



## Coy Sanders

August 17, 1938 - December 29, 2015

NAME: Coy Williams Sanders AGE: 77

RESIDENT OF: Visalia DATE OF DEATH: 12-29-2015

OCCUPATION: Teacher PLACE OF DEATH: Hanford

Coy William Sanders was born in Muleshoe, TX, on August 17th 1938 to William "Pat" and Inez Sanders. He passed away on Tuesday, December 29th, 2015 at the age of 77. In addition to being 1964 Mr. Western America weightlifting champion, Coy was an award winning educator, teacher of the year and multiple powerlifting world champion. His lessons extended beyond the classroom and he had a positive influence on many lives. Through his quiet strength he motivated all who knew him.

Coy worked as an engineer before he became a teacher; first as an electrical engineer for Sprague Electric then as a highway engineer for Gordon H Ball Construction Company. Coy started his teaching career when he was in his mid-30s even though teaching was a cut in his salary, he wanted to be a positive influence on kids.

Coy taught mathematics at Exeter high school over 30 years where he was head of the math department. He retired from teaching at Porterville High. He also spent years teaching math at the College of the Sequoias, where his classes were so popular they would have to open extra sections.

When a teacher helps students succeed a positive ripple is made.

His absence will be felt by many.

Coy was proud of the fact that he graduated from Fresno State with a major in mathematics and a minor in physics.

Coy was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife Joan Sanders, sister Wyonell Dreo of Ivanhoe, brother Delvin Sanders of Oakland, OR, daughter Lori Sanders of Visalia, son Ryan Sanders of Visalia, grandchildren Joshua Sanders and Navy "Blu" Runnels of Santa Maria.

A public viewing will be held from 4 to 7pm on Wednesday, January 6 and then a public memorial service will be held at noon on January 7 at Salser and Dillard 127 E. Caldwell Ave. Visalia Ca 93277

Please consider a donation to the Adventist Hospice Services 460 Kings County Dr., #105, Hanford, CA 93230

SURVIVED BY:

PRECEDED IN DEATH BY:

VISITATION WILL BEGIN: at 4 PM till 7 PM on Wednesday, January 6, 2015 at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel

SERVICES: a funeral service will be held at 12 noon on Thursday, January 7, 2015 at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel.

BURIAL WILL BE AT: Visalia District Cemetery

A memorial tribute may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel  
127 E. Caldwell Ave  
Visalia, CA 93277  
(559) 635-1144  
info@salseranddillard.com  
<https://www.salseranddillard.com>

## Memorial

JAN 7. 12:00 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Betty Reece and Donna & Jim McGee purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Coy Sanders.*



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**Betty Reece and Donna & Jim McGee** - January 05, 2016 at 09:14 PM

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“ *I believe Mr. Sanders was the kindest man I've ever known! When I was a Baptist minister in the late 70's and early 80's he would visit our church or summer youth camp to speak and lift and encourage our youth - but it was usually me at least as much, if not more, than the kids, that was always left more grateful and encouraged.*

*He would smile and say the lift he had just made was a world record for his age group, and how he always seemed to do that when it wasn't official ... but (of course) he very often did it officially too! He was the definition of role model.*

*We love and miss you Mr. Sanders and commit you to the care of your Lord.*

*Dennis Pettyjohn*

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**Dennis Pettyjohn** - January 05, 2016 at 11:52 AM