



Willie Lee Sanders

January 4, 1938 - December 16, 2025

Willie Lee Sanders, age 87, of Milledgeville, passed away Tuesday, December 16, 2025. Funeral services for Willie Sanders will be conducted Saturday, December 20, 2025 at 2:00 pm in the Chapel of Williams Funeral Home of Milledgeville with Rev. Jim Davis and Rev. Larry Glover officiating. Interment will take place in the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the Williams Funeral Home of Milledgeville on Saturday, December 20, 2025 from 1:00 pm until the service hour.

A native of Deepstep, Willie was born on January 4, 1938 to the late Tommy Sanders and the late Martha Pounds Sanders. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his wife, Betty Jean Collins Sanders. Willie grew up in Milledgeville. He served in the U.S. Army at the Signal School in Germany. Upon completion of his military service, Willie returned home to Milledgeville, to work for Napa Auto Parts, and Georgia Automotive. He was a member of Mosleyville Baptist Church.

Willie is survived by his daughter, Darendra Veal (& John) of Gordon ; his son, Darrell L. Sanders, Sr. of Milledgeville ; a sister, Sandy Bagwell of Augusta ; his grandchildren, Darrell Leon Sanders, Jr., and John Heyward Sanders ; and his great grandchildren, Damien Sanders of Milledgeville, Oliver Sanders, and Lillith Sanders.

The family has asked that Memorial Contributions be made to the Georgia War Veterans Home – Activity Fund, 2249 Vinson Hwy., Milledgeville, GA 31061.

Condolences may be expressed online at: www.williamsfuneral.net

Williams Funeral Home and Crematory of Milledgeville is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Georgia Veteran's Memorial Cemetery

2617 Vinson Hwy
Milledgeville, GA 31061

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **20**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville
1670 N. Jefferson St.
Milledgeville, GA 31061
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staff@williamsfuneralhome.net
<https://www.williamsfuneralhome.net>

Funeral Service

DEC **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Webcast will start approximately 10 minutes before the service in memory of Willie Lee Sanders



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - December 20, 2025 at 01:09 PM

TL

Thank you for the live video

Trudie Lewis - December 20, 2025 at 02:53 PM

DQ

“ Willie was a great man and when Willie was around there were no hungry dogs or cats around him he always made sure they was feed and he was a fun guy to be around and he will be greatly missed aswell



Donald quinn - December 29, 2025 at 01:05 AM

PB

“ I'm sorry to hear about Bill passing. I didn't know about this until today. I know you will miss him! Thoughts and prayers are with y'all! Johnny and Phillis

Phillis Brown - December 22, 2025 at 06:18 PM



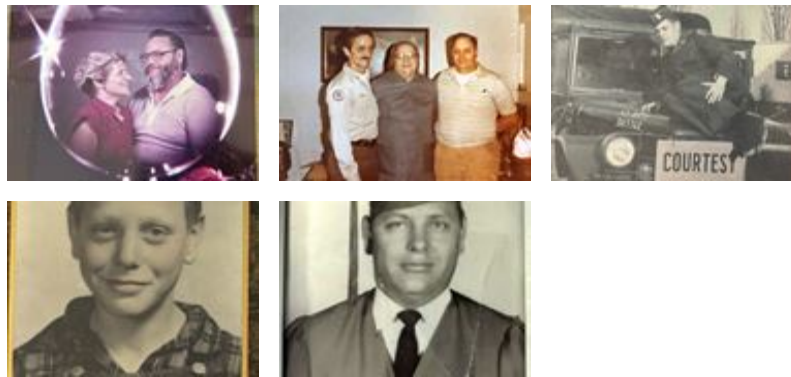
“ *Lori Hendrix lit a candle in memory of Willie Sanders*



Lori Hendrix - December 21, 2025 at 02:06 AM



“ *8 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - December 20, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ *Wright Banks, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Willie Sanders*



Wright Banks, Jr. - December 20, 2025 at 08:19 AM

SB

“ Willie was a very loving and generous person and he never met a stranger. He was always willing to help anyone needing help, especially with his knowledge of cars and car parts. One of his favorite acts of generosity was playing Santa Claus because he loved making children happy. He was also on the search and rescue team for many years as a diver. One of the big loves of his life was going to Mosleyville Church where he attended when he was young and also helped his uncle OT Pounds in building the church. For the past three or four years Sheela Pounds made sure that he attended Mosleyville by picking him up every Sunday. When Willie's health started declining, he missed several Sundays but he made it clear that he wanted to attend homecoming which he did on October 19.

I thank my God for all those who made life better for my brother.

Sandy Bagwell - December 19, 2025 at 03:48 PM

ED

Willie was a great and caring man I always loved seeing him anywhere and talking with him. Rip 🙏🙏🙏

Edward Dixon - December 19, 2025 at 05:36 PM

LB

“ Mr Willie enjoyed going to the Ranch House and Clinton Opry. He rode with me on Saturday nights then on Friday nights. He loved country music and loved to dance. He would tell me all about his family. He will be missed.

Louise Burgamy - December 18, 2025 at 07:05 PM

TL

“ To the Loved ones of Willie Lee Sanders my condolences.His Cousin .

Trudie Lewis - December 18, 2025 at 06:44 PM

DH

“ *David and Joyce Hunnicutt lit a candle in memory of Willie Sanders*



David and Joyce Hunnicutt - December 18, 2025 at 06:11 PM

CH

“ *Cindy Humphrey lit a candle in memory of Willie Sanders*



Cindy Humphrey - December 18, 2025 at 05:19 PM

CC

“ *My condolences to Dee and the family
Though I met him briefly only a few times,
they were good times. It was great to have
met him. He will be missed/*



Cory C. Cain - December 18, 2025 at 02:52 PM

WB

“ *On behalf of the Wilkinson County Bank
please accept our heartfelt condolences on
the loss of your loved one.*



Wilkinson County Bank - December 18, 2025 at 12:30 PM

DB

“ My condolences, thoughts and prayers for family and friends. *Debbi Proctor Batchelor.*”



Debbi Batchelor - December 18, 2025 at 10:15 AM

KD

“ I worked with Mr. Willie at Napa Parts for short time, he was amazing how he knew parts and all the people that came in. Praying for peace during this time.”

Kay Dunn - December 18, 2025 at 08:32 AM

DV

“ Daddy I’m going to miss you so much. You were my rock. Taught me to work on cars. You taught me many things. Please go rest in peace and watch over me and protect me for my time left on earth. I love you daddy, my angel”

darenda Veal - December 18, 2025 at 07:25 AM

JT

“ Jimmy Thigpen lit a candle in memory of Willie Sanders”



Jimmy Thigpen - December 18, 2025 at 05:32 AM

CY

“ He was a sport for sure. No matter where I saw them he always spoke and Betty Jean was a such a lovely lady. I know they will be missed.



Casey & Judy Youngblood - December 17, 2025 at 09:45 PM

SP

“ Sheela Pounds lit a candle in memory of Willie Sanders



Sheela Pounds - December 17, 2025 at 09:34 PM

TL

Sheela sorry I could not come to Willie's Service medical reasons. My email is lgertrude787@gmail.com. So sorry I never had the chance to meet Willie. I wish the photos I see on his memories was named and dated . Hope you are well

Trudie Lewis - December 20, 2025 at 11:42 AM

SP

“ sarah & johnny parker lit a candle in memory of Willie Sanders



sarah & johnny parker - December 17, 2025 at 06:56 PM

SP

“ *to the family we are so sorry for your loss of your love one sarah & johnny parker*

sarah & johnny parker - December 17, 2025 at 06:53 PM

SL

“ *So sorry to hear about Willie passing. He was one of a kind. I have known Willie all my life. Praying for the family.*
Sheila Osborne Leverett

Sheila Leverett - December 17, 2025 at 06:47 PM

LB

“ *Louise Burgsmy lit a candle in memory of Willie Sanders*



Louise Burgsmy - December 17, 2025 at 05:59 PM

KH

“ *We are so sorry about Mr. Willie. Danny said he worked with Mr. Willie at the auto parts store. Mr. Willie knew everything about cars, and Danny soon learned he didn't! Thinking of you all during this sad time.*

Karen Harrid - December 17, 2025 at 04:19 PM

RE

“ *Sorry to hear of Willie passing. He knew every part of a car. Never forget when I call him, he would answer ::
“Motor Parts Willie”*

Randy Ellis - December 17, 2025 at 02:47 PM

KB

“ *Darenda and family sorry for your loss. Cuz will be missed. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.* ”

Karen/Kenny Babb - December 17, 2025 at 01:18 PM

JL

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Willie’s passing. He will be missed by many. To the family you all are in our thoughts and prayers.* ”



John and JoAnn Lavender - December 17, 2025 at 12:29 PM