



Orville A. Sander

September 4, 1931 - July 12, 2016

Orville A. Sander, age 84 of Highland, IL, died Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Highland, IL.

He was born on September 04, 1931, in Alhambra, IL, the son of Arthur and Martha (nee Renken) Sander.

On February 05, 1955, he married Jean A Tobin at Salem E & R - Alhambra, IL , and she survives in Highland.

He was a member of First Congregational Church of Highland. He was also a former member of Salem United Church of Christ; former member of Madison County Farm Bureau; former member of Highland Lion's Club; VFW Post 5694.

Orville was born in Alhambra, IL. Orville attended the one-room Hoxey School and later attended Alhambra High School. He was employed by Richard's Brick Co. of Edwardsville as a crane operator for 43 years. He worked part-time as Water and Sewer Superintendent for the village 17 years and was a member of the Village Board. He later attended classes at SIUE and received a water and waste water operator's license. Orville served during the Korean conflict in the US Army, 1951-1953, with duty in Germany. After marriage they lived in Alhambra Township, in 1972 moved to Alhambra, and then to

Highland in 1999. He had been Youth Fellowship Advisor, Sunday School Teacher at Salem UCC. He also had been a Boy Scout Leader. He loved to work in his flower garden and was a regular "Nature Boy", he also did wood working. He enjoyed being in-on-near water; loved his family and camping at Crab Orchard Lake.

Survivors include :

Wife - Jean A Sander nee Tobin, Highland, IL

Daughter - Beverly J. Wilcox, Highland, IL

Son - Steven E. (Brenda K.) Sander , New Douglas, IL

Daughter - Nancy L. (Douglas) Heidbrink, Alhambra, IL

Grandchild - Emily R. (Matthew) Flynn, Saint Louis, MO

Grandchild - Katie L. (Brady) Quade, Pocahontas, IL

Grandchild - Kelsey J. (Barry) Quade, Saint Jacob, IL

Grandchild - Chelsa R. (Stephen) Pruden, Staunton, IL

Grandchild - Arron L. Wilcox, Taylorville, IL

Great Grandchild - Ella R. Flynn

Great Grandchild - Hailey J. Quade

Great Grandchild - James D. Quade

Great Grandchild - Lucas R. Flynn

Great Grandchild - Sheldon L. Quade

Great Grandchild - Makenna J. Quade

Great Grandchild - Rosalee A. Pruden

He was preceded in death by :

Father - Arthur E. Sander

Mother - Martha S. Sander nee Renken

Sister - Genevieve M. Frey Died 7/29/2009

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, July 15, 2016, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 16, 2016, at First Congregational Church of Highland in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 16, 2016, at First Congregational Church of Highland in Highland, IL., with Rev. Greg S. Brady officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Congregational Church.

Tribute Wall

MF

“ I was saddened to hear about Orville. Some of my fondest memories when I lived at Alhambra was the friendship we shared. You two were so much fun to be with, and Orville was just the nicest guy around town. Please know you are in my prayers. Love to you and your family--

Maureen Frueh

Maureen Frueh - July 21, 2016 at 04:08 PM

BA

“ We are stunned & heart broken! Orville was the most genuine & caring person we know. He was a true friend & neighbor. His kindness & goodness will always be remembered & cherished. May God comfort & hold you close during this time of grief. Lots of love, Bob, Deanna, Cambrie & Payton Barowski <3



Barowski - July 17, 2016 at 08:21 PM

MO

“ Sander Family Sad to hear of your loss. Lots of good memories. God bless you all.

Mike Otto

Michael Otto - July 17, 2016 at 03:41 AM

ST

“ *Bev, so sorry to read of your Dad's passing. I remember meeting him a few years ago and his nice smile. I am sure he was a special man because he certainly has a special daughter in you. My condolences to your Mother and your entire family. My prayers are with you.*

Sue Tebbe

Sue Tebbe - July 16, 2016 at 04:55 PM

RO

“ *Sorry for your loss. I know all of you will miss him, I'll always remember that he was the one that introduced Harry and me. I will also remember the good times we once shared.*

Rose Olive

Rose Olive - July 16, 2016 at 02:44 PM

DA

“ *Definitely one of a kind. They don't make them like Orville anymore. What a great guy. He will be missed. Jonathan Sander*

David - July 16, 2016 at 01:01 PM

JK

“ Jean, Bev, Nancy and Steve, I just found out about your Dad's passing. I needed to be there (but found out too late) but know I am there in Heart and Spirit. You are all like family. Your Dad and Mom were so close to being My Mom and Dad. Now I know Mom, Daddy and Orville are laughing and carrying on. What a Happy and Loving Man. At Daddy's funeral I said " A Dad is a little boys first hero, and a little girls first love and as they grow he becomes the little boys super hero and a little girls forever love" and I know you Dad is the same to all of you. I Love All of You and Pray for God to wrap His Loving arms around you and comfort you, as only He can do. Love and Prayers. Judy Olive Kluthe

Judy Kluthe - July 16, 2016 at 11:52 AM



“ Orville never let a Sunday go by when I was at church that he didn't ask about my wife and kids, and requesting that I tell them hello for him. He was a shining example to younger men as to the love and kindness of Christ which should be showered upon wives and children by men blessed with them. Orville will be missed, however, we take comfort in knowing that he is with his Savior, and that one day we will see him again. May the Lord be ever present with Jean and family in their loss. - Mike, Cathy, Courtney, and Dexter Cathey.

Mike Cathey - July 15, 2016 at 06:37 PM

GT

“ What a sad day this is, to find out a dear person has passed, but the bright side is God will get to see the wonderful smile that we saw ever time you seen him. He always had a kind word and he taught me how to teach Sunday School. He will truly be missed. Gay and Allan Tipsword

Gay Tipsword - July 14, 2016 at 10:26 PM

JO

“ This is Orville's Joanie at Walgreen's. I have been scared to tell him over the last couple weeks that I am leaving Highland to go to Troy Walgreen's. So I decided I was going to tell him the next time he came in, knowing that he would be upset, but not wanting him to find out through anyone else. When I came in this morning I seen his picture on a card that I did not want to see him on. In the last 11 plus years at work I have not been so overjoyed by seeing any one person come into work as him, such a joy!! For the last many years he gave me a personal Christmas card, telling me how much I meant to him, candy and a loaf of homemade bread. My heart and prayers goes out to his family, if he made that much impact on me, I can only imagine the impact that he made with his family. Orville I miss you and tonight when I left work it was rainy and stormy and there was a rainbow to let me know hey Joanie I am alright, I cried and then a double rainbow appeared. Orville I love you and I will miss you, but we will be together someday, Joanie

Joanie - July 14, 2016 at 09:20 PM

MM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Orville's passing. What a sweet, kind, happy and a mischievous soul he was. After seeing him earlier this week at the Rec center it just doesn't seem possible that he won't be there again being his ol' jolly self. We will all miss you Orville! God has a special place for you in heaven



Mary Merkle - July 14, 2016 at 01:23 PM

FM

“ *Friends From McDonalds lit a candle in memory of Orville A. Sander*



Friends from McDonalds - July 13, 2016 at 10:21 PM

NH

“ *Never, ever, saw Orville without a big smile on his face and something funny to joke about. We would run into him and Jean at McDonalds having breakfast and always made it a point to exchange a few words--and always left smiling. We will miss him.*

Norma Hartlieb - July 13, 2016 at 10:15 PM

EP

“ *My heart is with all of you during this time. My warmest regards. Orville was an amazing man with a heart of gold and a kind soul. He was loved dearly and will be missed.*



Ember Price - July 13, 2016 at 08:55 PM

TM

“ *So sorry for your family's loss Orville was the youth director when I went to Shannondale Church Camp. He was a sweet, funny and dear man. He will be missed. Tammy (Robison) Miller*



Tammy Miller - July 13, 2016 at 07:47 PM

BM

“ *Bonnie Mills lit a candle in memory of Orville A. Sander*



Bonnie Mills - July 13, 2016 at 07:27 PM

BM

I only knew Orville a short time from water walking at the Rec Center, but he was such a happy kind person. He will be so missed.

Bonnie Mills - July 13, 2016 at 07:28 PM

MB

“ *Orville had a wonderful sense of humor, was a good friend, always had a smile on his face. I will miss him a lot.*

Mary Beth Broughton - July 13, 2016 at 07:23 PM

MB

“ *Mary Beth Broughton lit a candle in memory of Orville A. Sander*



Mary Beth Broughton - July 13, 2016 at 07:21 PM

BR

“ Our prayers and condolences go out to the family. Orville was truly a wonderful man, always there with a smile and a handshake or hug in church. We will miss him. May he rest in peace and may his family and friends hold him dearly in their hearts.

Keith & Brenda Winter

Brenda - July 13, 2016 at 06:53 PM

BI

“ Bev, Steve and Nancy, I extend my sincere condolences on the loss of your father. Orville was such a great testament to what it is to live a life for Jesus. He mentored the youth, witnessed for Christ, helped any person in need, and gave his all. He was truly loved by so many, many people. I sit and think of the many good times I had with your father. He always had a loving smile for everyone. We had great times at church, in Sunday School, and my favorite memory is probably chaperoning with him at Shanondale along side your mother. He will be missed by so many, but we know he has been welcomed home by his loving Savior. My love to each and every one of your family.

*In Synpathy and Love,
Betty Imboden*

Betty Imboden - July 13, 2016 at 06:44 PM

GS

“ Jean and Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We will miss Orville's smile and his ability to connect with everyone he met. He holds a special place in our hearts. Our sincerest sympathies, Greg, Clara and Abby Schuerman

Greg, Clara & Abby Schuerman - July 13, 2016 at 05:08 PM



“ *I have so many memories of this jolly man! He was always smiling!!! My greatest memory that always comes back is from Shannondale when he knew I was up to no good with water balloons and I had them all stuffed in my sweatshirt. He came up from behind me and gave me the biggest hug, soaking me in my own evidence. He hugged me so tightly every last balloon broke! I'm so sorry for your loss!!! My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

LaDonna (Kakac) Utley

LaDonna Utley - July 13, 2016 at 04:44 PM

RK

“ *Jean and Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Orville was one of a kind.....so caring and his way with young people was remarkable. I know our kids really enjoyed being around him.
You have our deepest sympathy.
Robert and JoAn Kakac*

Robert and JoAn Kakac - July 13, 2016 at 04:02 PM

PA

“ *"Big O" was one of the finest men that I have ever known. The first time either one of us were in a canoe was when we were at Shannondale. We went straight across the current river and ran into the bank on the other side and flipped over. We were in the water more than in the canoe that day and had the best time ever! There are so many more fond memories of this wonderful man and I thank God for knowing him.*

Paco - July 13, 2016 at 03:16 PM