



## Mrs. Herta Ruth Sanders

September 26, 1925 - June 30, 2016

Herta Ruth Sanders passed away June 30, 2016, at the age of 90 of natural causes.

She was born in Annawalde, Germany in 1925 in a region known as East Prussia. She lost her parents in World War II and narrowly evaded capture by incoming Russian troops. She married an American soldier in 1949. After proudly becoming an American citizen, she was graduated from nursing school in Long Beach, California in 1953. A member of a local Baptist church, Herta was a wonderful Christian lady who daily offered her gifts of encouragement and hospitality to everyone. An American patriot to the end, she vigorously extolled the virtues of her beloved America. Her benevolent spirit also extended to all animals, many of which had better lives because of her tender heart.

She was a devoted wife to her husband, C.W. Sanders, who preceded her in death after 61 years of marriage. She was also preceded in death by her four brothers and three sisters. Her only child, Jerry Sanders (wife, Sylvia), who has resided in Tallahassee since retiring from the U.S. Air Force in 1999, attributed his accomplishments to the fervent prayers of his dear mother. In addition to her son, she is also survived by her beloved grandsons, David Sanders (wife, Krista) and Jason Sanders, also of Tallahassee.

She trusted her soul to God's care and will be laid to rest beside her loving husband at a family cemetery in Georgia. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:30 PM, Monday, July 4, 2016 at Abbey Funeral Home. Expressions of sympathy may be conveyed at [www.abbeyfh.com](http://www.abbeyfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 4. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Abbey Funeral Home  
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Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 562-1518  
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# Tribute Wall

AW

“ I remember Herta fondly, as I attended church with her some years ago. She was a lovely lady and became a special friend. In her sweet and friendly manner, she always made everyone feel welcome and loved. She was very devoted to her family and church. I will remember her as a special lady!

*My sincere sympathy to the family.*

*Ann White*

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**Ann White** - July 10, 2016 at 03:11 PM

BB

“ Herta is an amazing person and a dear friend. I hope my little cottage in heaven will be near her mansion

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**Beth Brooks** - July 05, 2016 at 03:16 PM

JE

“ My Aunt Herta was the closest Aunt to me on my dad's side of family. She married my dad's brother after World War II. She loved her Lord, her family, and her Country. She was one of the most generous and caring persons I've ever known. She was faithful to her church, Victory Baptist which she was a charter member of. She will be missed but we will meet again in our glorious heavenly home. Praise the Lord.

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**Julie Elliott** - July 04, 2016 at 10:28 AM

KD

“ It was sad to hear that Aunt Herta had passed away. What wonderful memories we all have of her. I especially remember her constant presence on Sunday mornings at church, always so elegantly dressed and so pleasant--and the scrumptious pound cakes she made from scratch for the coffee time between services. She was always so kind and cheerful, and took great pride in the accomplishments of her lovely family. God bless you all during this sad time. -- Katharine

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**Katharine Thorpe (Cindy's daughter)** - July 02, 2016 at 08:08 PM

KT

“ May you find comfort and peace in your time of grief by knowing that Mrs. Sanders is safe and well in the arms of Jesus.



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**Kathy Tripolites** - July 02, 2016 at 07:32 PM

KT

“ May you all find comfort in the knowledge that Mrs. Sanders is safely in Heaven with Jesus.



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**Kathy Tripolites** - July 02, 2016 at 06:09 PM

CO

“ Aunt Herta is one of my earliest memories. She was married to my uncle Wheat, my father's brother. She never really aged. From the time I was a little girl, through my twenties, thirties and forties, she was always "Aunt Herta" with her charming accent that she never lost. I remember her sister Friedel who lived in Germany would send her packages, and Aunt Herta would always share something, usually candy, with us. The candy seemed so exotic to me! I loved seeing what she might bring me. Sunday mornings seemed incomplete without her when she was no longer able to come. She is in Heaven now.

Cynthia (Sanders) Owen

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**Cynthia Sanders Owen** - July 02, 2016 at 09:54 AM

ES

“ Herta was my sister in every sense of the word, and i will really miss her. She was a most generous and loving person. She was a charter member, and a faithful member of our church (Victory Baptist Church) and I still miss seeing her there. A Sunday doesn't pass by that I don't remember her arriving on Sunday morning for Sunday school and church, dressed up and looking so pretty, usually with her famous butternut pound cake that she would bring to share with everyone between Sunday school and church during our coffee break. I will miss our conversations, she was truly special.

Ehrlich Sanders

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**Ehrlich B. Sanders** - July 02, 2016 at 09:35 AM

JW

“ Jay and Charlene Willoughby purchased the Spring Has Sprung Mixed Basket for the family of Mrs. Herta Ruth Sanders.



Jay and Charlene Willoughby - July 02, 2016 at 09:12 AM

EL

“ My deepest condolences to the Sanders family, may you find comfort in prayer and the beautiful words of Isaiah 25:8 where God promises us that He will soon eliminate all death and suffering.

Elda - July 01, 2016 at 08:24 PM

PT

“ Patricia Owens and Kathy Tripolites purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Herta Ruth Sanders.



Patricia Owens and Kathy Tripolites - July 01, 2016 at 03:59 PM

PO

“ I am so sorry we have lost such a brave and caring soul. I will always remember how kind she always was to me each time I visited my sister Sylvia and her husband Jerry Sanders. The last time I was there for a visit was in March of this year and Herta and I shared some good laughs, times and sweet memories. I know she is happy with the Lord Jesus Christ now and content to be with Him in heaven. I know her family will miss her for when we lose one of our own here on earth, we lose a part of ourselves. But the heavenly reunion will be a glorious occasion and we will all be with the Lord.

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**Patricia Owens** - July 01, 2016 at 02:35 PM

DA

“ My name is David and I have the pleasure of being this wonderful lady's grandson. She was always "Oma" to me, a German word for Grandma. My favorite memories with her are of summers spent with her and Granddad when my brother and I were children. She could make fast friends with a complete stranger and was always generous with her time and money. I was blessed to be her grandson. I love you, Oma, you will be missed!

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**David** - July 01, 2016 at 02:16 PM