



Brian Earl Sanders

February 13, 1938 - March 26, 2020

A private graveside service will be held for Brian Earl Sanders, 82, of Tyler, on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home with Brother Tim Mason officiating.

Brian passed away Thursday, March 26, 2020 at his home. He was born February 13, 1938, in Gilmer, to Floyd B. Sanders and Annie Lee King Sanders.

He graduated from Tyler High School in 1956 and attended University of Texas at Austin and Sam Houston State University, with plans of becoming a pharmacist. In 1961, while working for Tyler Pipe, he met his future wife, Judy. Drafted into the Army, and inducted in 1961 shortly after his wedding, he served as a pharmacist in his company and was part of the preparation team ahead of the Cuban Missile Crisis. Upon returning to Tyler, he attended Tyler Junior College, graduating with an Associates in Arts in 1965. He held the position of Product Inventory Control Manager with Moen Incorporated before retiring in 2001. Brian was an active member of Midway Baptist Church where he served as deacon for numerous years.

Brian was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Judy Granberry Sanders; his grandson, Michael Hammonds; his brother, Kenneth Sanders; and his parents, Floyd & Annie Lee Sanders. He is survived by his loving family

including daughter, Kathy Cope; daughter, Karen French and her husband, Steven French; daughter, Robin Sanders; granddaughter, Bridgette Hammonds; grandson, Brandon Cope; grandson, Benjamin Cope; great-granddaughter, Ava May Cates; great-granddaughter, Brooks Cates; great-grandson, Michael Cates; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A memorial service will be held for the public at a later time.

If desired, memorials may be made in the form of donations to Midway Baptist Church, 13798 State Highway 155 S, Tyler, TX 75703; SPCA of East Texas, P.O. Box 132899, Tyler, TX 75713; or the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 841125, Dallas, TX 75284-1125.

Tribute Wall

JD

“ Uncle Brian was a great man! I always loved the way he looked at Aunt Judy. You just *KNEW* he loved her to the moon and back! Whenever we visited Granny & Pawpaw Granberry's house in Lindale Uncle Brian always took the time to ask the kids how we were doing, how school was, etc. Most of all, I could always count on that quick wit and teddy bear hug. I'm going to miss him, but I know that he's happy as can be with sweet Aunt Judy!

Jill Diegel - April 01, 2020 at 07:03 PM

LP

“ My husband and I met Brian during our first visit to Midway, we found him to be a very warm and welcoming person. Every time we visited he made us welcome by his wonderful smile. We live in Emory but our grandson Kasen lives in Tyler and is a member their; he speaks of Brian so fondly that we haven't found a way to tell him of his passing.
Our condolences to the family.
Alan and Lura Pound

Lura Pound - April 01, 2020 at 02:40 PM

CH

“ There are so many memories from childhood that include Daddy Brian. He always welcomed me into his home and loved me as one of his own. He will be truly missed!

Christie Hamilton - April 01, 2020 at 02:15 PM

TM

“ *The one thing that stands out about Brian was his love for the Lord and for his family. When I think of him in relation to Midway; he was first to come, to make sure everything was ready. And he was the last to leave so he could ensure that all was secure. He was committed!*
Love, Tim Mason, Pastor

Tim Mason - April 01, 2020 at 12:30 PM

JS

“ *I've known Brian since I was in high school. Robin is one of my best friends. I spent quite a bit of time at their house. He was always willing to banter with us kids. He had a quick wit.*

We also went to church together at both First Baptist and Midway Baptist. Brian and Judy were devoted to their church. He made sure the donuts were bought and the coffee was made before anyone else arrived. I loved hearing him sing. He sang from his heart! He will be greatly missed. The family will remain in my prayers.

Jill Shuler - April 01, 2020 at 12:18 PM

AT

I am so sorry we can't be there for each of you. Prayers along with hugs and kisses. I just know your parents are happy together. All of the questions they had about the Bible are answered now. Thank you Lord.

ann tompkins - April 01, 2020 at 12:26 PM

CM

Brian was a member of Midway when I joined there. He was always there to welcome anyone that visited & to get the heat or air going before the rest of us got there. Then he stayed to turn everything off & lock up before he left.

It was obvious that he missed Judy so much. I know the two of them are happy to be together again worshipping God in heaven. He will be greatly missed here on Earth.

Charlene Melton - April 01, 2020 at 03:13 PM

SM

“ Brian was a huge role model for me. He was always even keeled. He loved the lord. He was a good father and grandfather. He always helped me. Let me use his truck. He had a great sense of humor. He helped get me a job when I was in need. He stuck up for me and fought for me. At Christmas and thanksgiving, he sat at the head of the table and said the best prayers. He came to my graduation, when my family could not be there. He gave me a card and a gift for my birthday for years. Brian was a very humble and extremely selfless person, always giving and putting others first. I will always remember these things about Brian.

Shane Maullin - April 01, 2020 at 12:17 PM

RV

“ Upon hearing of Daddy B's passing, Kyle and I immediately recalled our visit to Tyler, we thought was 4 yrs ago? It was Kyle's first visit to meet Daddy B and made some great memories playing pool together, a fave pastime of Brian's. Kyle quickly learned the old school rules of pool as Brian would point them out 😏 K would nod 'yes sir' and smile, pleasantries between new friends just playing games. Think it was hard for Robin and I not to watch them as we tried playing beside them 😊 Then eating yummy Posada! I loved teasing Daddy B! Rob and I would head out for sushi:
Me: Want anything Daddy? Want some sushi?
Brian: No thanks!!! Don't bring me any raw fish!!!
Me: Okie! Lotsa sushi coming your way then, get ready!!!
Brian: OH OK!!! Better not...
That's how I'll remember him, so loving, teasing, taking it and fishing it as well. A spunky man who always made me feel at home like one of his own. Give that man his recliner, tv shows, meat n taters and nap time! I imagine him business as usual with Judy upstairs, hollering at me: No raw fish!!!!
Big love Daddy B 😍 and to my dear family of Sanders 💕

Rae Venzke - April 01, 2020 at 10:21 AM

BS

“ *Ronny and I are so very sad to hear about your loss. We wish you supernatural comfort during this especially difficult time. You are in our prayers and we love you.*

Becky Scasta - March 30, 2020 at 06:53 PM