



Robert Edward Sanders

July 7, 1926 - July 3, 2013

Robert Edward Sanders, age 86, a resident of Rio Communities, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 3, 2013. Robert was born in Joplin, Missouri, to George Robinson Sanders and Florence Rose Sanders. He served as a Technical Sergeant in the European Theater of Operations during World War II. He graduated from Swarthmore College (Phi Beta Kappa) with a Bachelor's in Economics and from the University of Virginia with a Master's in Economics. Robert worked as a Manager of Marketing Communications for Rogers Corporation in Ohio, New York State, and finally Rogers, CT for 28 years. During that time he served as an Oberlin City Councilman, a Steering Committee Member and then a Director of the University of Connecticut Technical Industrial Park. He published several articles in business and marketing journals and taught Economics at Quienbaug Valley Community College in Danielson, CT. After retirement, Robert moved to Valencia County and served as the President of NAMASTE, the Chairman of the Valencia County Senior Center Advisory Council and was the guiding force in creating Valencia County Senior Support which builds ramps for the homebound and assists with the installation of smoke detectors and grab bars. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Belen whose Methodist Men have been instrumental in building wheelchair ramps. Robert was a lifelong Republican active in politics in Ohio, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Valencia County. Robert is survived by his wife of 34 years, Dr. Alice V. Letteney; his children, Dr. Elizabeth Rose Sanders, Martha Rice Sanders, and

George Robert Sanders; his grandchildren, Dan Beshers, Edward Beshers, Devon Sanders, David Sanders, and Benjamin Koch; his great-grandchildren, Rory Beshers, Wesley Beshers, and Chandler Sanders; and many members of the Letteney and Trant families. A viewing will be held the United Methodist Church in Rio Communities at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 8, with a Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. Should friends desire, memorial tributes may be sent to Valencia County Senior Support c/o Wayne Gallegos 1101 Esperanza Drive, Belen, NM 87002. Sign Robert's online registry book at www.romerofuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Santa Fe National Cemetery

501 N. Guadalupe Street
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 8. 10:00 AM (MT)

First United Methodist Church
75 Monzano Expressway
Belen, NM 87002

Funeral Service

JUL 8. 11:00 AM (MT)

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75 Monzano Expressway
Belen, NM 87002

Graveside Service

JUL 11. 9:45 AM (MT)

Santa Fe National Cemetery
501 N. Guadalupe Street
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Tribute Wall

JC

“ Alice and kids,
I truly thank all of you for the opportunity to work with such a wonderful and caring man. From the fist day I met him I was already attached and I promised myself when my aunt called me for the job that I wouldn't because I had just lost my grandmother and father. I just couldn't help but love him, he had such a biiiig heart and a good sense of humor. I enjoyed the times when we have our little conversations while he was lying down watching the news or his stocks.
To his son and two daughters,
I just wanted to say you are all soooo awesome and your dad raised you well, you all have biggg hearts just like him and were lucky to have him as a father.
To Alice,
Your husband was lucky to have such a wonderful, loving and caring wife. I saw how much you loved each other and I one day want to have a marriage as awesome as yours. You have been sooo wonderful to me and so has the rest of your family and I thank you all for that. Please know that just because bobs gone i not going to be there for you because I will and I'm just a phone call away, even if it's just to talk or for a hug i'm here for you and blue.
May God Bless you and your family and help you through this difficult time.



Love Julia and the boys

Julia Chavez - July 21, 2013 at 09:55 PM

DC

“ Alice,
My most sincere condolences goes out to you and to your family!
May God instill a peace in you through this time of mourning.
It seems like only yesterday that you and Bob came into our lives.
There are so many memories that make me smile when I think of
them. Your friendship has always been special.
I am sad I was unable to attend the services. I would have loved to
be there to support you as you have always supported me.
Please call me (505-410-3025) so we can get together.
Much love,
Diane Chávez

Diane Chávez - July 15, 2013 at 03:15 PM

MG

“ With deepest sympathy and condolences to Robert's family. I am a
friend of his daughter, Elizabeth Sanders. ~ Martha Girdany,
Kilauea, Hawaii

Martha Girdany - July 07, 2013 at 04:27 PM

BB

“ Barbara Bailey lit a candle in memory of
Robert Edward Sanders



Barbara Bailey - July 05, 2013 at 06:31 PM

TC

“ *The Department of CHESS at UNM Valencia Campus purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Robert Edward Sanders.*



The Department of CHESS at UNM Valencia Campus - July 05, 2013 at 04:56 PM

LE

“ *I'm sorry to hear about your husband. I will be keeping you & your family in my prayers.*

Laura Encinias



Laura Encinias - July 05, 2013 at 04:38 PM

SA

“ *Alice and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Robert was a very dear and sweet man and will be greatly missed. Sally and Glenn Hebert*

Sally - July 05, 2013 at 04:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Edward Sanders.*



July 05, 2013 at 02:54 PM

DC

“ Alice, I am so very sorry for your loss and I am at a loss for words! You and Bob hold a very special place in my heart! Just know that our dear Lord is always available 24-7! My prayers are with you and your family as you go through this time! I love you

Diane Chávez

Diane Chávez - July 05, 2013 at 12:42 PM

AB

“ Angelica Boyle purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Edward Sanders.



Angelica Boyle - July 05, 2013 at 12:21 PM

JH

“ I am very sorry for your loss. May Robert's memory be a blessing for you and your family during this difficult time.

Jami Huntsinger - July 05, 2013 at 11:43 AM

CC

“ Cindy Chavez lit a candle in memory of Robert Edward Sanders



Cindy Chavez - July 05, 2013 at 11:16 AM

RS

“ *Richard Sax purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Robert Edward Sanders.*



Richard Sax - July 05, 2013 at 11:14 AM

CM

“ *Alice, Just know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Robert was a kind wonderful man and will be remembered.*
Catherine Miners

Catherine Miners - July 05, 2013 at 11:04 AM

LS

Dear Alice and Family, Please accept our very deepest and most heartfelt sympathy for your loss. Bob was a fine and loving man who gave so much of himself to the community. He will be greatly missed by all.

Lois and Bob Sullivan

Lois C. Sullivan - July 08, 2013 at 07:36 PM