

Randall and Ruth Sanders



After a difficult childhood, Randall Sanders was determined to make it on his own. His formal education was over when Randall decided to quit school and work to support himself at the young age of sixteen.

High school sweethearts, Ruth and Randall Sanders met one day while Ruth was roller skating in the street. Randall drove a truck to haul water for a business in Chandler. “He stopped to ask me where Ann Street was,” explained Ruth with a sly smile on her face. I said “it’s where it’s always been-they didn’t move it!” Her feisty attitude must have worked its magic, and they were married October 29, 1943. Later, they had two daughters, Randall Sanders, and Judith Cron.

Right after marriage, Randall was sent overseas for the next two years serving in the United States Army. “It was hard, as I did not see him for two years,” said Ruth. Upon his return in 1945, Randall bought two dump trucks to facilitate hauling coal. Eventually with a partner, Randall started Boonville Ready Mix Concrete. After the death of his partner, Randall took over the business with the help of Ruth, and also daughters, Randall and Judy, who contributed their talents and bookkeeping skills.

When Randall was not running the business, or driving a concrete truck, he and Ruth would head out on the highway in their motor home usually pulling their Harley Davidson motorcycle behind. Traveling the United States, and a visit to Vancouver Canada, Ruth said, “I believe we visited about every state. I can’t remember if there was one we missed. Randall always wanted to see what was over the next hill!” As members of the early Kentucky Travelers Club, Ruth and Randall started the gathering in Kentucky now known as the Sturgis Bike Rally which brings in bikers from all over the country. Pictures adorn the walls of Ruth’s office at home with memorable trips and cruises from Daytona, Florida to the West Side Nut Club parade in Evansville, which they entered annually.

After retiring and selling the business in 1989, the Sanders wintered in their home in Florida each year. “We headed home in time to pay the taxes, and get the garden out.” Exclaimed Ruth.

Randall had many friends and was a member of the “coffee bunch” including Slim Callis, Rip VanWinkle, Reverend Bland, Bill Mohler, and Bob Winsett to name a few. Meeting at a local restaurant for breakfast or coffee and community talk, Randall was in touch with what was going on with friends, and business associates. Randall loved his community and wanted to help others. After learning of the Warrick County Community Foundation from past Board President and friend, John Weyerbacher, Randall established four funds to benefit a variety of his interests.

- The Randall Sanders Maple Grove Cemetery Fund
- The Randall Sanders Salvation Army Fund
- The Randall Sanders Warrick County Museum Fund
- The Randall Sanders Warrick Humane Society Fund



Randall Sanders passed away after a tragic car accident on August 1, 2007. He will be remembered as a generous, kind, and giving man who leaves a lasting legacy with everlasting financial support to benefit area programs.