



Clifton Lee Sanders

May 30, 1951 - March 31, 2018

Clifton Lee Sanders, 66, of Kansas City, Kansas passed away peacefully in his sleep early Saturday morning March 31st. Visitation will be 6 - 8 PM Friday at Maple Hill Funeral Home where the funeral service will be held 1 PM Saturday. Cremation. Family suggests memorial donations to help with funeral expenses.

From a young age he loved trains, planes and automobiles. Whether they were real, remote control, a simulator or models he loved them all. Cliff and his wife built a layout in the garage together, many years ago. it was great bonding. Cliff and his boys enjoyed racing remote control cars/truck, they competed in local races. Was a long time RC airplane enthusiast and flew mostly at Shawnee Park and Wyandotte Park.

Although he has a Washington High School ring he actually graduated from Siloam Springs, AR. moved down there the summer before his senior year. He spent many a Friday and Saturday night playing Frisbee Golf on the Wii with his wife. It was not uncommon for them to stay up until the wee hours of the morning playing video games on the weekend. That's what he did the night before he passed and they had a great time that night.

He started working in his father's body shop at a young age, which turned into a career of painting cars with quite a reputation, retiring in recent years.

Always the perfectionist and his own worst critic when it came to work and hobbies. He also loved to read and retirement afforded him the time to catch up on the many books he'd accumulated. He also took up photography as a

hobby in retirement and took amazing scenery and sunset pictures. He was a leisure sailor and a member of the Perry Lake Yacht Club, he and his family spent many a weekend on his sail boat. He liked to bowl and was on many teams over the years. He loved to do colored pencil drawings and paint with water colors and oils.

He loved spending time outdoors on nice sunny days whether it was just sitting in the yard or going to the walking park, he loved the sun. He had ambitions to move south some day so he could enjoy outdoor sitting weather year round.

He helped both the boys in cub/boy scouts in many ways but the thing he liked best was the pine wood derby's. Helping the boys build the cars and put a body shop finish on them.

He was obsessed with UFO, Pyramid and history TV shows. And a big Star Trek fan, the original not the new stuff. He loved Jimmy Buffett, his music collection consists mostly of his albums. He not only loved Jimmy Buffett's music but he also loved reading books by Jimmy Buffett.

Cliff was a happy go lucky kind of guy, an old hippy at heart and had a great sense of humor. His smile caught the attention of his future wife back in 1977 but it was his sense of humor that made her fall in love with him. He loved his children more than life itself and could not have been more proud of his boys. He loved spending time with his great-grand son Brylen and would drop everything to do things with him.

After becoming an empty nester he and his wife filled their home with fur babies. He loved their two mini-poodles and their house cats. He wasn't a cat person before meeting his wife, but she eventually turned him into one.

He is survived in death by his wife of 35 years Betty Barton Sanders of the home, two sons Marcus Sanders (wife Janelle) of Paola, KS and Richard Sanders (wife Liling (pronounced Lee Ling)) of Overland Park, KS. He is preceded in death by his father Richard Sanders, mother Betty Nichols Sanders and a sister Pam Jursich. (side note: pronounced yer-sitch, second part sounds like itch with an s on the front)

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home
3300 Shawnee Dr
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 831-3345
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com
<https://maplehillfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

APR 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Clifton Lee Sanders*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - April 06, 2018 at 02:49 PM



“ *Clifton Lee Sanders*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Clifton Lee Sanders*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *My heart breaks for our family. I'm going to miss you Uncle Cliff. Aunt Betty I'm so sorry I could not be there. I have set up a GoFundMe account on behalf of you and Cliff. Please share.*

<https://www.gofundme.com/5d95ir4>

Renee Bross - April 06, 2018 at 07:49 PM



“ 51 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - April 06, 2018 at 01:47 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Clifton Lee Sanders.*



April 06, 2018 at 12:20 PM

 Loleta Stakley

“ *So sorry for your loss sister, you and the family are in our thoughts and prayers. Prayers for strength to pull all through. Love always Dennis and Jan*

Loleta Stakley - April 04, 2018 at 04:42 PM

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“ *Debora Barton sent a virtual gift in memory of Clifton Lee Sanders*



debora barton - April 04, 2018 at 01:15 PM

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“ *Debora Barton lit a candle in memory of Clifton Lee Sanders*



debora barton - April 04, 2018 at 01:14 PM

 Betty Sanders

“ *My love, my life, my everything. How do I go on without you? Your smile, your laughter, your jokes, your affection. How? I will though, because I know you are still here with me in my heart. Death has no boundries, I will love you until I take my last breath. My heart and soul is yours forever. Betty*

Betty Sanders - April 04, 2018 at 01:06 PM

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And you were his...know that and cherish those wonderful memories. I love you!

Renee Bross - April 06, 2018 at 07:51 PM