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Richard Lennell Sanders, a man who lived with the "salt of the earth" spirit, passed away at the age of 73. A lifelong resident of Wakulla, Richard leaves behind a legacy of hard work, tall tales, and a deep, abiding love for his family.

Born on July 17, 1952, in Sopchoppy, Florida, to John Woolley and Pauline (Revell) Sanders, Richard grew up with his roots firmly planted in Florida soil. After graduating from Wakulla High School in 1970, he immediately stepped up to serve his country by joining the Army National Guard of Florida Reserves. He served honorably for six years.

Richard's professional life was a reflection of his love for the land. He spent a long and dedicated career in reforestation and land clearing services, literally shaping the landscape of the county he loved. Whether he was planting for the future or clearing the way for something new, Richard believed in the value of a hard day's work.

At the center of Richard's world was his wife of 47 years, Patricia Sanders. Together, they built a vibrant, sprawling family that served as his greatest source of pride. Richard was a man who found his greatest joy in the simple things: a successful hunting trip, a quiet day fishing, a flourishing garden, and—most importantly—the laughter of his children and grandchildren.

He was known for his "one-of-a-kind" songs and his legendary storytelling. To hear Richard tell a story was to see the world through his unique, witty lens.

To those who knew him best, his signature catchphrase “Vasa tamale!” will forever echo as a reminder of his spirited personality.

Richard is survived by: His devoted wife: Patricia Sanders. His children: Sabrina Sanders, Jennifer Reyes, Wendy Sanders, Richie Sanders (Tabitha), and Kristi Sanders. His grandchildren: Sarah, Lyric, Caleb, Maya, Tabin, Aiden, Benjamin, Addalyn, and Rynleigh. His siblings: Anthony Sanders (Shari), Jerry Sanders (Barbara), Callie (Ricky), and Noel. A vast extended family: Including more than 40 nieces and nephews and many friends who were considered family. He was preceded in death by: His parents, John Woolley and Pauline (Revell) Sanders and his brothers Jack, James, Willard, and Gilbert, and his sister Trixie.

Richard Sanders was a man who didn't just inhabit the outdoors; he was a part of them. He will be remembered every time a line is cast, a garden is harvested, or a story is told around a family table.

Donations in his honor can be made to the Tallahassee Chapter of the Ronald McDonald House. Donation link below. Arrangements are under the care of Skip and Trey Young with Young Family Funeral Home.

Ronald Mcdonald House (https://ronaldmcdonaldhouse.org/donate?c_src=paid&c_src2=26AORPM_search_bing_skag&utm_campaign=skagnew&utm_medium=bingsem&&msclkid=609e8d98024d1a42edbde428223da3a2&gclid=609e8d98024d1a42edbde428223da3a2&gclsrc=3p.ds&gad_source=7&gad_campaignid=23145398588)

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (est)

Young Family Funeral Home
3106 Crawfordville Hwy.
Crawfordville, FL 32327
(850) 926-5919
<https://www.familyfhc.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (est)

Young Family Funeral Home
3106 Crawfordville Hwy.
Crawfordville, FL 32327
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Burial

MAR 13 (ET)

Revell Cemetery
836 Sopchoppy hwy
Sopchoppy , FL 3232

Tribute Wall



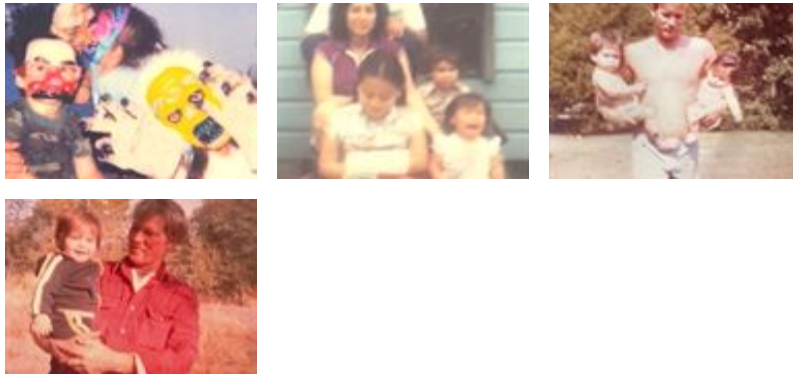
“ *Young Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Lenell Sanders Sr.*



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - March 12 at 10:13 AM



“ *4 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - March 12 at 03:53 PM



“ *T, J, D & A Sellers purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Richard Lenell Sanders Sr..*



T, J, D & A Sellers - March 12 at 08:57 AM

TS

“ T, J, D & A Sellers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Lenell Sanders Sr..

T, J, D & A Sellers - March 12 at 08:57 AM



“ 106 files added to the album LifeTributes



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - March 11 at 05:25 PM



“ 44 files added to the album LifeTributes



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - March 11 at 04:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Lenell Sanders Sr..*



March 11 at 02:38 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard Lenell Sanders Sr..*



March 11 at 12:49 PM



“ *Reyes Jr. Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Richard Lenell Sanders Sr..*



Reyes Jr. Family - March 11 at 12:17 PM



“ *Reyes Jr. Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Lenell Sanders Sr..*

Reyes Jr. Family - March 11 at 12:17 PM



“ *0 file added to the tribute wall*

Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - March 11 at 11:00 AM

GR

“ GenGen, Melisa, Regina, Robert purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Richard Lenell Sanders Sr..



GenGen, Melisa, Regina, Robert - March 11 at 10:00 AM

UF

“ *United State Cold Storage, Lake City FL* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Richard Lenell Sanders Sr..



United State Cold Storage, Lake City FL - March 11 at 09:45 AM

UF

“ *United State Cold Storage, Lake City FL* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Lenell Sanders Sr..

United State Cold Storage, Lake City FL - March 11 at 09:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Richard Lenell Sanders Sr..



March 10 at 08:41 PM

FF

“ *Fast Lane Logistics Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard Lenell Sanders Sr..*



Fast Lane Logistics Family - March 10 at 06:28 PM

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“ *Fast Lane Logistics Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Lenell Sanders Sr..*

Fast Lane Logistics Family - March 10 at 06:28 PM

GS

“ *To each of you my deepest sympathy
May God wrap you each in his arms and give
you the strength to endure the days ahead.
Your smile will never be forgotten or your
strength and courage you have shown during
this battle.*



Gloria. Sanders - March 10 at 02:03 PM

KH

*Please know our hearts, and prayers are with each of you. May you
feel the strength of God in all the days to come.
Our deepest condolences, and prayers are with you all.*

Kay Howard - March 10 at 06:44 PM

RW

“ Robert W. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard Lenell Sanders Sr..



Robert W. - March 10 at 12:22 PM

RW

“ Robert W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Lenell Sanders Sr..

Robert W. - March 10 at 12:22 PM

BH

“ Rest in Peace my friend. We had some good times. See you on the other side.

Bruce Harvey - March 10 at 12:02 PM

CW

“ Richard, thru all the sickness and pain your suffering is all over and your resting in peace with your love ones and God! Save a place for us!



columbus white - March 10 at 12:40 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Lenell Sanders Sr..*



March 10 at 12:24 AM