



## Matthew Craig Sanders

June 29, 1963 - April 7, 2021

Mr. Matthew Craig Sanders, 57, passed away in the early morning hours of April 7, 2021 at his home in Graceville, Florida.

Matt was born in El Paso, Texas on June 29, 1963. The Sanders family relocated to Graceville in 1973. Matt graduated from Graceville High School in 1981, where he was recognized as Who's Who Among American High Schools (which he reminded us daily). Shortly after high school, Matt enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He served for 4 years and 3 months as a Fuel Specialist and reached the rank of E4 Sgt. Upon his Honorable discharge, he returned to Graceville and began his career in the Florida Department of Corrections. In his 30+ years in corrections, he achieved the rank of Colonel. At the time of his passing, he was employed with GEO Group, Graceville facility.

In his off time, Matt enjoyed yard work, watching sports, spending time with his family, traveling and attending Altha Church of God.

He was preceded in death by his parents Tom and Florence Sanders.

He is survived by his wife Winona Sanders, his daughter Meagan Sanders, granddaughter Harper Sanders, all of Graceville; two brothers Michael Sanders (Candia) of New Albin, IA, Holt Sanders (Cheryl), Tallahassee, FL, nieces and nephews Cody Sanders, Marshall Sanders, Celeste Sanders,

Zachary Sanders, Jordan Sanders and Garrett Sanders.

A Celebration of His Life will be 2 p.m. (CDT), Monday, April 12, 2021 at the Altha Church of God with Bro. Allan Nichols officiating, James & Lipford Funeral Home in Graceville directing.

Family will receive friends at the church Monday, 12 p.m. until 2 p.m.

Flowers accepted or those wishing make memorials to Autism of Florida P.O. Box 677055 Orlando, FL 32867.

Expressions of remembrances and sympathy can be made at [www.jamesandlipford.com](http://www.jamesandlipford.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 12. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Altha Church of God  
26000 Fuqua Circle  
Altha, FL 32421

## Service

APR 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

Altha Church of God  
26000 Fuqua Circle  
Altha, FL 32421

# Tribute Wall



“ *James & Lipford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Matthew Craig Sanders*



---

**James & Lipford Funeral Home** - September 15, 2021 at 06:58 PM

JB

“ *Johnny Baker lit a candle in memory of Matthew Craig Sanders*



---

**Johnny Baker** - April 16, 2021 at 12:06 PM

JB

“ *Winona, I had no idea, Please accept my condolences for your loss. I will miss him, we had a lot good times working together and it just reminds me how short life really is. I will cherish those memories, for as long as I remain in this life. He was a good man and I appreciate all he did, with, and for me. Take care and may God grant you peace.*

*Johnny Baker*

---

**Johnny Baker** - April 16, 2021 at 12:04 PM

TG

“ Sending my condolences and prayers to the family. I'm truly sorry to hear of the loss of Captain Matt Sanders. I had the pleasure and the honor to work with Captain Sanders for over 10 years at GRCF. And I must say it was "never a dull moment"!

*May God continue to keep and guide you through your loss.*

*Ms. Torron Gibson*



---

**Torron R. Gibson** - April 12, 2021 at 11:06 AM

JP

“ It was an honor to work with Matt since 2008. He was always a kind man who tried to help his co-workers whenever he could. His support and integrity made a difficult job easier for all of us. I thank God for Matt's life and the impact he made at GRCF. My prayers are with his wife & family. ~Jill Parker

---

**Jill Parker** - April 12, 2021 at 12:33 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Matthew Craig Sanders.



---

April 11, 2021 at 04:03 PM

JL

“ He was a good boss, and a great friend.

---

**James D. Logan** - April 10, 2021 at 11:06 PM

ER

“ To a great man who was a leader and mentor to many. Godspeed.

Ellis Z. Rodgers - April 10, 2021 at 10:07 AM

SF

“ As a kid growing up in Graceville, Matt was often at his dad's store (Sander's Supply). My dad was the bookkeeper there. I remember Matt as always being good spirited and ready for a laugh. Sometimes my old friends and I talk about how Graceville (In a lot of ways) made us who we are. Matt was part of that for me. He made a lasting impression on me for sure. May God's love minister to his family during this difficult time. Sonny Fleming.

Sonny Fleming - April 10, 2021 at 09:49 AM

JQ

“ So sorry for your loss, Matt was a classmate a friend and a wonderful person.

Joyce Helms Quick - April 09, 2021 at 09:43 PM

TP

“ So sorry for your loss.

Terry Peacock - April 09, 2021 at 06:51 PM