



## Richard Sanders

October 29, 1931 - January 29, 2026

Richard (Dick) Sanders was born on October 29, 1931, in Shafter Bakersfield. His life was a shining example of joy, love and kindness. His father was Steve Sanders, and his mother was Chonita Campos Sanders. He was 94 when he passed away and was the last survivor of four siblings, Robert Sanders, Rudy Sanders, Isabel Ortega, and Raymond Sanders.

He met our mother, Elizabeth Sanders when they were kids and married her in 1951. In April of 2025 they celebrated 74 loving years of marriage. They had four children, Richard Sanders, Debbie Beebe, Cliff Sanders, Miriam Piper, and nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Richard graduated from La Jolla High. He served in the Marine Corps during the time of the Korean War, where he received a special medal and honors for being an outstanding sharpshooter using an M1 rifle. In the Korean war he and another soldier guarded the caboose of the train, with machine guns from Pusan to 38 Parallel between South and North Korea, it was a dangerous assignment.

Once out of the Marine Corps he attended UCSD for almost 3 years majoring to be a Physical Ed teacher and minoring to be a Spanish teacher. He was just months from receiving his degree, but with three children and one on the way he had to quit and start working full time. In 1970 Richard and Elizabeth

miraculously bought a ground cover nursery called S & S Growers. He was a wonderful provider and hard worker.

Richard's nine amazing grandchildren are Ricky, Shiloh and Tammy Sanders, Brett and Amber Beebe, Joel Piper, Leah and Joy Sanders, and Jason Gowen. His eight wonderful great grandchildren are Ciairah and Cody Sanders, Lakota Ormond, Olive and Hank Beebe, Ellie Whiting, and Wyatt and Morgan Gowen.

Thank you dad for being a constant, loving presence in our lives. We look forward to spending eternity with you. Until then we will miss you!

# Cemetery Details

## Miramar National Cemetery

5795 Nobel Drive  
San Diego, CA 92122

# Previous Events

## Military Honors

FEB 17. 2:15 PM (PT)

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