



## James J. Sanders

July 12, 1938 - August 23, 2014

James J. Sanders passed away Saturday, August 23, 2014 after a long and courageous battle with multiple health problems. He was born July 12, 1938 at home in Dubuque, Iowa to Francis Ulrich Sanders and Irene Duccini Sanders. He was preceded in death by his parents and four of his siblings: Robert, Genevieve and spouse John, Donald, and Patricia and spouse Bob, and his brother-in-law, William Shafer. He is survived by wife Jana L. Sanders, older brother Fred Sanders and wife Helen, and sister-in-law Grace Sanders. Additional survivors are his stepchildren Vicki Dieterle and Mark, Lawrence Conn and Laura; grandchildren Ashley Dieterle Mitch, Austin Dieterle, and Billy, Madison and Robert Conn. Also his very much loved nieces, nephews and their families in Iowa, California and Texas, including sister-in-law and brother-in-law Loris Gaye and Elmer Freed and niece Leslie Shafer. James aka J.J., Jay, Jimmy joined the Air Force after high school graduation in 1956. After 4 years of military service, he became involved in the missile and space industry working on the Saturn S-IV-B moon mission and later was involved in the development of the MobilRed Computer System for the Army. In 1975, James moved to San Antonio, Texas working for the Army Medical Department under the direction of the Surgeon General. He was instrumental in the planning, developing, and implementing of the Army Medical Department Computer Systems and Defense Data Network, a worldwide mission. He was awarded an Achievement Medal for Civilian Service. After retiring from the Federal Government, he was faced with a

serious medical condition and Blessedly received a live donor kidney transplant from his special angel, giving him an extra ten healthy years for which he and wife Jana were and always will be eternally grateful. Thank you B. He wrote about this experience in a book he called The Kidney Patient. Jay enjoyed the years with his many friends in golf, breakfast club, poker and long time buddies from the "old days." He loved his wife and family of stepchildren, grandchildren and all the family gatherings. He loved to give them all advice. He was a kind and giving person and he loved God and told us often of the many miracles he received. Visitation will be from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cheery Ridge, San Antonio TX 78230 349-1414. The Funeral Service will begin at 12:00 PM on Thursday, August 28, 2014 also at the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *It was my honor Mr Sanders. You and your wife were so very kind and thoughtful. Your love for each other was the love people only dream of and one day I wish to find it. I do wish my daughter had the honor of meeting you and your wife. Giving my kidney to such a wonderful person was an honor. Thank you for your kindness. May you R.I.P. dear SIR and I am so glad to have met you and your beautiful wife.*

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