



## Donald E. Sanders Jr.

August 4, 1949 - March 12, 2015

SANDERS, Donald E. age 65 of Springfield passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at Springfield Regional Medical Center. He was born on August 4, 1949 to the late Donald E. Sr. and Sara Jane (Chamberlin) Sanders. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, Bruce Edward Sanders and a brother-in-law, SFC James J. Parker. He is survived by his loving daughters, Emily (Pete) Bonzo and Dr. Shannon (Christopher Catton) Alejandro; his brothers: Steve (Renee) Sanders, Jimmy Sanders, Timothy (Lucinda) Sanders, Joe (Tanya) Sanders, Bill (Kristy) Sanders and Mike Sanders; his sisters: Sue (Mike) Bailey, Cindy Shawver, Barb Parker, Kim Sanders and Donna (Ronnie) Bowshier; step-mother, Mary Ann Sanders; aunts: Aronia (Ronnie) Jenkins, Zona Mefford, Dorothy Chamberlin and Beulah Chamberlin as well as numerous beloved cousins, nieces and nephews. Donnie was a dedicated employee at Navistar where he had worked for over 46 years and was a member of the UAW Local 402. He was an avid NASCAR fan who had a heart of gold and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. A visitation will be held on Sunday, March 15, 2015 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at JACKSON LYTTLE & LEWIS FUNERAL HOME with a funeral follow on Monday, March 16 at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Kevin Moehn officiating. Burial at Ferncliff Cemetery. Condolences may be forwarded to the family by visiting [www.jacksonlyttle.com](http://www.jacksonlyttle.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Ferncliff Cemetery

Springfield, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 15. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Jackson Lytle & Lewis Life Celebration Center  
2425 N. Limestone St.  
Springfield, OH 45503  
(937) 399-2811

## Service

MAR 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

ES

“ I am deeply saddened by Don's passing. My condolences to his family. I first met Don in 1970 or 71 in South Viet Nam and served a year with him there. Over the years, since then I had gotten together with him at a number of V.N reunions to talk over old times. Don was a dear friend and will truly be missed. May he rest in Peace with the (Lord)

*Ernie Schutt*

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**Ernie Schutt** - March 18, 2015 at 10:33 PM

BS

“ We are with heavy hearts since we learned of the passing of Don. I served with Don in Phu Loi South Vietnam & also visited with him at our Reunions. Don was a kind & caring fellow who will sorely be missed. Our thoughts & prayers go out to the family in this time of grieving.

*Sincerely*

*Bob & Tina Schlegel*

*Lawrenceburg In.*

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**Bob & Tina Schlegel** - March 18, 2015 at 06:50 PM

CC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Donnie. He will be sorely missed. The stories he would tell would make your day. My condolences to his family.

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**Carol Cooper** - March 16, 2015 at 07:52 AM

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“ I AM SO SADDENED TO HEAR OF DONNIE'S PASSING.." SINCE ROSES GROW IN HEAVEN PICK A BUNCH FOR ME AND PUT THEM IN DONNIE'S ARMS AND TELL HIM THERE FROM ME ..AND WHEN HE TURNS TO SMILE PLACE A KISS UPON HIS CHEEK AND HOLD HIM FOR A WHILE BECAUSE MISSING HIM IS EASY ..💔 " GOD GAINED ONE SPECIAL ANGEL WHEN HE TOOK DONNIE HOME 💔 WE ALL WILL MISS HIM TILL WE MEET AGAIN MY FRIEND..FLY HIGH WITH THE " SWEETEST OF ANGELS " GOD BLESS AND MANY PRAYERS BEING SAID FOR YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS..RIH. DONNIE SANDERS ..DEBORAH RICE - HIBBARD



Deborah Rice -Hibbard - March 14, 2015 at 11:59 AM

EG

“ I am deeply saddened by Donnie's passing, I will miss our talks at work about life in general, people and the world around us. I only knew him through work, last 20 years, but I would easily call him a close friend. He loved his family and had great pride in his girls. The world lost a good person and we are lesser for it. Rest in Peace friend, and safe journey. your friend and coworker. Ed Gehring

Edward Gehring - March 14, 2015 at 11:42 AM

GS

“ To Donnie Sanders Family,  
So sorry for your loss, Donnie and his wonderful smile will be missed by us all.  
Cherish your wonderful memories for they will get you through the difficult days ahead.



Ginny Simms - March 14, 2015 at 10:22 AM

RC

“ *Ron And Kim Chamberlin lit a candle in memory of Donald E. Sanders Jr.*



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**Ron and Kim Chamberlin** - March 14, 2015 at 09:25 AM

JB

“ *Sending love to all the Sanders family, Donnie will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Praying that God comforts your heart in this time of loss.*  
*Jack and Karen Bauser*

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**Jack Bauser** - March 14, 2015 at 05:37 AM

JB

“ *Jack Bauser lit a candle in memory of Donald E. Sanders Jr.*



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**Jack Bauser** - March 14, 2015 at 05:27 AM

SH

“ *I am so sorry for our huge loss. Donny was always our leader. He was always my big brother I didn't have and never hesitated to let me know he had my back. My heart truly goes out to his real brothers and sisters. Love you all.*



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**sherry chamberlin hayden** - March 14, 2015 at 03:01 AM

LS

“ *My heart goes out to the Sanders family, I have know Donnie for 40 years. He will be sadly missed. He was a wonderful person.*



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**Lisa Schantz** - March 13, 2015 at 04:18 PM

KS

“ *So sorry to hear about Donnie, one of the sweetest men I've ever known- heart of gold. My heart goes out to the entire Sanders family. Prayers to all. Karla Rambo Strait*

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**Karla Rambo Strait** - March 13, 2015 at 02:36 PM