



## Leon Sanders

April 21, 1951 - October 24, 2009

Leon Phillip Sanders was a loving father, husband, minister, friend and counselor. He was called home to be with God on October 24, 2009, at the age of 58, surrounded by family and friends. Leon was born in Muskogee, OK, on April 21, 1951, and graduated from Muskogee High School in 1969. He moved to Arlington, Texas in 1975, and has been a resident since then. He was a minister of the gospel for 39 years, and was the senior pastor at Cornerstone Community Church for the last 22 years. Leon led countless people to the Lord through his unconventional yet compassionate manner. He will forever be remembered as an accepting, loving person who lived life to the fullest and loved unconditionally. Leon is survived by his Wife, Charla Sanders; children, Christian Phillip Sanders and wife Stephanie, Aaron Campbell Sanders and wife Heather, Cori Lynn Davis and husband Kyle; grandchildren, Jackson Campbell Davis, Faris Emily Sanders, Aubrey Lynn Davis, Aaron Phillip Sanders, Kathleen Claire Sanders; Five sisters; numerous nieces and nephews; countless friends, and a wonderful church family. Leon was preceded in death by his parents, Lon and Leta Sanders, his brother Jimmy, and his sister Willie. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Children's Ministries of Cornerstone Community Church at 1500 W. Pioneer Parkway, Arlington, 76013.

# Tribute Wall

RT

“ I was having probably the worst day of my life. I had prayed to God for some peace. I was standing in line at the grocery store. I think God sent Leon to talk to me. He put his arm around me, shared one of his many stories, and by the time I got to the checkout my heart had been lifted and I had a whole new perspective.. He called me a few days latter... "Just to talk."  
He had deep love for people and for his Lord.

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**Ron Trammell** - October 28, 2009 at 08:45 PM

RH

“ Oh that I could be just a small part of what you really were to other people! God blessed that big heart of yours with capability beyond my understanding. I will never get used to the fact that you are gone from this earth. I am selfish and I want you to still be here for us all. You are a giant of a man with an amazing legacy in your beautiful children. Charla, Chris, Cam, Cori and the entire family, I WILL be lifting you up in prayer everytime I think of your Daddy.

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**Rebecca Bothe Halas** - October 28, 2009 at 01:14 PM

RA

“ Leon, you were and are my Life Coach. Thank you!!

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**Randy** - October 28, 2009 at 12:33 AM

LM

“ *What a great loss. What a great man. A man of god that wasn't afraid to show us all that he had faults just like the rest of us. When Leon's words entered your thoughts, they went to your heart. I feel very fortunate, privileged, and honored to have known him. I know he and his family have been a very positive influence in my son, Trey's life. His love and caring nature will always be with me. I've thought of him often, even though I haven't been around. My deepest sympathy to all his family and friends.*

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**lance matthews** - October 27, 2009 at 04:13 PM

BP

“ *I am so sorry that I will be unable to attend Leon's services as I am working out of state. He has been a great friend of many years and I and my family will miss him greatly. He became a part of our lives over 32 years ago and made us re-evaluate our lives and start living for God and working to add people to His Kingdom. This is all thanks to Leon's example. I also extend all sympathy to Charla, Chis, Cam, and Corrie Lynn.*

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**Bert Pack** - October 27, 2009 at 03:12 PM

GB

“ *Dear Charla and family,  
You have our deepest sympathy at the loss of Leon. He certainly was one of a kind; such a caring individual. We always felt his warmth and his friendship when we were in his company.  
Fondly,  
Gary and Marie Baronick*

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**Gary and Marie Baronick** - October 26, 2009 at 06:00 PM

RC

“ He was a servant of God who was a man after God's own heart. He opened the door for me to be ordained as a pastor. He was a very special mand of God for me because he ordained me along with other pators from different denominations. He was my encourager and supporter. I could never forget him as loong as I live. Because he became a very special pastor for me. Because of his suppot, I can fully work for the Lord. now It was honor for me to know him and have a special relationship with him.

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**Rev. Sonhee K. Chun** - October 26, 2009 at 04:21 PM

JW

“ One of the best measures of the quality of person a man is can be measured by the character of his children. Based on this, I know Leon was an extraordinary person. May God give the family peace during this time of sorrw.

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**Joey & Paula Wommack** - October 26, 2009 at 12:56 PM

BB

“ What a wonderful man who was loved by so many. He will truly be missed. We will always remember him & Charla coming to our restauant on Sunday after services and asking him about his sermon. He enlightened our lives as a friend and a minister.  
*Ben & Julie*

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**Ben & Julie Baumberger** - October 26, 2009 at 12:35 PM

SM

“ We've all been blessed beyond measure to have known Leon and been a part of his life. We're all much richer for knowing him. Leon made everyone he met feel like family and we'll remain family through his memory.

Love to each of you,  
Sherry & Harry

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**Sherry & Harry Mast** - October 26, 2009 at 09:28 AM

SG

“ Leon,  
You will be truly missed. I was so blessed to of met you while on this earth. I will truly miss your sermons. You were such a cool pastor. I will never forget your words of wisdom. Although I did not know you many years that did not matter as you treated everyone as if they were your best friend forever. I look forward to seeing you again. Take care of yourself and take care of my dad and in laws for me as I miss them dearly too. We all love you.

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**Sandy Gaber** - October 26, 2009 at 12:08 AM

NB

“ I love you all so much, and I'm so very sorry for your tremendous loss. I feel like a chunk of my heart has broken off.  
Love, Nicole Baronick

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**Nicole Baronick** - October 25, 2009 at 11:09 PM

KT

“ I will miss Leon dearly & am forever thankful & grateful for his love & friendship, & for allowing me the pleasure to serve our God musically in his church. It's not good-bye Leon, just see you later! My prayers & thoughts are for his family as always! God bless you Charla! Love you all! Kat

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**Kathy Turner, "Kat"** - October 25, 2009 at 06:21 PM

BT

“ I will always Remember Leon for his good humor & always finding the good in people and he really helped me get through a tough time 8 yrs ago  
I will miss him alot

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**Bobby Todd** - October 24, 2009 at 11:21 PM

SL

“ Where do I start? I met Leon 32yrs ago as one of his youth group. His quick and silly humor taught me that you are never to old to have fun..then and even now. I will greatly miss such a wonderful and loving man who never met a stranger. He guided us kids into adulthood and because of him we are better people. Thank you so much Leon for all of your love and support throughout the years. You will definitely be missed Leon. I love you and miss you already.

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**Shari Pack Lubbe** - October 24, 2009 at 09:40 PM

CH

“ A very special friend who I was introduced to by my sister Donna Swift. I was not much for church at the time but my views were changed by Leon. Here was a man of God who was for real. Patient, non judgmental and with as many faults and scars as myself. I extend my respect, love and heart to Leon, Charla and the Sanders Family. We will miss you Pastor Leon and never forget you and all that you taught us.

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**Chris** - October 24, 2009 at 09:36 PM

RW

“ What can be said about a man who made a difference in many lives? He made one in me. I came as a visitor by invitation from my close friend Steve Kimpel. Leon's words resonated inside of me Sunday after Sunday. His "aww shucks " approach is what captivated me and drove home the message of God unlike many who appeared pompous or a "windbag" and had driven me away from the church. After a 46 year absence of being a regular God helped him find me, and I found Leon. I gave him hope and courage when many years ago I too faced cancer and had beaten it. Perhaps that is why I stood in awe at this courageous man who cared so much for others ,he never spotlighted his own situation too much. Now as I look out among the stars ,one star appears bright in the sky. It is Leon who found his way home and flashing that smile of his, and giving off such a bright light and showing us the way of a better life. I hardly knew him, but what a difference he made in me.

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**Ray Whitworth** - October 24, 2009 at 09:00 PM

JB

“ LEON WAS A SPECIAL FRIEND AND MENTOR. WE WILL MISS HIM. HE IS WATCHING US FROM A BETTER PLACE.

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**judy and walt baggs** - October 24, 2009 at 08:46 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Jimmy Ward** - October 24, 2009 at 06:29 PM