



James Douglas Sanders

April 11, 1963 - May 16, 2022

James Douglas Sanders was born on April 11, 1963 in Sycamore IL. He passed away on May 16, 2022 in Carson City, NV, age 59. He was known to most of us as Jim. His father is the late James Edward Sanders. His mother, Mary, is still with us. Jim spent the better part of his childhood in Illinois, growing up in Dekalb, then Sycamore and later Genoa. Jim was the oldest of three siblings. He has a brother Darren and a sister Marjorie. In his early teenage years, Jim and his family moved to Logan Utah. Later the family moved back to Illinois, settling in Byron, where Jim graduated from High School. He went on to study at Rock Valley College.

Jim leaves behind a wife, Peggy, after 34 years of marriage. In Rockford in 1987 Jim met Peggy, through mutual friends. They were married on January 15, 1988. Jim has three children. Jim's first child is James Joseph Sanders - that's three generations of James Sanders, each with a different middle name. Jim's other two children are Joshua Neal and Jody Caruth. He loved his wife, his three children and was blessed with six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

When Jim and Peggy married they moved into an old farmhouse in Boone County Illinois. After 3 years they purchased their first home on Sunnyfield Road. A job transfer sent them to live in Gilbert Arizona for the next 3 years. Jim's next career path took them to Temecula California for 20 years. Jim and

Peggy set up an inviting and beautiful household that drew in many guests over the years. Some of you may remember the videos Jim posted of a visiting bobcat that went on to have a litter of cubs in or near his property. And then there were the hummingbirds. Jim set up around seven or eight hummingbird feeders that were visited very frequently. He had to fill each feeder up twice a day. Jim bought a lot of sugar.

In 2019 Jim and Peggy picked up stakes one more time, and retired to a large property near Dayton, Nevada. This quiet homestead had all of the space and peace Jim and Peggy required to pursue all their hobbies.

Jim was a man of many interests and passions. One of Jim's passions was music. He played drums, piano and the guitar. He liked all types of music from the 30's, country, rock and roll and more. His musical affinity started early listening to country and western at his grandmother's knee. He played drums with his Mother's band at a young age. Later he enjoyed playing in several local bands and played in the Temecula Community Band. Jim always wanted to share music with his children and grandchildren. He gifted many guitars and spent time playing and teaching the grandkids to play.

We can not talk about Jim and not mention his passion for HAM radio, computers, and electronics. This interest dates back to when a professor at Rock Valley College introduced him to Ham radio. Later his son Joshua was first to get his Ham license, Jim followed suit. Large antennas on Jim's property and on his vehicles began to appear over the years. He became an expert and an instructor, and loved to help mentor new ham operators and helped many to obtain their licenses. Jim was Vice president and later President of The Golden Triangle Amateur Radio club in Southern California. After moving to Dayton he volunteered as President of the Sierra Radio Club in Nevada. In Nevada he assisted the Lyon County Sheriff as a volunteer Radio operator for Search and Rescue. Jim also volunteered for the STEM

and Boy Scouts programs and so many others it is hard to mention them all.

Jim's love for computers led him to pursue a career in Information Technology. He was an IT manager of many companies over the years. For the County of Riverside California, he was in charge of overseeing the needs of Hospitals, Fire Departments, Police Departments and emergency services, with their wireless communications and computer needs. He enjoyed finding creative solutions to existing IT issues. He always left a workplace better than he found it. He eventually retired from Riverside County Government Service.

Jim was also very passionate about aviation and flying. He obtained his pilot's license in Arizona and later received his Instrument rating in California. Jim was able to purchase his own personal plane, a Mooney. Jim volunteered for the Civil Air patrol and often helped fly the U.S. and Mexican border. He helped get kids interested in flying through The Young Eagles Program and he would take kids on flights so they could get a certificate signed by Chuck Yeager. Jim loved taking his children Jody, Josh and Jamie up in the wide blue yonder and teaching them about flying.

Jim loved all things mechanical, owning motorcycles, boats, planes and cars. He bought a red convertible Miata, joined the Miata Club, and would take his Miata to the race track on field days or on club drives with friends.

A big supporter of Americans who serve our country, Jim served for four years as a volunteer police officer for the Boone County Sheriff's office in Illinois. He had a strong sense of right and wrong, and admired and supported the efforts of law enforcement, military, firefighters and first responders. He knew they protected us and he wanted to do what he could to protect them. Maybe it was no surprise that Jim's son James became a police officer. Jim was very proud of him, especially when he made Sergeant. For Jim, lines didn't blur, he was a

champion of what was right. Jim was patriotic and always had a U.S. flag flying.

Was Jim ever generous! Many times he would see police, firefighters or military members eating in a restaurant and would anonymously pay for their meals. Jim literally give the shirt off his back to a World War II veteran and drove home shirtless that day. Jim always put others first when it mattered.

Jim always stood for what was right in both his private life and professional life without worrying about the cost to himself.

Jim liked people, made friends easily, and knew how to strike up conversations and make people smile. He befriended individuals, groups, and organizations all over the world. He was good at imparting information. He was Soft hearted and was quick to tears and was not ashamed of it. He always wore his heart on his sleeve for all to see. This trait in Jim grew over time and was manifest when family was around, especially when kids came to visit he shared his feelings of love and gratitude openly. He was thankful for his family. One of the last things he said to Peggy was "We have been pretty fortunate".

His son James remembers that some of his best days were when Jim asked about his life and told him how proud he was of him.

Jim was not was not particularly affiliated with any denomination, but he was a believer, he believed in God.

Jim is best described as an unpretentious, supportive, sincere, and warm loving man. Jims legacy is the love, caring, and time he spent with each of us and the memories we will carry.

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Douglas Sanders*

November 04, 2023 at 08:25 PM



“ *James Douglas Sanders*

November 01, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ *For the family of Jim Sanders,*

Our hearts go out to you and your entire family, know that you are in our prayers. We ask God to help and to guide you through this difficult and sad time. He was a very talented man, creative, and knowledgeable of how all things work here on this earth. He will be missed by all.

*With love,
Les & Darlene*

Lester Leech - June 10, 2022 at 12:58 PM

“ REMEMBERING JIM SANDERS

There will always be suffering

And there will always be pain

But because of it, there'll always be love

And love, we know, it will remain

From “A Human Touch” by Jackson Browne

I first met Jim Sanders in 1999 when he and I were both applying for positions with International Rectifier Corporation. He was applying for a computer networking position and I was applying for a software support position to handle the recipes that controlled the Fab machines used to create integrated circuits. We were both hired and began working together. I soon realized he was a special person and one of the most ethical individuals I have ever known.

Jim could be described as a renaissance man. He was very skilled in electronics and computer networks. He was an accomplished musician. He was an aircraft pilot. He was a race car driver and a skilled mechanic and fabricator. He was a reserve police officer. He was a licensed amateur radio operator. He was an entrepreneur, an inventor, and an author. But above all, he was a friend and tutor to all who knew him and many who never knew him, but only casually crossed his path.

As a private pilot, he was a member of the Civil Air Patrol and an organization formed by Gen. Chuck Yeager to introduce young people to the joy of piloting aircraft. I flew with him to several CAP

meetings and he would hand control to me, even after dark. Before he purchased his plane, he would rent a plane to take young people for a ride and present them with a certificate signed by Chuck Yeager. When my daughter was a pre-teen he took her for her first flight in a private aircraft and let her take the control yoke. Later, as a 21st birthday present for her, he flew her and me to Catalina Is. for lunch and back. There's a photo of her, on his Facebook Page, which he took while she was controlling his plane from the co-pilot seat on the way to Catalina Is.

He and I both eventually left International Rectifier Corp. to work for the Riverside County Regional Medical Center. While at RCRMC I witnessed him purchase lunch for people visiting patients when they were down on their luck. Also, when he and I would be eating lunch at a restaurant near March Airforce Base, he would frequently ask our waitress to pay the tab for a table of military personnel in uniform and ask not to be identified as the one paying their bill.

It was while commuting with Jim to RCRMC that he told me he had decided to get an Amateur Radio License. I had a license in high school but had let it lapse when I went on to college and hadn't gone back to it. Once Jim got his license and a mobile radio in his car, he convinced me to get licensed again. We joined a local radio club, Golden Triangle Amateur Radio Club (GTARC). During a tour of a nuclear hunter-killer submarine, at Point Loma for replenishment, he and I were convinced to stand for officers in GTARC by the wife of a retired sub commander. She also runs a radio net that Jim and I would participate in while commuting to work in the morning. While in GTARC Jim trained and tested many new "hams", helped many experienced hams, and published numerous articles and several books. He once built an antenna for me from 2 meters of half-inch copper tubing folded to a shape similar to a box. When I took it to a morning net lunch I was asked if it was a support for the pizza we ordered for lunch. It works very well and I still use it, as an antenna.

I could go on, and on, and on praising Jim Sanders and telling anecdotes of his many accomplishments, fine qualities, and kind heart, but I think I'll stop now. Jim, I'm sorry I never got to take you sailing with me, but...

May you find following seas and a fair wind at your back.

Phil Yantis (KJ6YRI)

Phil Yantis - June 09, 2022 at 06:13 PM

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“ *My heart goes out to you Peggy and the family for your loss of such a kind-hearted, giving man in your husband Jim.*

I have fond memories of Jim who would always greet everyone at our GTARC meetings and other ham radio events with his big smile. He was always willing to help others and I was no exception. I still remember him wriggling himself down in my vehicle (which was no easy feat) to be able to reach my radio to program it. I know this doesn't seem like much but to me it was a big deal.

Please know that you all will be in my prayers.

Gloria - June 08, 2022 at 05:35 PM

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“ Jim was a great boss and I was proud to call him my friend, not just his secretary at RCRMC IT Department.

Jim drove his precious Miata to work one day and let me take it to get lunch. It was so cool and I felt pretty special entrusted with his baby.

My sincere condolences to Peggy, the children, grandchildren and heartfelt sympathy to Jim's mother. May Jim Rest In Peace.



Mary Grace Hedge - June 07, 2022 at 06:24 PM

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I am at Jim a few years back as he was my instructor for ham radio licensing. He's very patient and understanding and Haddaway not to talk down to you even though you don't understand what the hell he was talking about when it came to the radio information he was teaching. I had no idea what he was talking about and I told him several times I'm quitting the class I don't understand it I'll never pass the test! He obviously kept talking me out of quitting! I didn't wanna get my hand realizes to begin with! I was talked to into it by my disaster team that I was on and also my community for communication purposes when we had a disaster. Jim got me through it! Once I pass the test then I had to figure out how do use the radio and set it up so he invited me to his house a couple times to set my radios up and teach me how to use the computer to download them also manually set them up!

Can't say enough about Jim we had many discussions on a wide range of topics including Healthcare. I will surely miss him💔 again my most deepest condolences to Peggy his wife and his kids, grandkids and his friends!

RIP Jim Sanders AG6IF 73💔

David Sherman - June 09, 2022 at 09:37 AM

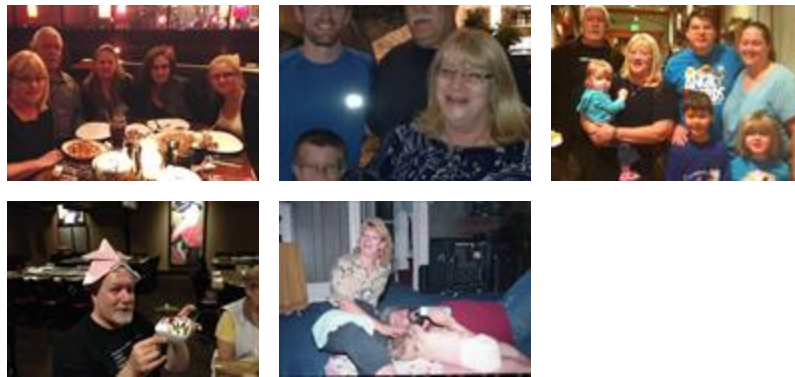
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I was deeply saddened to hear of Jim's passing, My deepest condolences go out to his beautiful family. I worked with Jim for many years here at RCRMC, he was a good and fair boss, and an excellent teacher. Lots of good memories, which I will continue to cherish. Thank you Jim for your leadership, dedication, commitment and for the multiple selfless contributions you made to so many along the way. Keeping the Sanders family in my heart and in my prayers.
Candace O'Grady

Candace O'Grady - June 13, 2022 at 10:39 AM

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Jody - June 07, 2022 at 12:18 AM

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Harry KJ6PCW - June 06, 2022 at 06:06 PM

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