



## Jimmy "Jim" Sanders

January 21, 1939 - October 22, 2025

Jimmy Edgar "Jim" Sanders, 86, of Topeka passed away on October 22, 2025, at his home from complications due to Parkinson's disease.

He was born on January 21, 1939 in Davis, Oklahoma to Robert A and Audrey Lewis Sanders. After graduating high school, he attended Connors State College in Warner, Oklahoma. Jim served in the United States Army for three years, the United States Air Force for four years, and retired as a Chief Warrant Officer 2nd Class from the Kansas Army National Guard. Jim received a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Washburn University in 1974. Jim also retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone in 1996 and served as President of the Communications Workers of America. After retirement, he worked for the Athletic Department at Washburn University and traveled with the football team.

Jim married Marilyn Drum on August 4, 1967. She survives. Other survivors include his son, Jack Sanders (Carrie) and daughter Jennifer Beard (Chris) both of Topeka; six grandchildren, Ashley Sanders (Levi Glover), Dustin Sanders (Heather), Colton Miller, Tyson Miller, Cailey Callahan (Chris), and Logan Sanders (Aby); and two great-grandsons, Kayson and Lane Sanders. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Jimmy Roe Sanders, and four brothers, Bob, Bill, Gene, and Douglas.

Visitation will be Sunday, November 2, from 2 until 4 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home 2801 SW Urish Rd Topeka, KS 66614. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. on Monday, November 3, at the funeral home. Burial, with military honors, will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Midland Care Hospice House sent in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

3616 SW 6th Street  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
[info@kevinbrennanfamily.com](mailto:info@kevinbrennanfamily.com)

## Funeral Service

NOV 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jimmy "Jim" Sanders



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - October 30, 2025 at 10:26 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Jimmy passing. He was a good man and told some great stories. I will miss him at the picnics and events. However he will be in a better place so my faith tells me. The Apostle John said "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them. and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes". Revelation 7:17. My prayers of strength and assurance go to you Marilyn, Jack, Jennifer and the entire family.

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**Denver Erickson** - October 28, 2025 at 11:32 AM

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“ Jim Sanders was a good man, good husband and father. He will be missed by his family, and friends. Many blessings to the family.

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**Marcia Reiter** - October 28, 2025 at 11:19 AM