



*Charles Douglas
Sanders*

June 4, 1930 - July 28, 2024

Charles Douglas Sanders, 94, of Morganton, NC, died Sunday, July 28, 2024.

Born in Jefferson County, Alabama on June 4, 1930, he was the son of the late Otto Franklin Sanders, Sr. and Myrtle Miles Sanders.

Charles was a member of First United Methodist Church. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Lenoir-Rhyne College in 1953 and served 2 years active service in the US Air Force. He retired after thirty-two years of service to General Motors Acceptance Corporation. Charles loved marching band and was Drum Major of the Snappy Sixty Marching Band. He also loved boat racing and fast cars.

Mr. Sanders is survived by his honorary daughter and son-in-law, Crystal and Chris Mills.

In addition to his parents, Charles was preceded in death by his wife, Pat Sanders; brother, O.F. Sanders; along with his long-time companion, Kathy Gilbert.

Services for Charles will be private.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

Rest in Peace Doug. My sympathy to extended family and friends.

–Vanessa Clontz

Doug meant so much to the “Spirit of LR” Marching Band and to the entire music program. The LR Band Room is named in recognition of him and his wife for their support. It was so cool to hear Doug’s stories of the first marching bands at LR, the “Snappy 60”, and to witness his love of LR. Rest in Peace, Doug! You made a great difference in many young people’s lives.

–Neil Underwood