



## Gary Lee Sander

September 23, 1943 - June 30, 2022

Gary Lee Sander, 78, of Grand Island passed away on Thursday, June 30, 2022, at his home in his favorite chair.

Service will be 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 6th, at Peace Lutheran Church. Reverend Luke Biggs is the officiant. Visitation is from 4:30- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 5th, at the Church. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements. The cemetery service will be July 23rd at Grand Island City Cemetery.

Gary was born September 23, 1943, in Columbus, NE, the son of Theodore “Ted” and Audrey (Balzer) Sander. His early childhood was spent on numerous farms in central Nebraska (around the Lindsay, Newman Grove and Petersburg areas). He attended school in a one room schoolhouse until January 1956 when he moved with his family to Omaha. He was confirmed in the Lutheran faith at Our Saviors in Omaha.

Gary graduated from Omaha Tech High School in 1961 and University of Nebraska Omaha (UNO) in 1967 with a degree in civil engineering. He started his professional career with Loziers in Omaha. Gary was employed with Wilson Concrete in Grand Island before his job as a Civil Engineer with the Nebraska Department of Roads where he stayed until he retired in 2015.

On October 13, 1973, Gary married his high school sweetheart, Linda Anderson, in Omaha. The couple made their home in Grand Island.

Gary and Linda were members of Peace Lutheran Church, the Liederkrantz, Saddle Club and FCRV (Family Camping Recreational Vehicles). They were avid RV campers for 47 years. He also loved to garden and kept his lawn in tiptop shape. You could always see him out in the yard and garden getting all those pesky weeds. Gary always enjoyed watching his grandchildren in all their activities.

Those who cherish his memory include his wife of 49 years, Linda; children and their spouses, Karl Sander of Grand Island, Julie and Chad Ropte of Highlands Ranch, CO, and Lori and Jim Bertrand of Cottage Grove, MN; and six grandchildren, Courtney, Katie and Kasey Ropte, Jessica (Jake) Hansen and their son Carter, David Bertrand and Garret Bertrand.

He is also survived by a brother, Norm (Laurie) Snodgrass of Tucson, AZ; sisters, Karleen (Merlyn) Gramberg of Chadron, NE, Joan Klanderud of North Mankato, MN and Barb (Phil) Hough of Omaha, NE; several nieces and nephews; and sister-in-law, Cathy (Jeff) Meyer of Westside, IA.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and nephews, Ryan Gramberg, Mark Henderson, Sean Henderson, Cullen Snodgrass, David Snodgrass and Andrew Snodgrass.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date. Online remembrances may be left at [www.giallfaiths.com](http://www.giallfaiths.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 5. 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Peace Lutheran  
1710 N. North Rd  
Grand Island, NE 68803

## Service

JUL 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

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1710 N. North Rd  
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# Tribute Wall

JA

“ I had the pleasure of working with Gary on multiple occasions both personally and professionally. He was a good man and a kind soul. He will be missed.

James Arndt - October 29, 2024 at 05:40 PM



“ Gary Lee Sander

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM

FN

“ Faith Nelson lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Sander



Faith Nelson - July 06, 2022 at 10:58 PM

BD

“ got to know Gary when he came down to Strang and Geneva to oversee our State projects. He stopped in Strang after he retired to say hi and grab a bite to eat at Bubbas. He was a pleasure to work with and will be missed Your in our thoughts and prayers

Bubba Dunker - July 05, 2022 at 03:47 PM

JB

“ *Linda and family, we are very sorry to hear of your loss. Sincere condolences and prayers for you. He will be greatly missed.*  
*Jerry & Jeanne Benkery*



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**Jeanne Benker** - July 05, 2022 at 01:48 PM

IH

“ *Gary was a special one. We always enjoyed his friendship. May our God comfort you at this time Our Love Ina Hill Carriker and family.*

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**Ina Hill-Carriker** - July 05, 2022 at 12:45 AM

EH

“ *Our sincere sympathy to Linda and all the family. What a shock to find out about Gary. Prayers for all of you. Ed and Kathy Hurley*

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**Ed and Kathy Hurley** - July 04, 2022 at 10:57 PM

RO

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Robyn** - July 04, 2022 at 02:16 PM

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**Robyn** - July 04, 2022 at 02:14 PM

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**Robyn** - July 04, 2022 at 02:10 PM

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Robyn - July 04, 2022 at 02:08 PM

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Robyn - July 04, 2022 at 02:07 PM

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Robyn - July 04, 2022 at 02:06 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories



Robyn - July 04, 2022 at 01:12 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Sander.



July 04, 2022 at 10:09 AM

MH

“ We got to know Gary and Linda through FCRV. We enjoyed many great times wandering through Junk Jaunt and our trip to SD for the Bison Roundup at Custer State Park. Gary and I shared the same curiosity for learning at Mammoth Archeological Dig



Mary Kay Hackett - July 02, 2022 at 08:24 PM