



## Ed Sanders

February 7, 1928 - January 1, 2010

Louis Edward (Ed) Sanders, 81, of Searcy, died at home January 1, 2010. Born to Louis Ritchie Sanders and Ethel Peterson Sanders, Ed was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Mary Evelyn Seale Sanders, and is survived by his sister, Virginia Anderson, and three children -- Deborah Ireland (Mike) of Searcy, Don Sanders (Patti) of Searcy, and Susan Bryan (Leonard) of Rancho Cucamonga, California - as well as 22 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Beginning his career as a mechanical engineer for the U.S. Navy and then as city engineer for Crossett, Arkansas, Ed became a minister of the gospel, preaching at congregations in Arkansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, and Texas. He spent many years in Christian education, training others to preach, serving on the faculties at Brown Trail School of Preaching and Preston Road School of Preaching before moving to Searcy to be director of the School of Biblical Studies at Harding University, where he was also a professor in the Bible department for 20 years. He and Evelyn led students on many mission trips around the world, serving as examples of servant living. For the past several years, Ed was a member of the West Side Church of Christ.

Ed had an intense interest in genealogy, serving as president of and on the board of directors of the Arkansas Genealogical Society, which recently included him in the AGS Hall of Fame, acknowledging his enormous influence on and patience with beginning genealogists.

Visitation is at 9:00 a.m., January 4, at West Side Church of Christ, with the

funeral following at 10:00 and interment in Chapel Hill Cemetery near Sparkman, Arkansas. Powell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to Harding University School of Biblical Studies or Harding Graduate School of Religion.  
[www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net)

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Cousins, I'm so sorry about your loss, but we all know that he is happy with your Mom now, That still doesn't make it any easier though. We were going to come, but we were a little afraid to try, due to the weather. I've been praying for all of you. God bless all of you. I love each one of you very much. Tom called last night and said they are snowed in and he didn't think he could come & Sam&Barb are on a trip. Talk with you later. Love Marianne & John

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February 10, 2016 at 05:36 PM



“ I always look forward to my HU emails but was sad to see this one... what a loss for those on Earth who knew Ed, but what a joy of Heaven! I was just thinking of him this past week - not even having known of his passing and had shared with several friends some things he'd shared with us in his Christian Home class. It was one of my favorite classes at HU - he was \*so\* ... forthright with his information! I've shared my Christian Home book with many friends through the years as well - of course, with Ed's anecdotes. How sad that he is gone... I was just thinking (with my last niece now at HU) how endearing it would be to see him again, but - that will have to wait a little bit longer now. Ed, you will be greatly missed - by those most dear to you as well as those of us whose lives you only briefly visited but touched for a lifetime. God's blessings be with your family and dear ones... and may you be rejoicing now for all Eternity with the Lord! Love in Christ, Lisa Blake ('87)

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January 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Don and Patti Your dad will really be missed. I really enjoyed his cults class and encouraged my sis to take it also which she did. Your in my thoughts and prayers

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January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Ed Sanders was one of my favorite professors when I was at Harding in the late 1980s. He always impressed me with how much information he knew. I thought of him several times after I graduated from H.U. and moved away from Searcy.

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January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I took Christian Home from Mr.Sanders. On the first day I wasn't much impressed. He wasn't that exciting. But as the semester went on, I grew to look forward to his class. His dry wit was a nice surprise. I still have notes from his class. I proud to say I learned some life lessons from him. I'm sorry for you loss. I'm sure he will be missed. His work has made my life better. Thx ED !  
Mike Foster Class of 1990

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January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ The Harding family mourns the loss of Ed and rejoices in his victory in Jesus. May God give you comfort and peace.

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January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ We are certainly going to miss Bro. Ed. He was a spiritual giant, all because he emptied himself of "self", became a servant of Jehovah God, submitting to Him and allowing Him to fill him with the Fruit of His Holy Spirit. Bro. Ed practiced Self - Control because he allowed the Gentleness of Jesus to take control. He was so Kind and Good; there was not a mean bone in his body. His Faithfulness to worship with his brothers and sisters in Christ even when he was in pain from the cancer was seen by all of us. He would not just "be there", he would be there with a smile on his face. When we asked how he was doing, he always answered with a smile, "Oh, I'm fine. How are you?" He Loved everyone, no matter their skin color or occupation in life.

When he walked into a room , anyone could see the Joy and Peace radiating from him, because he had the aroma of Christ. How did he acquire that aroma of Christ? He emptied himself, became a servant, and allowed his Creator, Jehovah God, to fill him with His Fruit of the God's Spirit. He will feel right at "Home" at the feet of Jesus. Thank you, Bro. Ed for your fine example of a Christ - like life.

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January 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM



*“ You have our deepest sympathy.  
I just wanted you to know that Bro Sanders was the FIRST Church of Christ preacher I ever heard. My husband and I were dating and he took me to hear him at a gospel meeting he was holding in Arkadelphia. Of all the sermons I have heard over the years, that one will always be one I remember the most. It was about the return of Christ and a man who was left behind. I was left almost breathless and so convicted. Bro. Sanders is partially responsible for me becoming a christian. Unfortunately, that was the only time I heard him preach.  
I, too, am interested in genealogy.  
It is hard to lose such a wonderful christian.*

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January 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM



*“ We always enjoyed the family history that Ed brought to the family reunions. He will be missed. May God bless and comfort you.*

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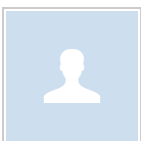
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*“ Ed will be missed by many. The snow is going to keep me from attending the funeral. We are praying for the family.*

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*“ I miss you, Dad!*

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