



## Mr. Arthur Wayne Sanders

January 31, 1947 - February 13, 2025

Arthur Wayne Sanders, 78, of Henderson, passed from this life on February 13, 2025, at Autumn Leaves in Henderson. In respecting Mr. Sanders wishes, no services are planned and cremation has been entrusted to Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Wayne was born January 31, 1947, in Henderson to H.A. and Nadine (Husband) Sanders. He was a 1965 graduate of Henderson High School, a 1967 graduate of Kilgore College, and a 1968 graduate of Dallas Institute of Mortuary Sciences. After serving a two-year apprenticeship, in 1970 he was issued a funeral director license and embalmer license by the State of Texas. Wayne continuously worked in the funeral business until he retired in October 2014.

He was preceded in death by his parents and nephews, Kevin and Chris Jolley.

Surviving is a sister, Barbara Jolley of Henderson; a nephew, Joe Jolley and wife Cindy of Skiatook, Oklahoma; nieces, Becky Jolley Massengale and Andrea Jolley Seale; and several great-nieces and nephews.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Rusk County Memorial Gardens**

5013 US Hwy 259  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ron Audas lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders*



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**Ron Audas** - February 26, 2025 at 04:34 PM



“ *Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders*



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**Jan Crow** - February 24, 2025 at 10:44 PM



“ *scott crawford lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders*



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**scott crawford** - February 19, 2025 at 08:23 AM



“ *Katelyn Riley Hofbauer lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders*



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**Katelyn Riley Hofbauer** - February 17, 2025 at 08:08 PM

KH

“ *Mollie & Ken Hale*



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**Ken Hale** - February 17, 2025 at 08:51 AM

TS

“ *Tracey Shankle lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders*



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**Tracey Shankle** - February 16, 2025 at 09:54 AM

WR

“ *Sincere sympathy for your loss.*



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**Winnie Ramey** - February 15, 2025 at 05:09 PM

VA

“ *Prayers for the Family.*



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**Vernon Arthus** - February 15, 2025 at 11:28 AM

RD

“ Roy & Pat Davis lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders



Roy & Pat Davis - February 15, 2025 at 11:20 AM

MA

“ Merlene Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders



Merlene Ainsworth - February 15, 2025 at 01:54 AM

MG

“ Wayne was always a kind gentle man and well respected by all who knew him. We extend our deepest sympathy to Barbara and all the family.

Mark & Nancy Gibson - February 15, 2025 at 12:10 AM

JD

“ Barbara, so very sorry for your loss.



Jim and Jeanie Dickeson - February 14, 2025 at 06:58 PM

MH

“ *Missy Hacker lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders*



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**Missy Hacker** - February 14, 2025 at 05:52 PM

RD

“ *Roy & Pat Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Wayne Sanders*



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**Roy & Pat Davis** - February 14, 2025 at 05:10 PM

AF

“ When you know someone for over 70 years, you develop an appreciation for the little details of their life that gives insight into just who they really are. Wayne was one of those people who you really had to work hard to see some of those details because he was one of the more giving people many of us ever had the opportunity to know – both in his personal life and his professional life.

As a young man and teenager we could say smart (probably much more so than you would ever think), quiet (almost to a fault), attentive and focused (especially after the death of his father when he was just a Sophomore in high school). As a young adult and throughout his career, he seemed to follow some of our early television morals, goals and objectives – just like the wagon-master on Wagon Train, the ship’s captain in Mutiny on the Bounty and even Captain Kirk on StarTrek, all three of which directed to “take care of things and get us out of here”, Wayne handled situations all the time and saved the day. He knew what to do and how to steer things into a smooth solution.

- Grave is in the wrong place, so just move forward, tell the family it will be handled and go on with the graveside service.
- Demanding relatives did not go to the funeral but believe a “viewing” at graveside would be appropriate so he made it happen and no one was the wiser than to think it was planned in the beginning.
- Family squabbles are expected to erupt so act as a referee and keep the sides separate, on different timetables and let everyone think they won.
- Three ex-wives and separate families to be handled so make sure they all think they are in charge.

All of these examples do relate to Wayne’s years of service as a funeral director. For most of us, that was where we interacted with him even after having known him for many, many years. Attentive to details, caring and smart made him perfect for his chosen profession. Having lost two family members in consecutive years, one near Thanksgiving and one a year later at Christmas, I got to see just how attentive he was: A year later, just before Christmas, Wayne said “Well, it looks like you have broken the pattern and are

*going to get through the Holidays this year without losing someone.” He sincerely meant that and had noticed something that I had not – he was giving a boost in spirit in his own way. Many times we see people with large families and see how they had an effect on the lives of others. Yet, here was a person who had an effect on the lives of so many people and families that he worked with over the years. His quiet composure touched so many people. He left his mark and will be missed.*

**A Friend** - February 14, 2025 at 04:41 PM

SS

“*Shauna Singletary lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders*



**Shauna Singletary** - February 14, 2025 at 01:43 PM

ES

“*Elwanda Hunt Sheridan lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders*



**Elwanda Hunt Sheridan** - February 14, 2025 at 12:50 PM

MA

“*Merlene Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders*



**Merlene Ainsworth** - February 14, 2025 at 12:12 PM

SH

“ Sue HENDERSON lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders



Sue HENDERSON - February 14, 2025 at 12:06 PM

VI

“ Virginia Irwin lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders



Virginia Irwin - February 14, 2025 at 11:45 AM



“ Annetta Magee lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders



Annetta Magee - February 14, 2025 at 11:39 AM

SL

“ To Barbara and family. I am so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers of comfort to your family.  
Susan Russo Lingle.



Susan Lingle - February 14, 2025 at 11:15 AM

PP

“ pud patterson lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders



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**pud patterson** - February 14, 2025 at 10:58 AM

SD

“ Dear Barbara and your family, I am so sorry about your loss. You have always been a touchstone of strength for me. I pray that God's Grace, Love, and Strength are yours today and everyday. I love you.

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**Sherri Davis** - February 14, 2025 at 09:28 AM

CW

“ So sorry for your loss, Barbara. I share your sadness in losing your brother. Remember the good times you shared.

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**cyndy willard** - February 14, 2025 at 09:15 AM

SC

“ scott crawford lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders



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**scott crawford** - February 14, 2025 at 08:26 AM

DA

“ *Donna Aaron lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders*



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**Donna Aaron** - February 14, 2025 at 08:09 AM

BM

“ *Barbara, I'm lifting you in prayer as you grieve the loss of your brother. I pray that soon you will be able to smile through your tears as you remember the good times with him.*

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**Betty Mullens** - February 14, 2025 at 07:56 AM

DK

“ *Dianna (Duran) Kelley & David Kelley Graduated with Wayne,. A Super nice person.*



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**Dianna & David Kelley** - February 14, 2025 at 12:41 AM

CF

“ *Cliff and Krista Furtick lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders*



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**Cliff and Krista Furtick** - February 13, 2025 at 09:16 PM

JC

“ Joe Earl Conway lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders



Joe Earl Conway - February 13, 2025 at 08:51 PM

JS

“ Jamie Skelton and Karen Skelton lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders



Jamie Skelton and Karen Skelton - February 13, 2025 at 08:08 PM

RD

“ Roy & Pat Davis lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders



Roy & Pat Davis - February 13, 2025 at 08:02 PM

SI

“ Sandy Inscore lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders



Sandy Inscore - February 13, 2025 at 07:27 PM

EH

“ *Emma Husband lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders*



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**Emma Husband** - February 13, 2025 at 06:49 PM

JM

“ *Judith Husband McManus lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders*



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**Judith Husband McManus** - February 13, 2025 at 06:13 PM

EH

“ *Jane Husband lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders*



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**Emma Husband** - February 13, 2025 at 06:09 PM

JM

“ *Judith Husband McManus lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders*



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**Judith Husband McManus** - February 13, 2025 at 05:40 PM

RM

“ *Rosa and Hal Martin lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders*



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**Rosa and Hal Martin** - February 13, 2025 at 12:28 PM

BE

“ *Buddy. & Dianne Everitt lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wayne Sanders*



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**Buddy. & Dianne Everitt** - February 13, 2025 at 11:35 AM