



Edwin R. "Tink" Sanders

October 17, 1925 - July 27, 2009

New Ellenton, SC—Graveside Services for Mr. Edwin R. "Tink" Sanders, 83, of Main Street, New Ellenton, SC, who entered into rest July 27, 2009, will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Bethany Cemetery, Aiken. Father Jeffrey F. Kirby officiating.

Mr. Sanders was born October 17, 1925 in Ellenton, SC to the late Russell and Mary Agnes Sanders. He was always known as Tink, a name given to him by his baby nurse because he loved playing with Tinker Toys. Tink graduated from Ellenton High School and after attending the Citadel for nine months, he was drafted into the US Army in World War II where he obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant serving with Company K 225th Infantry of the 63rd Division. He was injured in the Eastern Theater and received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. After his discharge, he returned to the Citadel to complete his education majoring in Business Administration.

Tink's family was one of the first to move to New Ellenton in 1951. He managed the installation of the first water system for New Ellenton, retired from the A. J. Kellos Construction and took over operation of his father's business, Sanders Merchandise Mart in New Ellenton until 1990. Tink was a past Chairman of the Board of Aiken County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission and past Chairman of the New Ellenton Public Works Commission.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Sabra T. Sanders; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Janet McClain, New Ellenton; a daughter and son-in-law, Pam and John Clarke, Dallas, TX; three grandchildren, Christopher McClain, Kelly McClain Key and her husband, Chris and Clancey Clarke.

The family will receive friends at the graveside following the service.

Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to a favorite charity.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181). Visit the registry online at www.poseyfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Service

JUL 30. 2:00 PM.

Graveside

Visitation

JUL 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

Following the Service, Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Ave
North Augusta, SC 29841

Tribute Wall



“ *This post is years late. My name is Theresa (Valencourt) O'Mara. Tink and Sabre were dear friends of my parents. I was born in Aiken August 1956, 1 month after my fathers death. My mother spoke so fondly of your family for as long as she lived. She passed in Dec. 2012. From all I've heard your father was a wonderful friend to my family, and I know he and your mother stayed in my mothers heart for all the years after. Sincerely, Terry.*

theresa valencourt omara - October 18, 2023 at 10:22 AM



“ *Edwin R. "Tink" Sanders*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Edwin R. "Tink" Sanders*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Larry:*

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

God bless,

Glen##imported-begin##Glen DeHart##imported-end##

August 01, 2009 at 06:55 PM



“ Oh Larry, Sabra, Mrs. Sanders,
My sympathy and condolences to all of you.
Such a man will live on in hearts and
memories forever. I heard about him
as a wonderful neighbor and of course,
we in the Aiken High class of '61 thank
him for his fathering of Larry. His
influence, love, caring ways will live on.

God will continue to bless you all.
Enjoy the memories, photos, his little
'sayings'. Yes, gone but never forgotten!

Take care yourselves too. We care.
Dottie and the Class of '61##imported-begin##Dottie
Boatwright##imported-end##

August 01, 2009 at 01:39 PM



“ I graduated 1961 w/Larry and am sorry 2 hear of your loss Larry...I
shall pray for you & your family...We are the ones left behind to
grieve...Luv...Lydia##imported-begin##Lydia Kaney##imported-
end##

August 01, 2009 at 12:30 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-
begin##Kenneth & Estelle F. Ellis##imported-end##

July 30, 2009 at 10:34 AM



“ Mrs. Sanders,
It was a priveledge to work with
Mr. Sanders, He was a respected and caring Commissioner. He did
alot to help build and improve the water system. We all have fond
memories of him and still talk about him often. he was truly missed
after his term expired and were dissapointed that he decided not to
run again. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your
family.##imported-begin##Commission of Public Works, Employees
and present Commissiners##imported-end##

July 29, 2009 at 03:00 PM



“ I sorry to hear about mr.sanders he were a good man to know.He
doing a lot for the town. our pray go to the family at time like
this##imported-begin##Harry owens##imported-end##

July 29, 2009 at 02:41 PM



“ As long as I live I will never forget the hours and days I sat on the
bench in front of the store and talked to Tink and his Dad. What
wonderful memories. They don` t make `em like them any more.
They are a fading generation that will be greatly missed.##imported-
begin##Gene Rollins##imported-end##

July 29, 2009 at 02:40 PM



“ We have had a lot of good times together and will deeply miss Tink.
Sabra, Larry, And Pam ...you all will be in our prayers##imported-
begin##Dannie and Debra Rodgers##imported-end##

July 29, 2009 at 12:34 PM



“ Mrs. Sanders, I was so sorry to learn of your husband and best friend's passing. I cannot help but recall so many fond memories you all had with mom and dad (Dan and Mildred Magness). We lost dad last August and mom in 1998. Yours truly is the greatest generation. They will all be missed by those who loved them..With deepest sympathy, Brenda##imported-begin##Brenda (Magness) Findlay##imported-end##

July 28, 2009 at 10:25 PM