



Billy Ray Sanders

October 8, 1929 - June 3, 2015

Billy Ray Sanders, 85, died June 3, 2015, after a lengthy illness. Bill was born in Hot Springs October 8, 1929, to Ben Sanders and Ora Kincannon Sanders. He was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter, Angela Kay Sanders. He was of the Baptist faith.

After serving in the Air Force from 1952 to 1956, Bill went to work at the Hot Springs Memorial Field airport as a station agent for Central Airlines which later merged with Frontier Airlines, and he was with the airline 29 years, both in Hot Springs and Little Rock.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Kathryn; his son, Gary Sanders and wife Kay; one granddaughter, Kristi Burris; two great grandsons, Landon and Braydon Kitt; one sister-in-law, Cecilia Duren and husband Don; special friends, Gary Curry, Larry Parker & Geraldine Greer.

Graveside services will be 10:00 AM Saturday at Memorial Gardens Cemetery with Don Duren officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Garland County Animal Welfare

Tribute Wall

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“ Kathryn, we were so saddened to hear that Billy Ray had passed. Judy and I have such fond memories of him when you and Billy Ray were my parents neighbors on Pinewood. He really gave us a hard time when we would get the car in the backyard to wash and wax it. The greatest memories were at the Hot Springs Airport. We had such a great "Airport Family". There was never a dull moment with all the fun loving guys. My Dad also sends his condolences to you and Gary and his family. They truly broke the mold when Billy Ray was born. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Frank and Judy Langston
Loyd Langston*

Frank Langston - June 08, 2015 at 05:07 PM

BW

“ Gary, I'm sorry for the loss of your Dad. You and your family are in my prayers.
Brenda Ward

Brenda Ward - June 06, 2015 at 08:20 AM

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“ Kathryn & Family:
Sorry to hear about Billy Ray. I had known Billy Ray since going to work in the tower at the airport. He was a kind, hard working airport employee. He and airport manager Disheroon were good friends as were everyone who worked at the airport.. He tried to do the best for his daughter.
Stuert Erickson

Stuert Erickson Airport tower - June 05, 2015 at 09:45 AM

RW

“ Dear Kathryn,

Believe it or not, I had known Bill over 40 years ago, dating back to when I was a little kid going out to the Hot Springs Airport to watch the Convair 580 Frontier Planes come in. Bill was always so nice to me out there.

Bill and I spent numerous hours talking about the old days of Frontier Airlines at Hot Springs. Later, Bill offered to be listed on my Resume as a Reference when I applied and was hired by not only National Airlines, but also Allegiant Airlines to be a Gate Agent and Jet Bridge Operator and Trainer, while I was living in Las Vegas for 10 years. I called him multiple times for advice on how to handle Airline Politics during my years there. And, up to this writing, he has always been on my Resume.

I want you to know, Kathryn, that Bill taught me a lot about Customer Service that you could not learn in a classroom.

I will miss him terribly. May God be with you and your family during this trying time.

Love always,

RICK WARREN

RICK WARREN - June 04, 2015 at 02:23 PM