



Mr. James Carroll Sanders Sr.

March 30, 1950 - December 26, 2023

Retired Master Gunnery Sergeant James Carroll Sanders, a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps, passed away Dec 26th, 2023. The son of James Cecil Sanders and Sadie Mae Stillwell Sanders, Carroll grew up in Dewitt, Arkansas. He was born March 30th, 1950. Carroll married the love of his life, Linda Faye Watkins on July 12, 1968.

At the age of 19, Carroll enlisted in the Marines. He valued this service highly and loved The Marine Corps. He attained the rank of Master Gunnery Sergeant. Carroll served in the Marines from March 1, 1970 to October 31, 1994. Carroll served in Viet Nam and Volunteered for Duty in Operation Desert Storm. Carroll served at many Duty Stations including: Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, South Carolina X3, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, Naval Air Station Lemoore, California, Okinawa Naval Base, Japan, Marine Corps Base – Kaneohe, Hawaii, Cherry Point, North Carolina, US Army Fort Drum, New York, Naval Support Activity Mi- South, Millington, Tennessee.

Carroll had the honor of being flown several times around the country to work on “Air Force One”.

While in the Marines he also achieved his high school GED, as well as a college degree and went on to teach JROTC – Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps at Eudora High School.

James Carroll Sanders is survived by one brother, Graylon Dawaine Sanders and his wife Darlene of DeWitt, Arkansas; one son, Air Force Retired Technical Sergeant James Carroll Sanders Jr. and his wife Fawnita Sanders of Albuquerque, New Mexico; one daughter Stephanie Sanders of DeValls Bluff, Arkansas; six grandchildren Naval Chief Petty Officer Nathaniel James Sanders and his wife Allison of Naval Air Station San Diego, California, Tyler Sanders of Little Rock, Arkansas, Drew Sanders (Savannah) of Carlisle, Arkansas, Tessa Sanders of DeValls Bluff, Arkansas, Crystal Powell of Dallas, Texas, Adam Valdez of New York, New York; four great grandchildren – Luca, Giancarlo, Liana, and (one due in Jan) unnamed Sanders, all of San Diego CA; and a host of children who consider him to be their “Great Uncle Carroll or Paw Paw Carroll” - no blood, but they are his!

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife - Linda Sanders, a son – David Sanders, a grandson – Christopher Sanders, two siblings – Ronney Sanders and Donna Whatley.

Funeral services are 1:30 p.m. December 30 at First Assembly of God in DeWitt with burial in Carlisle Cemetery by Essex Funeral Home. Visitation will be one hour before the funeral.

Cemetery Details

Carlisle Cemtery

Carlisle, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 30. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

First Assembly Of God
1520 S Grandview Dr
Dewitt, AR 72042

Service

DEC 30. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

EH

“ *Ester Hageman lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Carroll Sanders Sr.*



Ester Hageman - December 31, 2023 at 10:42 AM

BW

“ *Bertha Woods lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Carroll Sanders Sr.*



Bertha woods - December 29, 2023 at 11:30 AM

PD

“ *Prentice And Sue Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Carroll Sanders Sr.*



Prentice and Sue Davis - December 29, 2023 at 08:34 AM

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“ *Cindy Lusk lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Carroll Sanders Sr.*



Cindy Lusk - December 28, 2023 at 07:53 PM