



Jerry Hoyt Sanders

February 9, 1945 - May 10, 2017

Conway...Jerry Hoyt Sanders, 72, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, May 10, 2017. Born in Horry County, he was the son of the late Henry and Annie Todd Sanders.

Mr. Sanders attended the University of South Carolina and was a Vietnam Veteran and member of the United States Air Force. He was a retired auditor from GMAC and during his retirement years, was known for visiting nursing homes and speaking at area Senior centers to provide comfort and a few pearls of wisdom. He also was a member of the Kairos prison ministry where he shared his faith with inmates. He was a loyal member of Trinity United Methodist Church where he served in many capacities including Sunday School teacher, and Staff Parish Relations, and the Evangelism team and Witness Work Area and church council, and United Methodist Men. He was also an active member of American Legion Post 111 where he was former Post Commander and recipient of the Legionnaire of the Year Award.

Mr. Sanders was an avid Gamecock fan and spread that love to his children and grandchildren. He attended countless football and baseball games with his family and was always up for a road trip to see his Gamecocks play.

Mr. Sanders was most devoted to his beloved family. Regardless of where or when, he could always be counted on to lend support and a helping hand. He is survived by his children, daughter Jeri Sanders Sullivan (Eric) of Lancaster and son Jonathan Michael Sanders (Samantha) of Vail, AZ; grandchildren Brett Michael Sitte (Paige), Caitlin Michelle Sitte, Patrick Steele Sullivan, and

Mason James Sanders. Mr. Sanders is also survived by his sister Barbara Sanders Copeland (Bill) of Conway, and brothers Bud Sanders (Barb) of Tampa, FL, Earl Sanders (Dianne) of Georgetown, Ray Sanders (Peggy) of Ocean Springs, MS, Harvey Sanders (Chris) of Leander, TX, and David Sanders (Wendy) of Chapin, SC; along with 11 nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life service will be held at 2pm Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Conway, SC led by Rev. Dr. William R. Childs. The family will receive friends in the fellowship hall immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 198 Long Avenue, Conway, SC 29526.

Please sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church
198 Long Avenue
Conway, SC 29526

Tribute Wall

QQ

“ *Mr. Sanders was my neighbor. We'd often times speak in passing and I enjoyed his conversations from time to time. He was always kind and encouraging. My boys and I loved him. He had patience with the boys and didn't mind them playing. Even when the football landed in his yard. My boys sometimes even sat with when I was running behind somedays. He was always willing to lend a helping hand. Whether it was when I had car trouble or storing a bicycle for Christmas one year for me so that I could surprise the boys. He was just that kind of man. It brings sadness to us that we didn't get the chance to say goodbye but feel comfort in knowing that he was a true believer and is now in a better place. May he rest in peace.*

Quantrell Quick - May 16, 2017 at 08:39 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Hoyt Sanders.*



May 15, 2017 at 01:43 PM

WU

“ *Thanks for your service Airman and fellow Vietnam Vet !!!
Wayne Williams
United States Marine Corps*



Wayne Williams - USMC - May 15, 2017 at 08:25 AM

RH

“ My relationship with Jerry was through the Kairos Prison ministry. I always enjoyed my time working with Jerry, we both were big sports fans, he as a gamecock fan and I am a Tarheel Fan. He would start talking about Carolina this and that, and I would say I thought you pulled for South Carolina? The real Carolina is in NC ! we enjoyed talking about our teams.

One of the best things that I appreciated about Jerry was his realness. You knew what you got with Jerry, he Loved his Lord and he came to Evans Correctional to tell those men how they too could be set free to fly with Christ. He was very real with those guys and they knew he was a straight shooter, and you could see the men enjoyed talking to him. When he came through the doors of the prison, he was all business looking for the next man that needed to hear about the love of Jesus!

He was a real blessing to me, and he was that Iron that sharpened me to be a better follower of Christ (Proverbs 27:17). Thanks Jerry, you will be missed.

Praying for you guys.

Robby and Caryn Helms
Kairos Prison Ministry

Robby Helms - May 15, 2017 at 07:39 AM

LL

“ We thought so very much of your father, Jerry. We were once members of TUMC and he never failed to speak and smile. The thing, however, that I will always cherish about your father was his faith and how he shared it with others. He prayed diligently for our grandson who has been gravely ill for many years. He would call me just to find out how our grandson was getting along. Jerry will sorely missed by John and me. We are comforted to know that he is now with our Lord. I hope you can find comfort in that fact also. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

John and Linda Lox

Linda Lox - May 14, 2017 at 02:40 PM

DB

“ I had the opportunity to do some time with Brother Jerry in prison ministry. One of his most endearing qualities for me was his ability to "be real". Those kinds of folks come far and few between. The ones that are brave enough to be real.

I enjoyed our time together.

As well as prison ministry Brother Jerry was frequently at the Aynor Senior Center on Wednesdays handing out fruit and treats and telling those present about all kinds of things of shared interest. Mostly Jesus and how to live a life centered in Him.

I remember once my mom told me when I was scheduled to come speak at the center, she said, "Now Jerry brings fruit, so...well I'm just saying, now you do what you want, but Jerry brings fruit."

:)

He always made us smile. :)

Family,

Jesus said, "You'll know them by the fruit they bare."

Jerry's fruit was good fruit!

And his life of service to the Kingdom of God will continue to bare good fruit!

~David Best

David Best - May 14, 2017 at 08:00 AM

RS

“ Rev. George Swift lit a candle in memory of Jerry Hoyt Sanders



Rev. George swift - May 14, 2017 at 07:31 AM

MG

“ I only knew Jerry for a short time, but that time was spent trying to reach others to let them know "JESUS is THE ANSWER". The first time we spent time together, he was signing up men that wanted counsel on the very topic! His willingness to give of himself shows his understanding of what HIS Savior meant when He said "I came to serve ". The world is better because God placed Jerry Sanders in a Community to serve the people. So family enjoy the memories Jerry leaves behind, pull them up and laugh and have JOY. Jesus said "the greatest among you will be your servant". HE GAVE YOU A GOOD ONE!!! Rev Marty Griffin

Marty Griffin - May 14, 2017 at 07:02 AM

BK

“ So Sorry for the passing of Jerry He was a classmate of mine in Conway High school class of 63 Just had our reunion on April 29th and enjoyed spending time with him.He will be missed by us all the family will be in our prayers during this time of sorry will be looking forward to another reunion in Heaven Barbarette Martin Kovacs

Barbarette Martin Kovacs - May 13, 2017 at 09:11 PM

HB

“ Jerry was one of those rare individuals that having once past through your life,
left you knowing you were better for having known him. Rest in peace my dear brother in Christ Jesus. Harry Barker.

Harry Barker - May 13, 2017 at 11:29 AM