



John Robert Sanderson

June 27, 1945 - March 7, 2010

John Robert Sanderson, 64, of Searcy, went to be with the Lord, Sunday, March 7, 2010. He was born June 27, 1945 to the late John Henry Sanderson of Selma, Alabama and Ethel O'Dell Cato of Searcy, Arkansas. John was a member of the Optimist Club of Searcy where he was known as "football man" and "Christmas tree man." He had traveled extensively and visited all 50 states. John had taught Sunday School for all ages since he was a teenager at Center Hill Missionary Baptist Church as well as the Park Avenue Missionary Baptist Church in Searcy where he served as deacon. John's favorite book of the Bible was John. John chapter 17 was his favorite chapter because Jesus prayed for him in that chapter - Verse 20 - "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word." "Big John" was an avid sports and Razorback Football Fan. His motto was "Keep on preaching even if you have to use words.

He is survived by his wife, Lois (Bedwell) Sanderson, whom he married January 18, 1964. John thought she was the prettiest girl at Searcy High School in 1963. He is also survived by a daughter, Lucinda Marie (Cindy) Burson and a son, John Darren Sanderson; 3 grandchildren, Ethan, Grant and Benjamin Burson; 2 brothers, Clifford Sanderson of Selma, Alabama and Richard Sanderson of Flowery Branch, Georgia.

He was preceded in death by 3 brothers, Donal Sanderson of Hickory Plains and David Elliott and James Brinkley both of Searcy.

A memorial service honoring the "Blessed" life of John Sanderson will be held

Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Park Avenue Missionary Baptist Church. Bro Keith Lunceford and Bro Jesse Burkett will officiate. Honorary Pallbearers will be Randy Stiles, Tom Babb, Bobby Quattlebaum, Steve Miller, Wilbur Stevens, Chuck Roach, Joe Sledge and Jimmy Lawson. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Park Avenue Missionary Baptist Church Youth, 211 East Park Avenue, Searcy, Arkansas 72143. Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lois and family, I was saddened to see that John had passed away. I did not see him often, but considered him my freind. Just wanted you to know you and your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*
Mike and Mary Ann Hancock

February 10, 2016 at 07:16 PM



“ *Please accept our sincere sympathy. John was a life loving, cheerful person, and we know he will be missed by all.*

March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lois, Cindy and Darren,*
I am so sorry about John. Leon and I were unable to attend the service but our prayers were with you. John was always such a good role model for our daughter, Paula. We will all miss such a fine Christian friend.
Sincerely,
Sherry Person

March 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I remember all those Sunday School lessons John taught us at Center Hill . It is because of the foundation in Bible study by great Christian men like John that I have been able to gain enough insight to teach/lead classes of my own now. I remember all the fun we had doing Youth Fellowship with Cindy... and trying to get rid of the "Pesty little Brother". Much love and many thoughts & prayers to you and your family. Melissa (Johnston) & Jeff Allison*

March 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lois, Our thoughts and prayers go out to you in this difficult time. If you need anything you know where we are. Love ya*

March 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Darren, I was there today feeling so sad for you and the family. It was a lovely service and I hope the pictures will be online so I can see them again. My prayers are with you.*

March 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Mrs. Sanderson, Cindy and Darren, I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Sanderson. Cindy, I remember your mom and dad sitting up in the stands at our basketball games and their words of encouragement. He always had a big smile for everyone. Please know you and your family have been and will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.*

March 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lois and family:*

So sad to hear of Big John's passing. I learned much from him and know how much he will be missed by all. I pray God's blessings on you and want you to know that I care. Please feel free to call on me for anything.

March 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sanderson Family,*

It was with great sadness that Linda and I read John's obituary yesterday in the paper. Over the years we have had contact many times through the Lord's work. He was always so upbeat and seemed to enjoy life and especially the Christian life. I will always remember one time when I was in Searcy and the old truck I was driving was not acting right. John checked the oil and the stick would not even register. He went and got oil and I think it took quite a bit to fill it up. He told me that I should check the oil level from time to time. We send our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to your family. Heaven has become a little sweeter.

*God Bless,
James & Linda Calhoun
Arkadelphia, Arkansas*

March 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lois, and Family,*

I was so sad to hear of John Death. He will be missed by a lot of people. He touch a lot of life. Our prayer are with you and your family.

*God be with you
Ron & Ladonna Fisher*

March 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM