG

“ Im sadden to hear of Wille's passing. We shared the stage at the Bean Elementary Halloween party with the Heartbeats. Singing "Gloria" he was the show I was kinda just on the stage with him. He was quite a character. My condolences to his daughter, and sisters Linda and Debbie.

Ricky Garcia - January 01, 2024 at 12:15 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Ira Sanders, Jr..*



January 01, 2024 at 10:29 AM



“ *Rita Harris, Evelyn Barnes, Elaine Ryden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Ira Sanders, Jr..*

Rita Harris, Evelyn Barnes, Elaine Ryden - January 01, 2024 at 10:29 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of William Ira Sanders, Jr..*



December 31, 2023 at 04:53 PM



“ *To the Sanders family, we are so sorry for loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
“Don’t cry that it’s over, smile because it happened. Don and Bonnie Kraul*

Donald Kraul - December 31, 2023 at 12:07 PM

RS

“ Rickey Snider planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Ira Sanders, Jr..

Rickey Snider - December 30, 2023 at 10:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Ira Sanders, Jr..



December 30, 2023 at 10:05 PM