



Orren Siders (Eatonton)

June 29, 1945 - March 9, 2012

Mr. Orren Augustus Siders , age 66, passed away Friday, March 9, 2012. Funeral Services will be held Monday March 12, 2012 at 2PM at the Williams Funeral Home Chapel of Eatonton with Paul Gardner and Pastor Hobart Roark officiating.

The Family will receive friends on Monday at Williams Funeral Home of Eatonton from 1PM until the service hour.

Mr. Siders was a native of Indiana, living in Eatonton for the past 36 years. He received his degree from Perdue and retired from Georgia Power where he worked as a team leader. Mr. Siders loved Bluegrass music and played many different instruments. He enjoyed riding horses. Mr. Siders was a member of Mt. Ararat Methodist Church where he served as Chairman of the Board.

He is survived by his wife Sandy LeRoy Siders, StepDaughter- Beth (Ricky Smith) Rockmore of Covington, Sisters- Freda (Don) McGrew of Rochester, Indiana and Wanda Siders of Patagonia, AZ; Brother Lyle Siders of Kewanna, IN, Grandchildren- Malory Rockmore of Atlanta, and Andrew Rockmore of Covington, Mother-in-law Bonnie LeRoy of Eatonton, and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In Lieu of Flowers , Memorial Contributions may be made to the American

Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall



“ Our sincere sympathy to Orren's family. While we didn't know him well, I (Carolyn) enjoyed the two times we played music.

*Look to the Day that you'll see Orren again in a better place. No matter how you look at it, it's a short time. Praise Jesus for the unfathomable gift of life that never ends. Does it get any better?
##imported-begin##Carolyn and Tim Swagerle##imported-end##*

March 19, 2012 at 11:38 AM



“ Hello Sandy: I got to meet you a few years ago when you came to Indiana. Oren was a wonderful person. We went to school together and to church together. I loved to hear him play. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Pattie##imported-begin##Pattie Armstrong##imported-end##

March 15, 2012 at 06:27 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Orren just found out this morning sorry I missed the funeral. I worked with him he was one of the good guys. I am sure he is playing music for God and he is enjoying it, as we all did.##imported-begin##Bruce Allison##imported-end##

March 15, 2012 at 08:00 AM



“ Lots of memories with Orren. From sock basketball in the basement, blackpowder and a pop bottle behind the shop, motor scooters to motorcycles and lots of ping pong. And my first double date. He will be missed very much.##imported-begin##Tony Kirk##imported-end##

March 14, 2012 at 04:34 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Orren. Remember him fondly from working with him at Plant Branch. May God comfort your family at this sad time.##imported-begin##Sonny & Patsy Bass##imported-end##

March 14, 2012 at 07:35 AM



“ Sandy:

So sorry to hear of this. Will be thinking of you as you go forward.##imported-begin##Marshall Lee##imported-end##

March 14, 2012 at 06:27 AM



“ Sandy, I'm a cousin and am so sad about our loss of Orren; it leaves a hole in the universe. He was always a positive addition to a group with his humor and quiet presence and his music. We'll miss him at the Siders Reunion. I didn't realize he and my son share a birthdate, except Ryan's was in 1974. This is a time to hold onto your memories, your friends and God. Bless you, Sandy.##imported-begin##Marlyn Miller##imported-end##

March 14, 2012 at 12:13 AM



“ *May God Bless And Keep You in His Holy Arms and Bosom For All Eternity. I Certainly Enjoyed The Many Songs and Hours We Played Bluegrass Music Together. You Are Fine Gentle Man and Now My Last Request Is For You and God's Bluegrass Angels to Play One Up Tempo Gospel Bluegrass For All Your Friends That I'm Sure Are Mourning Your Passing. Friends In Christ We Pray.##imported-begin##Grady Ussery##imported-end##*

March 13, 2012 at 03:34 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss! May God bless you and keep you is my prayer.##imported-begin##Patrick G. Ball##imported-end##*

March 13, 2012 at 02:33 PM



“ *Sandy,*

I grew up about 3 miles from Orren & remember his passion for riding motorcycles. Being 5 years younger, I enjoyed following him around. Last few years we've enjoyed his visits to the reunion. Our thoughts & prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Roger & Darlene Holiday##imported-end##

March 13, 2012 at 01:06 PM



“ *Always a welcome face at jam, Orren be remembered and missed greatly.##imported-begin##Mike Hinshaw##imported-end##*

March 13, 2012 at 12:46 PM



“ Sandy, Our prayers are with you, Orren was a GREAT guy. I remember meeting him for the first time at Hillside Bluegrass. Always enjoyed his wit, humor, and his music. Will miss him! Stay strong, Sandy, I can imagine Orren now pickin Bluegrass with the Angels....##imported-begin##Ken Morgan##imported-end##

March 13, 2012 at 11:16 AM



“ Sandy, we were so sorry to hear that Orren had passed away. Can't begin to tell you how many times Richard has told stories about Orren, Lyle and him going hunting - such great times they had! Richard would tell about Orren frying a big skillet of potatoes and how good they were. We also enjoyed his fiddling when he was 'home' in Indiana - good music. We are praying for comfort for you in the coming days knowing that Orren is with the Lord. We love you!##imported-begin##Richard and Helen##imported-end##

March 13, 2012 at 09:58 AM



“ I just read of this in today's Milledgeville newspaper, I will truly miss Orren, I enjoyed working with him and he was a very knowledgeable man with an awesome sense of humor. Thoughts and prayers for the family.##imported-begin##Randy Malone##imported-end##

March 13, 2012 at 08:35 AM



“ So sad to hear of his passing. I knew he was not well and intended to stop on our last trip to florida. I let other things take priority-we all need to slow down!##imported-begin##wil siders##imported-end##

March 13, 2012 at 08:03 AM



“ Sandy so sorry to hear about Orren. We hold you close in our hearts and prayers. May God wrap you in his love and strength and give you peace. We will miss Orren.##imported-begin##Mimi And Ken Morgan##imported-end##

March 13, 2012 at 01:53 AM



“ Orren was my nephew. He was so quiet and shy and sweet, but he had a great sense of humor like his dad (my brother, Lawrence.) I saw him every other year the past 10 years, at our Siders reunion. He was great fun to be around, and I already miss him. I know God was ready to have him up there. That should give us comfort. I'm so glad he had Sandy these past few years.##imported-begin##Marjorie Siders Hendrix##imported-end##

March 13, 2012 at 01:17 AM



“ Orren and I were play mates and good friends while growing up. Once when my great Uncle Elzie Weeks was visiting on leave from the army He (Elzie) showed me how to throw someone over your shoulder as a defensive move. I was all excited about this new self defense trick and couldn't wait to show Orren. So when I saw him the next time, I told him about the new move. So I suggested he throw me over his shoulder. Unfortunately I didn't get the facts just right and as he pulled my arm down over his shoulder it cracket my arm. He really felt bad but it wasn't his fault. I wore a brace on my arm for a while but everything healed up fine. Several times when we were older we had a good laugh about our judo self defense experience. Orren was a good soul and I miss him - even though we didn't see each other very often.##imported-begin##Larry J. Otto##imported-end##

March 12, 2012 at 09:34 PM



“ *##imported-begin##Kristi(See)Denton##imported-end##*

March 12, 2012 at 07:19 PM



“ *Orren,
No farewell words were spoken, there was no time to say good-bye-
-You were gone
before we knew it, and only
God knows why. Our hearts will ache in sadness, and many tears
will flow--You were an inspiration to everyone, of this we know.
Everybody loved you, but God
needed you more. You're in
heaven with Jesus now singing with the angels. Sandy, our heartfelt
deepest
condolences go out to you and
Ms. Bonnie. Call on us any
time any hour. We love ya'll,
Sue and Eddie##imported-begin##Sue and Eddie##imported-end##*

March 12, 2012 at 11:14 AM



“ *To a friend and co-worker. May you be rejoicing in
heaven.##imported-begin##John Standridge##imported-end##*

March 12, 2012 at 10:32 AM



“ *Sandy, Brian and I are so sorry for your loss. Orren was such a
great guy- always a smile and kind word.##imported-begin##Denise
& Brian Felgner##imported-end##*

March 12, 2012 at 08:28 AM



“ *My prayers are with the family doing this time. May God continue to bless you.##imported-begin##Tony O. Hurt, Sr.##imported-end##*

March 12, 2012 at 07:57 AM



“ *Orren you will be greatly missed. It was a honor working with you at Plant Branch for all those years.##imported-begin##Nick Kinslow##imported-end##*

March 12, 2012 at 06:47 AM



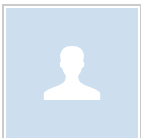
“ *Sandy we are sorry for loss of Orren. We will miss him. We loved to see you and Orren at the bluegrass festivals. He will be missed. Love Don & Gwen Dublin Ga.##imported-begin##Don Melton##imported-end##*

March 12, 2012 at 05:05 AM



“ *Sandy,
I couldn't believe it when I was informed of Orren's passing. We're going to miss him at the jams and festivals. He's playing music in a better place. You and the family are in our prayers.
Mark Grant##imported-begin##Mark Grant##imported-end##*

March 11, 2012 at 11:13 PM



“ *so sorry to have lost such a great guy.
we rode together, and heard his music. hate to say good
bye.##imported-begin##Ronald & Virginia Linch##imported-end##*

March 11, 2012 at 09:23 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Orren was a very special man, thanks Orren for all the work memories.##imported-begin##Mitchell Crosby##imported-end##*

March 11, 2012 at 06:51 PM



“ *I knew Orren through his love of bluegrass. He was the most kind and gentle person I ever knew and will be greatly missed by all of us who loved him and his musical talent. Sandy, I am so very,very sorry.
Roy Mullis##imported-begin##Roy Mullis##imported-end##*

March 11, 2012 at 03:57 PM



“ I remember, at his retirement party, all these people I'd never met saying what I already knew; how he was so generous with knowledge on how to fix things, loaning and sharing tools and instruments and just about anything you can imagine. Almost any time I called him he'd be off somewhere managing the pouring of a foundation, or fixing a pump, or welding and repairing some piece of equipment.

We loved him. He kept the bluegrass jam going . He made sure we had amps and mikes and a place to play. Whenever we were without a venue he snagged me to go talk to restaurants and we'd find a new place.

He played bass to support the group but appreciated being relieved so he could practice some lead. Playing bass is tough, but fiddling' is just an exercise in unmercifully arduous dexterity. At our age, you shouldn't even try, but Oren seemed drawn to big, complex problems. So I was not surprised when he decided to make bluegrass instruments from scratch.

For the last couple of years we've spent Thursdays in his shop working on fiddles and mandolins. We'd shave and tap and tune pieces of wood, listen to a Lester Flatt album from 1952, and give chewing "tebakky" to Dusty his horse who would stick his head in the door to see what's going on. I wouldn't take a herd of horses for that time now.

Adios cowboy, you'll be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Keith Rowell##imported-end##

March 11, 2012 at 01:34 PM



“ *Uncle Orren had a wonderful spirit and I will cherish the memories I have of him always. I wish I had more to cherish though.* *Lauren Smiley*”

March 11, 2012 at 01:28 PM



“ *Orren was absolutely the best team leader and one of the best men I have ever known. Most remember him for his laid-back demeanor. I also remember him for his subtle and wicked sense of humor. The world has lost a friend who cannot be replaced.* *Chuck and Dianne Seagraves*”

March 11, 2012 at 01:21 PM



“ *Jerry Butler*”

March 11, 2012 at 11:55 AM



“ *Sandy,*
It was always a pleasure to talk to you & Orren @ Harbin Lumber when you guys came to visit. I loved talking about music with you guys, because it was a very passionate subject for all 3 of us. I know that you have lost a great companion, but be rest assured that Heaven has welcomed a new resident with open arms. Praying for God's strength and comfort in the coming days and weeks.
Doyle Smith”

March 10, 2012 at 11:51 PM



“ Sandy,
Lost for words..we just kept thinking you all would be back in the bluegrass loop soon...Guess God had a reater plan for Orren..Love ya, Red & Al###imported-begin##Red & Al Leming###imported-end##

March 10, 2012 at 11:27 PM



“ *I am praying for you. Orren was one of the best people I have ever met. Never heard Orren talk bad about anyone. Always had a kind soft spoken word for everyone. Great man and will be sadly missed by all*###imported-begin##Johnny L Brock###imported-end##

March 10, 2012 at 09:36 PM



“ *Orren was a very special dear friend and to me during the many years we shared at Plant Branch. He always took the time to teach and help me when I did not fully understand what I was working on. We shared the love of Bluegrass music and talked of it often. He was a very giving and special person...*###imported-begin##William W. Hatcher Sr.###imported-end##

March 10, 2012 at 09:34 PM



“ *Harvey and I will miss this kind soul but what a wonderful addition to heaven.*###imported-begin##Mary Schoonmaker###imported-end##

March 10, 2012 at 08:48 PM



“ We will miss you Orren. Thankful for many fond memories. Sandy, we are praying for you. God Bless##imported-begin##Stan and Donna Hobbs##imported-end##

March 10, 2012 at 08:20 PM



“ Sandy, we are so sorry for your loss. Orren was such a great person and we know he will be missed. Our prayers are with you and your family during this troubled time but we can be thankful that Orren is in a much better place with no pain or suffering. May God comfort you and your family. If there is anything that we can do pleas do not hesitate to call us.##imported-begin##Greg & Kay Lunsford##imported-end##

March 10, 2012 at 06:45 PM



“ Our prayers are for the family. We have a lot of memories working with Orren and playing music together.##imported-begin##Jerry and Shirley Brown##imported-end##

March 10, 2012 at 06:30 PM



“ JUST WANTED THE FAMILY TO KNOW HOW SORRY WE WERE AND OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YALL. LOVE LISA, LINDSEY AND JAMES WOOD##imported-begin##lisa roberson wood and james lindsey wood and james andrew wood##imported-end##

March 10, 2012 at 06:15 PM



“ A truly unique man, I never heard an unkind word or a slight of any kind from Oren. Talented in many ways and fun to be with. He was my boss and my friend and we will surely miss him##imported-begin##David and Deborah Jackson##imported-end##

March 10, 2012 at 06:06 PM



“ We Love You Orren and will miss you. God Bless You Sandy and Ms. Bonnie. Our Hearts go out to yall. Love You.##imported-begin##Shawn & Stephanie McDade##imported-end##

March 10, 2012 at 06:03 PM



“ Sandy,
Both of us are thinking of you and your family daily. We know you have the love and support of your family and friends. We will miss our friend and neighbor.##imported-begin##Pearl and Buck##imported-end##

March 10, 2012 at 06:02 PM



“ Sandiie, we are heartbroken. Oren was a wonderful man and a wonderful friend. He will be missed by so many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and will do anything we can for you. All our love to you.##imported-begin##Paul and Diane Heath##imported-end##

March 10, 2012 at 05:27 PM