



Rev. William Timothy (Tim) Sanford

May 4, 1947 - November 6, 2016

Reverend William Timothy (Tim) Sanford was called home to the Lord on November 6, 2016 at 2:50 am.

Among his many careers, he sold commercial carwashes, worked in contractor sales at a building supply store, and worked in construction. However, he was always called back to preaching. For the last ten years, Tim served as pastor at Sandersville Baptist Church.

Tim was born May 4, 1947 in Hattiesburg, MS to Roy Otis Sanford and Willie Belle Arrington. Tim graduated from Baylor University in 1969 with a B.A. in History. He received his Master's of Theology degree from New Orleans Theological Seminary in 1972. He married Dianne Gayle Gentry in Henrietta, TX on Dec. 27, 1970. He moved to Laurel in 1980 with his family. He preached at Indian Springs Baptist Church, Faithwalk Church, and Fair Ridge Baptist Church.

A loving husband and father, Tim is survived by his wife; his daughter, Jill Nicholson (Michael); his son, Jason Sanford (Amanda Lamb); two brothers, Otis of Slidell, LA, and Paul (Rebecca) of Conroe, TX; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and granddaughter, Jordan Nicholson.

Visitation will be held at Sandersville Baptist Church on Wednesday from 1:30-3:30 pm. The service will follow at 3:30 pm with burial at Sandersville Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Royce Blackledge, Alex Etheridge, Jeremy Gentry, Ronny Hill, Kris Lightsey and Jordan Rogers. Honorary Pallbearers

Jordan Rogers, Taylor Nicholson, Kye Nicholson, Everett Sanford, Gentry Sanford, Gabriel Nicholson and Kate 'Noelle Sanford.

Memorials may be sent to the operating fund of Sandersville Baptist Church.

Cemetery Details

Sandersville Cemetery

417 North Front Street
Sandersville, MS

Tribute Wall

MS

“ We were so sorry to hear of the your family's lost. Our hearts and prayers will be with you during this time. Remembering him as a good man with a huge sense of love and strength within his heart.

Mary and Eric Scrimshire - November 10, 2016 at 08:21 PM

DR

Brother Tim and I grew up in Poplarville and we were good friends. I have not seen Tim in many years since back in the early 60's. Sorry to hear about his passing , he was a kind gentle friend and everyone knew the Lord would use him.

Don Romaine - November 12, 2016 at 07:04 PM

AS

“ I am so sorry, and my deepest regrets. I will never forget what a blessing he was, and how much I enjoyed his sermons. I was so thankful that he brought me to Christ and performed my baptism. He was a witty, informative, and kind person and pastor. It is with deep sorrow and regret that I have just now learned of his passing.

April Satcher - November 09, 2016 at 08:07 PM

SB

“ Dianne: we just learned of Tim's passing. Sending our love and prayers to you knowing God will give you strength for the challenges and give you comfort with the many memories you shared with Tim Bob Hubble (BedfordC7), Sue and Charles Burchell

susan burchell - November 09, 2016 at 06:15 PM

KS

“ *Dianne, Jason and Jill, I'm so sorry for the loss of Tim. You are all in our thoughts and prayers!*

Kathy Sims - November 08, 2016 at 07:41 PM

 Becky
Lightsey

“ *Diane and family,
Our prayers are with you all. Bro. Tim was a blessing to all who knew him.*

Becky Lightsey - November 07, 2016 at 07:27 PM