



## Jerry F. Sanders

November 16, 1937 - April 14, 2017

Jerry F. Sanders of the Sanders Ranch, Turkey Creek Canyon died April 14, 2017 at the age of 79. Jerry was born November 16, 1937 in Douglas to Ben and Ethel Benson Sanders. He attended school at Ash Creek and was a Willcox High School Graduate, while in high school he had a teacher Mr. Bob Bowman (retired Air Force) who taught aeronautics and band. Jerry played in the marching band, swing band and fell in love with all things flying and military. After high school he joined the Arizona National Guard where he served on active duty with the 158th infantry. After 8 1/2 years with the National Guard he made the decision to join the Air Force 35th Flying Wing Division. After Jerry was discharged from the Air Force he moved back to Willcox and worked for his dad at the Richfield Service Station and was a Willcox Police Officer. He started taking flying lessons and became very active in the Civil Air Patrol. Jerry was interviewed by the Cochise County Roads Department where he was a blade operator for 26 years. In 1984 Jerry and his family moved back to the ranch, he continued to work for the county and worked the ranch. Jerry is survived by his sister Janice and his brother-in-laws Gary Graham and Donnie Thompson. His last marriage brought a step-daughter, Robin into his life. Robin added her husband Glenn and sons Braydon and Garrett to Jerry's extended family. He also has numerous nieces and nephews and their family whom he loved. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Sybil Thompson. Memorial Services will be 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at the Sanders Family Cemetery in Turkey

Creek Canyon. Contributions may be made in his name to the Charles Wm Leighton Jr. Hospice, P.O. Box 115, Willcox, Arizona 85644 or on line at [www.willcoxhospice.com](http://www.willcoxhospice.com) You may express condolences at [www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com](http://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com) Services entrusted to Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary and Crematory of Willcox, Arizona.

# Previous Events

## Memorial service

APR **26**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Sanders Family Cemetery  
11640 E. Turkey Creek Road  
Pearce, AZ 85625

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry F. Sanders*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *A time like this is never easy and is always filled with pain.  
My heart is with you in this time of sorrow.  
With Sincere Sympathy,  
Jerry Muir*

**Jerry Muir** - April 26, 2017 at 01:48 PM



“ *Anselmo & Bertha Torres lit a candle in  
memory of Jerry F. Sanders*



**Anselmo & Bertha Torres** - April 17, 2017 at 06:20 PM



“ *Praying for the Peace that only comes from our Lord to the family of  
Jerry.*

**Patricia Inman** - April 17, 2017 at 02:27 PM

LB

“ *Our world lost a great gentleman, but Heaven gained a great soul! Treasure all the memories he made here! He will not be forgotten!* ”



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**LaDonna Burgess** - April 17, 2017 at 02:02 PM

EM

“ *Ellen Morris lit a candle in memory of Jerry F. Sanders* ”



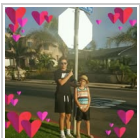
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**Ellen morris** - April 17, 2017 at 10:09 AM



“ *Brandi-Lyn Ackerson lit a candle in memory of Jerry F. Sanders* ”



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**Brandi-Lyn Ackerson** - April 17, 2017 at 12:21 AM



“ *Betsy Ajeman lit a candle in memory of Jerry F. Sanders* ”



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**Betsy Ajeman** - April 16, 2017 at 08:41 PM

CD

“ *Carol Dickson lit a candle in memory of Jerry F. Sanders*



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**Carol Dickson** - April 16, 2017 at 06:18 PM

NF

“ *Noel And Arlene Forsyth lit a candle in memory of Jerry F. Sanders*



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**Noel and Arlene Forsyth** - April 15, 2017 at 07:18 PM

EW

“ *Edna Wien lit a candle in memory of Jerry F. Sanders*



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**Edna Wien** - April 15, 2017 at 06:25 PM