



## Collier Hodges Sanders Sr.

April 10, 1936 - January 6, 2023

Mr. Collier Hodges Sanders Sr  
April 10, 1936 to January 6, 2023

Collier Hodges Sanders Sr, 86, of Griffin passed away peacefully on January 6, 2023. Mr. Sanders, also known as “Country,” was a lifelong resident of Griffin. He was a Georgia boy at heart who loved his family, his special English Bulldog Girlee, the University of Georgia Dawgs, being with people, and having fun.

Mr. Sanders was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 61 years, Barbara Lynch Sanders; his parents, Mozelle and Cleo Sanders; and his siblings: Terry Sanders, Stanley Sanders, Gary Sanders, Dennis Sanders, Broughton Sanders, Hollis Sanders, Dorothy Smith, and Susan Moore. He is survived by his sons, Richard Sanders (Debra) of Chipley, FL; Collier Sanders Jr/Yogi (Joan) of Dadeville, AL; and daughter Deborah Piland (Randy) of Burlington, NC.

Surviving grandchildren are Elizabeth Sanders of Decatur, GA; Bryan Sanders (Jenna) of Charlotte, NC; Mark Sanders (Elizabeth) of Carrollton, GA; Leah Sanders Hicks (Phillip) of Williamson, GA; Collier Sanders III (Kristi) of Mulvane, KS; Jake Sanders (Madison) of Lafayette, GA; Sierra Piland of Brooklyn, NY; and Baden Piland

of Raleigh, NC. Surviving great grandchildren are Riley Sanders, Paxton Sanders, Abby Alston, Beau Hicks, all of Williamson, GA, and Hugh Sanders of Carrollton, GA. Mr. Sanders is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A veteran of the Air Force, Mr. Sanders retired from the Federal Aviation Agency in 1992 after 33 years of service. He was born in Hartwell and grew up there. Through the years, Mr. Sanders loved to RV camp, square dance, play softball, grow a garden, listen to country music, tailgate at University of Georgia football games, support his children and grandchildren, enjoy winters at their second home in Florida, and travel with his wife and friends. He loved to laugh, have fun, and tell stories about his life when younger. Mr. Sanders was a member of the Good Sam RV Club, the AMBUCS, and the Moose Club.

Mr. Sanders was known in Griffin as a baseball, football, and basketball coach for recreational teams as well as for Third Ward Elementary School. Players thought of Mr. Sanders as a mentor as well as a coach. He enjoyed staying in touch with his players.

Visitation for Mr. Sanders will be on Friday, January 13, from noon to 2:00 pm, followed by the funeral at 2:00 pm at Haisten McCullough Funeral Home in Griffin. Burial is in Westwood Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Southside Baptist Church, 1332 Zebulon Road, Griffin, GA.

# Cemetery Details

## Westwood Gardens

1155 Everee Inn Rd.  
Griffin, GA 30224

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 13. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Haisten McCullough Funeral Home  
1155 Everee Inn Road  
Griffin, GA 30224  
(770) 229-4994  
<https://www.haistenmcculloughfunerals.com>

## Service

JAN 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Griffin, GA 30224  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Collier Hodges Sanders Sr.*

October 07, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *Mr. Sanders and Girlee always came into the pharmacy I worked at for years. He was always so kind, funny and personable. He made a huge impact on all of us there. He sure will be missed! Go dawgs!*

**Victoria Young** - January 16, 2023 at 10:08 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Collier Hodges Sanders Sr..*



January 13, 2023 at 11:23 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies to the family.*

**Robin Harris** - January 13, 2023 at 11:04 AM

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“ *My Uncle Collier was the best Georgia Bulldog fan ever. He would travel to games when I was in school at UGA and we would meet up to tailgate. He and Aunt Barbara would bring the food, my sorority sisters and I would bring the drinks and we always had a lot of laughs and good fun. Uncle Collier was an amazing support for me my whole life, but especially after my Dad passed away. He brought all the comfort, familiarity and family stories that I so missed for more than 13 years. A special man, amazing father and the BEST Uncle ever. Love to my Sanders family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.*



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**Amy Sanders Cunningham** - January 12, 2023 at 09:09 PM

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“ *Collier worked at FAA with my dad and they were friends. I remember going over to his house for a visit. He was a really great man and I'm glad I had the opportunity to know him!!*

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**Deb Sechrist (Cox)** - January 12, 2023 at 08:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Collier Hodges Sanders Sr..*



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January 12, 2023 at 05:02 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Collier Hodges Sanders Sr..*



January 12, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Collier Hodges Sanders Sr..*



January 11, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *"Stumpe" , Ed and Lewis family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Collier Hodges Sanders Sr..*



"Stumpe" , Ed and Lewis family - January 11, 2023 at 01:31 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Collier Hodges Sanders Sr..*



January 11, 2023 at 01:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Collier Hodges Sanders Sr..

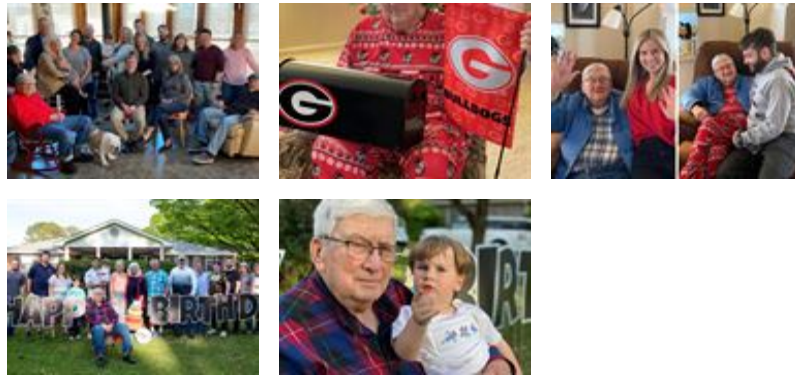


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January 11, 2023 at 01:11 PM



“ *100 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Haisten McCullough Funeral Home** - January 11, 2023 at 11:42 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Collier Hodges Sanders Sr..



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January 10, 2023 at 08:30 PM

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“ *Cindy & Elizabeth Sanders -Amanda Hall purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Collier Hodges Sanders Sr..*



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**Cindy & Elizabeth Sanders -Amanda Hall** - January 10, 2023  
at 04:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Collier Hodges Sanders Sr..*



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January 10, 2023 at 01:54 PM

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“ *Panama City Beach CVB/TDC purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Collier Hodges Sanders Sr..*



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**Panama City Beach CVB/TDC** - January 10, 2023 at 01:12 PM

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“ *Greg & Terri Sanders purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Collier Hodges Sanders Sr..*



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**Greg & Terri Sanders** - January 10, 2023 at 11:56 AM

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“ *Country Sanders coached a little League basketball team in Griffin. I coached one in Forest Park. They gave us a pretty good whooping.* ”

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**Fred Todhunter** - January 10, 2023 at 10:37 AM

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“ *What an amazing legacy! Sending love and prayers!* ”



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**Norma Jones Greenwood** - January 10, 2023 at 09:26 AM