



James Richard Sanders

September 17, 1943 - August 21, 2025

James Richard Sanders, 81, passed away on Thursday, August 21, 2025 in Morristown, TN.

James was born in Blackwater, VA on September 17, 1943 and he lived in Blackwater for 22 years. James was a coal miner for many years and also owned and operated a home improvement business.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Dewey and Dora Bell (Johnson) Sanders; brothers, Dewey Sanders, Jr., Mayford Sanders and Kenneth Sanders; sisters, Geneva Trapp, Arnetta Russell and Bernice Wallen.

He is survived by his three daughters, Tina Talley, Anita Thomas and Loretta Sanders; sister, Kaye Newkirk; brother, Kermit Sanders; grandchildren, Tasha McPherson, Laura Long, Taylor Talley and Emma Thomas; great grandchildren, Makenzie Long and Matthew Long. He is also survived by his girlfriend, Sandy Painter, her daughter, Cathy Trent and Cathy's children who he treated as grandchildren, Destiny Trent and Madison Trent.

The family will receive friends from 12 noon until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 30, 2025 at Robinette Funeral Home in Blackwater, VA. Funeral services will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Elder Harmon Willis officiating. A graveside service will immediately follow the funeral service

in the Johnson Cemetery in Blackwater, VA.

Online condolences may be viewed or sent by visiting our website, www.RobinetteFuneralHomes.com. Robinette Funeral Home of Blackwater is serving the Sanders family.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **30**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Robinette Funeral Home (Blackwater)
696 A.J.Osborne Hwy
Blackwater, VA 24221
(276) 346-2636

Funeral Service

AUG **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside service

AUG **30** (ET)

Johnson Cemetery
Blackwater, VA 24221

Tribute Wall



“ 93 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Robinette Funeral Homes - August 29, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ *Lorie & Steve purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of James Richard Sanders.*



Lorie & Steve - August 28, 2025 at 08:34 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James Richard Sanders.*



August 27, 2025 at 06:45 PM



“ *"On Angel's Wings" Sympathy Gift Wind Chime to Send for Funeral Or Memorial was purchased for the family of James Richard Sanders.*



August 24, 2025 at 01:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Richard Sanders.

August 24, 2025 at 01:03 PM



“ *Jack Jones lit a candle in memory of James Richard Sanders*



Jack Jones - August 23, 2025 at 12:13 PM



“ *Uncle James, enjoyed the conversations over the years at the Sanders Reunions. Praying for the family, Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord, Jesus is coming there we'll ever be with Lord,*



Jimmy and Vickie Sanders - August 22, 2025 at 08:50 PM

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Love Hugs & Prayers to the girls & family & Sisters & Brothers. Fond Memories of Jimmy ❤️

Ronnie Carter - August 23, 2025 at 10:35 AM