



Mary Alice Sanders

August 11, 2019

August 11th, 2019, our rock, matriarch, and inspiration of our lives, Mary Alice Sanders, went to be with the Lord and is now enjoying her reward in Heaven! Where do we begin to honor this incredible, amazing woman? Most importantly would be her desire to honor our God and Savior Jesus Christ. Through her unshaken faith God created the most loving, caring prayer warrior we know. Her endless acts of kindness and encouragement will be missed by all. Rest assured, if you are reading this she prayed for you. Her passionate determination to practice her faith was evident as a serving member of her beloved church, Antioch Missionary Baptist. There she taught countless children Sunday school and Vacation Bible school for over 50 years!

We'll never forget the wonderful and delicious family meals she loved to cook! To say she was a talented cook is a gross understatement. The same goes for her beautiful flower gardens that she had every year and loved so much. She was a fierce competitor in all sports and a huge fan of her Razorbacks! Her athletic career began with playing high school basketball for the Newport Greyhounds. In her college years she was the cheerleading captain at Arkansas Tech University. This is where she met the love of her life and was married for over 70 years! As a young mother she became an avid league bowler and bridge player. She continued to play bridge until very recently and loved so much her bridge friends.

Her clear favorite sport was her move to tennis in her 40's. She loved to compete and in 1996 her 3.5 Senior women's team won the Southern Championship and competed in nationals in Palm Springs. She played in many doubles tournaments and after her playing days, which lasted well into her 80's, she still enjoyed being team captain up until this year at 90! This year she was honored by receiving the Henry Doyle Outstanding Senior Award recognizing leadership and personal example throughout the tennis community. She was also on the staff of the Arkansas Tennis Association as Junior Recreation Director. Her favorite part of the job was teaching the children during the summer.

Her primary profession was as an entrepreneur, owner of three retail clothing stores, Mom

& Tot in North Little Rock, Vivian Pierce in Little Rock, and Adele Pond in Stuttgart. She had a talent for fashion and décor and such great taste. We will miss you so much, our Mom, Garamé, Becca, Gam. We will be together again! Thanks to all our friends and family for your love and support during this difficult time.

She is survived by her husband of 70 years, Sam Sanders; sons, Scott Sanders (Kandi) of Cabot and Clay Sanders (Anne) of Little Rock; daughters, Catherine Westbrook (David) of Maumelle and Suzanne Schutter (Mel) of Little Rock; grandchildren, Clay T. Sanders, Colby Sanders, Courtney Goldberg, Collin Sanders, Jordon Custer, Taylor Wisdom, Burke Sanders, Shelby Coe Sanders and Sam Sanders; and great-grandchildren, Kinley Sanders, Lincoln Sanders, Blake Alice Sanders, Millie Goldberg, Collins Goldberg, and Scarlett Sanders. She was predeceased by her parents, Boyce and Catherine Smith Coe, brother, Joe Coe, daughter, Sammie Gail Sanders and step-grandson, Jaden Herlacher.

Visitation will be Friday, August 16 from 5-7 p.m. at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, with services on Saturday, August 17 at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the church at 5300 Stagecoach Rd., Little Rock, AR 72204 or to the Sammie Gail Sanders Learning Center, 1300 W. 18th St., North Little Rock, AR 72114.

Arrangements by Little Rock Funeral Home, 8801 Knoedl Ct., (501)224-2200. Mrs. Sanders' online guestbook may be signed at www.littlerockfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery

Events

Roselawn Memorial Park
2801 Asher Ave
Little Rock, AR,

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Visitation

05:00PM - 07:00PM

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
5300 Stagecoach Road, Little Rock, AR, US, 72204

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Funeral Service

10:00AM

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
5300 Stagecoach Road, Little Rock, AR, US, 72204

Comments



“ Dear Sam & Family,

We were very sorry to learn of Mary Alice's passing. Been friends for over 70 years and still friends. Because of medical problems, we were not able to attend the visitation or funeral service. God be with you .

With our love,
Dick & Pat Homard

Richard Homard - August 20 at 01:41 PM



“ Sam, Cathy, Scott, Suzanne and Clay - I was so saddened to learn the news of Aunt Mary's passing. I will always remember her kindness, smile and beautiful voice. A few summers ago while in LR visiting mother we ran into Mary and Sam at lunch after church. Even though it had been a long time since I had seen either of them, all the memories of our good times at Greers Ferry and family get togethers came back in an instant and we had a great talk. I hope you all have peace in knowing she was loved by so many. I wish I could be there to say those words in person tonight and tomorrow, but please know you are in my thoughts.

Matt Torbett, St. Louis, Missouri

Matt Torbett - August 16 at 04:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Sanders.



August 16 at 02:57 PM



“ Scott, Suzanne, and the entire family my heart goes out to you all.. I thought a lot of you all back in the days. God bless and just know I'm thinking of you all. Sending prayers
Butch Griebel

Butch Griebel - August 16 at 02:21 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Sanders.



August 16 at 01:24 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Sanders.



August 16 at 12:43 PM



“ My prayers and thoughts are with you through this difficulty time. Love to all.

Karen Spickard

Karen Spickard - August 15 at 09:24 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God give you comfort and peace during this difficult time.

Tammy Alexander and Mary Jo Wisdom - August 15 at 07:00 PM



“ Mary was a Mom to so many of her kids friends. Even after I moved to Texas and opened a tennis shop (I did not play tennis then), I called Mary daily for business advice. I still carry a present she gave me for my high school graduation, in my purse. She made you feel loved every time you walked into their home. I have been blessed to have Mary as another Mother since I was a child! What a wonderful and beautiful woman!

Susan Nix Tinker - August 15 at 05:52 PM



“ Sam , Suzanne, Scott , Cathy and Clay

I am truly sorry for your loss. God has a beautiful angel with him now. May you all find comfort and peace during this time.. I will pray for all the Sander's family... God Bless



missy deller mccarty - August 15 at 04:19 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Sanders.



August 15 at 03:27 PM



“ Mary Alice was very special to our family. Brooke and Bradley remember her fondly as their Sunday School teacher. My late grandmother, Nola Tyson, thought she hung the moon and she always greeted me with hugs and genuine warmth. We were all saddened to learn of her passing and her sweet smile will be missed.

Bret Aldridge - August 15 at 12:53 PM



“ To the Sanders family: Mary Alice Sanders.... what a beautiful lady, inside & out! She lit up the room whenever she entered. Always so lovely & cheerful! And such a “fashionista”! She was a prayer warrior; loved her Lord and her church family! She had a relentless love for her family. Mary Alice, you will be missed. We all know that you are now in the presence of your Savior and you are dancing on those streets of gold! I am very sorry for the loss of your beautiful bride - Sam; and for the loss of your precious mom - Cathy, Scott, Suzanne & Clay. My prayers are with each of you.

Karen Colclasure - August 15 at 11:42 AM



“ Larry & Evelyn Smith, Tonya, Christopher & Aaron purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Alice Sanders.



Larry & Evelyn Smith, Tonya, Christopher & Aaron - August 15 at 10:34 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Sanders.



August 15 at 10:08 AM



“ Perk and Lauren purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Alice Sanders.



Perk and Lauren - August 15 at 09:58 AM



“ Hugs and prayers from STEVE AND JUDY KERPERIEN purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mary Alice Sanders.



Hugs and prayers from STEVE AND JUDY KERPERIEN - August 15 at 09:54 AM



“ What a great lady Mary Alice was! I am forever grateful for her welcoming my Janise into the wonderful loving big Sanders family. She made Steve and I feel part of her wonderful family. I know she prayed for me when I found out I had breast cancer. I have kept all the cards she sent me. I have a beautiful Christmas platter that she gave me full of baked treats. I am thankful for her installing her love of books to Kinley, Lincoln, and Blake Alice, what a wonderful life time gift she gave them. One of my best memories of her was at one of Kinleys birthday parties she and i spent some time on the swings. Fly high sweet Mary Alice, you touched many. Hugs and prayers to the family Judy Andy Steve Kerperien

Judy Kerperien - August 15 at 09:39 AM



“ Mr . Sam I am sorry for your loss. I know Mrs Mary Alice is in heaven and we will see her soon. I think she was one of my biggest acting fan. She always told me Jay when are you going to do a play at church and I get to act with you. Didn't get to do that play because I got married and moved off. Every time I came back to Antioch she would tell me you just had to get married and move off so we did not get to do that play.

Jay Walker - August 14 at 11:28 PM



“ Charles - Pat - Sherri Hopson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Alice Sanders.



Charles - Pat - Sherri Hopson - August 14 at 10:01 PM



“ I'll always miss you and love you!, Martha Coleman

Martha Coleman - August 14 at 06:56 PM



“ Sam and all the Sanders family,
Sending you all hugs and prayers of comfort !! Mary Alice was such a huge part of my parents life for a very long time (Mike and Chris Kumpuris) . Our hearts are saddened ! Thinking of you all !

Michele Kumpuris Smith
Chris Kumpuris .

Michele Smith - August 14 at 06:26 PM



“ Mary was all the good in the world rolled into one! Love you tennis friend!

Ann Sawyer - August 14 at 02:41 PM



“ Chris and Lucie Minor purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mary Alice Sanders.



Chris and Lucie Minor - August 14 at 12:51 PM



“ Sam and family,
We are so sorry for the loss of our sweet Mary Alice. She was such a pure joy and embraced life to the fullest. Such wonderful memories of her! Praying God's comfort for you all during this difficult time. We love you, Dennis and Diane

Diane - August 13 at 09:12 PM



“ To Garamé's family. So sorry for your loss. There is no way to ease your sorrow but through the Lord. You will miss her terribly but know that she is at peace and has left you with those wonderful memories that you will have for the rest of your life. Love you all. Doris Castleberry (Meme)

Doris Castleberry - August 14 at 06:44 PM



“ The Smith Family, Vickie and Brett purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Mary Alice Sanders.





“ Sam, Cathy, Scott, Suzanne, Clay and extended family,

Thanks so much for sharing your wonderful Mom with me! Sweet Mary, was such an inspiration to me...my memories go back to after Cathy and I graduated from high school. We moved into our first apartment together, and who was there to make "our pad" so fashionable and cute??? None other than, Mary! I think she was more excited than we were, to be there! Although we tried to cook, there was nothing like going to Mary and Sam's for some great cooked dishes, prepared by her.

Her enthusiasm for the U of A Razorbacks was such a joy to watch, up until her last game to see in baseball, earlier this summer. She was such a hoot, cheering them on! We always enjoyed talking about her beautiful garden and her beautiful family that she was so, so proud of!

Through the years she was always a cheerleader for me on any of the ups and downs that life threw at me. Her gifts and uplifting cards (which I have saved) were always from her heart and so endearing...I am going to miss her so much, as all her beautiful family will.

May You Rest in Peace with Your Lord, Sweet Mary...love you...

Vickie

Vickie Smith - August 13 at 03:12 PM



“ I LOVE YOU MORE!

SUZANNE - August 13 at 02:35 PM



“ my heart goes out to you...

missy deller mccarty - August 15 at 04:19 PM



“ Vikki and I just want to let you know how sorry we are for the loss of your Mother! God Bless you all through this difficult time!

Bob and Vikki Ziajor - August 13 at 01:26 PM



“ Dear Sam and Children,
Wanda Torbett called me this morning to let me know of Mary's passing. She was such a lovely person. Please know that my thoughts are with you and I hope that you can take solace in remembering her impish grin and the kindness she always displayed to everyone.

Margie Bryan

Margie Bryan - August 13 at 11:32 AM



“ Dear Sam, Cathy, and family,

I am so saddened to hear of Mary's passing. I last saw her in December, bringing groceries home. My daughter and I didn't go in because you were not feeling well, Sam. I knew she was struggling and I kept up with how she was doing through mutual friends, She was a special lady and I enjoyed her friendship and kindness when I lived across from her at Carrington Park. My prayers are with you all. May she rest in peace. God bless her.

Nora Rengers

Nora M Rengers - August 12 at 06:36 PM



“ Suzy, Scott, Cathy, Clay and Mr. Sanders,

I am so sorry for your loss. I will be praying for you. My God wrap his arms around and give you his peace.

Pam and Calvin Townsend

Pam Townsend - August 12 at 03:07 PM



“ Sam and family,

On behalf of the Class of '46, LRHS, i extend our deepest sympathy on Mary's passing. We treasure all our classmates and their families and are saddened to hear of a loss.

From these comments, i can see that you have much support to help you through this difficult time. We will be thinking of you.

Frances Bickle Johnson

Frances Bickle Johnson - August 15 at 08:56 PM