



Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders

April 6, 1958 - May 14, 2014

Janet Sanders, age, 56, of East College Street, Bowdon, passed away on May 14, 2014. She was born in Spokane, Washington, on April 6, 1958 to parents Bill and Peggy Boyd. Known to many in her community as Mrs. Sanders, Janet was a teacher at Bowdon Middle School who retired at the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

Janet is survived by her parents, Bill and Peggy Boyd of Bowdon, Georgia; husband, Ralph Sanders of Bowdon, Georgia; daughter, Jessica Sanders of Thomasville, Georgia; son and daughter-in-law, Jacob and Lindsey Sanders of Winder, Georgia; grandson, Braxton Lee Sanders of Winder, Georgia; sister and brother-in-law, Sharen and Jimmy Deignan of Bella Vista, Arkansas; brother, Bruce Boyd and Cathy of Peachtree City, Georgia; sisters-in-law, Patrice Sanders of Bowdon, Georgia, Yvonne Huffstickler of Bowdon, Georgia, and Aundria Sanders of Ranburne, Alabama; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins of varying ages.

In life, Janet was a wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, teacher, friend, and advice-giver, who had a unique gift for making those around her better. She was greatly loved and will be greatly missed, though she leaves this world a better place than she found it.

Visitation will be held Friday, May 16, 2014 from 5pm – 7pm at Rainwater

Funeral Home in Bowdon, Georgia. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, May 17th, 2014 at Bowdon First United Methodist Church in Bowdon, Georgia.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **16**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rainwater Funeral Home
317 North Carroll Street
Bowdon, GA 30108
(770) 258-7239
info@rainwaterfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rainwaterfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

MAY **17**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bowdon First Methodist Church
302 Wedowee Street
Bowdon, GA 30108

Tribute Wall

 Sonja
Wyatt

“ *Still in shock. Thanks for been the most loving, kind hearted, sweet, non judgementa teacher. You didn't see no color. You treated all your students the same and I thank you for that. I pray that GOD keep your family surround with your and his grace. Love Sonja Wyatt "96"*

Sonja Wyatt - June 03, 2014 at 02:53 PM

 AA

“ *Ann Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders*



Ann Anderson - May 19, 2014 at 10:15 PM

DF

“ Dear Sanders Family -- we are so sorry to hear about your loss. Even though we didn't know Janet that well, we knew from the first time we met her that she was an awesome person. So friendly, kind and you knew she put family and people first! And we also knew we LOVED her son who is now part of our family and that he was raised with much love - the right way :) The way Jacob talked about his family -- they were #1.

Words can never express enough - just please know you are in our thoughts and our prayers. May the memories of your beautiful wife, mom, grand mom, sister and friend always sustain you. You were blessed with this awesome lady - hugs to all.

Deb & Dave Fulcher -- Lindsey's Yooper Family we love you
Lindsey & Jacob xxoo

Deb Fulcher - May 18, 2014 at 10:15 AM


Stephanie
Kiker
Catrett

“ Stephanie Kiker Catrett lit a candle in memory
of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Stephanie Kiker Catrett - May 17, 2014 at 10:32 PM

CY

“ I don't know the family but had your wife/mother as a patient at Tanner. From the first time I met Janet, I knew she was a wonderful, caring and loving person. We talked and shared stories together. She really touched my heart. I am so sorry for your loss and. I send my deepest sympathy to you all!



Cyndy - May 17, 2014 at 10:06 PM

TC

“ Tommy & Judy Cantrell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Tommy & Judy Cantrell - May 17, 2014 at 07:03 PM

TM

“ TERESA MILNER lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



TERESA MILNER - May 17, 2014 at 06:49 AM

Jean Galloway

“ so very sorry for your loss Jean Galloway (a friend of kathy's)



Jean Galloway - May 17, 2014 at 12:05 AM



“ Aunt Peggy, Uncle Bill, Bruce, Sharen, Ralph and family. I am deeply saddened by the news of Janet 's sudden passing. Sending love and condolences. Robin Beckman Ballish

Robin Ballish - May 16, 2014 at 11:56 PM

MW

“ She was a amazing women and will be greatly missed!



Morgan Wood - May 16, 2014 at 09:40 PM

Annette Ingram

“ I am so sorry for you loss. Janet was a special woman and wonderful colleague. I will always remember her fondly.



Annette Ingram - May 16, 2014 at 07:48 PM

SG

“ Susan McCaghren Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Susan McCaghren Gibbs - May 16, 2014 at 07:19 PM



“ Aunt Peggy, Uncle Bill, Bruce, Sharen, Ralph and family, So saddened by the news of Janet's sudden passing. Sending love and condolences to all of you.



Robin Ballish - May 16, 2014 at 06:42 PM

BB

“ Bryant & Charlene Byrom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Bryant & Charlene Byrom - May 16, 2014 at 06:22 PM

KB

“ Ken, Jan And Marjorie Barringer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



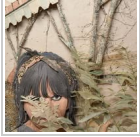
Ken, Jan and Marjorie Barringer - May 16, 2014 at 05:51 PM

JG

“ Jimmy & Sara George lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Jimmy & Sara George - May 16, 2014 at 05:22 PM



“ I have been a next door neighbor to Janet for over 21years....I always knew what time it was each and every school morning without ever having to look at my clock....cause promptly at 7:40am..... I would see her walking out her door to her car, to go to school.....



She was a straight shooter....What you saw with Janet, is exactly what you got....Always there when you needed a friend....a shoulder to lean on and an encouraging word.... Yup.... That was Janet Sanders....

I guess for me...I will so miss the impromptu "worldly discussions" we would share at our mailboxes...me talking about my grandkids....and her sharing stories about Braxton, her precious grandboy and so excited about the baby on the way.....Or a walk through each others yards admiring our flowers....and most recently introducing my little Scottie pup, "Toto", to her "Sweet Annie"!!!!

But, you know what....what I will miss the most of all....is just knowing that she is there.....But, The Good Lord had a different Plan for Janet...and Now....Heaven is her Home.....and she is once again well.....and I know for sure she is smiling down upon us all....and for me....I find great comfort in that!

And Yes,This Earthly World...is a far, far, better place.....Just because there was a Janet Sanders...and that she lived upon it....for 56 Years.....I will miss you my friend!

Love you to the Moon!

Kathy Marino - May 16, 2014 at 04:57 PM

 Sheri Meritt

“ We are so sorry. I wish we could come pay our respect but know we are praying for your loss. Love you all. Sheri Misti and Robbie Boylan

Sheri Meritt - May 16, 2014 at 04:54 PM

BR

“ Brenda lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Brenda - May 16, 2014 at 04:27 PM

VM

“ Vonnie Eason McLeod lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Vonnie Eason McLeod - May 16, 2014 at 04:06 PM

JT

“ Praying for your family. May God lay his hand on you and give you comfort. She was truly a very special lady.
Jana, Wayne, Hannah, and Zach Thompson



Jana Thompson - May 16, 2014 at 03:55 PM

DP

“ *David And Janice Pollard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders*



David and Janice Pollard - May 16, 2014 at 02:48 PM

BC

“ *Ralph, Jacob, Jessica I am so sorry for the loss of your sweet mother. Always remember the good times and just know that she is in heaven and one day we will see her again. If you guys need anything please let me know. She will forever be in my heart. You guys are loved by so many and just continue to keep the light that she shared with many. Love you guys!*

Benita Carroll - May 16, 2014 at 02:46 PM

RH

“ *ROSIE HANEY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders*



ROSIE HANEY - May 16, 2014 at 02:08 PM

TM

“ *Tina Rogers Meherg lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders*



Tina Rogers Meherg - May 16, 2014 at 01:41 PM



“ Jeffrey Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Jeffrey Brown - May 16, 2014 at 12:34 PM

BL

“ Bonnie Laney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Bonnie Laney - May 16, 2014 at 12:18 PM

BL

My heart goes out to your family and you r family are in my prayers! to remind you who I am we worked together at Red Devil rest. and Bonanza Steak House you sister knows me from Burwell Corners and Texaco ,but I know how you feel I lost my husband 5 years to cancer ,but my heart is with your family and prayers!

Bonnie Laney - May 16, 2014 at 12:25 PM

CA

“ Carol lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



carol - May 16, 2014 at 12:04 PM

MR

“ *Marcy, Devin And Kaylee Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders*



Marcy, Devin and Kaylee Rogers - May 16, 2014 at 11:53 AM

SR

“ *Sherry Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders*



Sherry Robinson - May 16, 2014 at 11:11 AM

TF

“ *The Jiles Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders*



The Jiles family - May 16, 2014 at 10:47 AM

T(

“ *Tresa Hulsey (Williams) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders*



Tresa Hulsey (Williams) - May 16, 2014 at 10:36 AM

Josh Sambuco

“ One of my favorite school teachers. Loved seeing her everyday.
You will be missed and Ill be praying for the family

Josh Sambuco - May 16, 2014 at 10:33 AM

MR

“ Melissa Runyan lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Melissa Runyan - May 16, 2014 at 09:16 AM

GW

“ Gael Waters lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Janet Ruth Sanders



Gael Waters - May 16, 2014 at 08:57 AM

DP

“ Donny And Linda Powers lit a candle in
memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Donny and Linda Powers - May 16, 2014 at 08:30 AM

 Cheryl
Presnal

“ Cheryl Presnal lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Janet Ruth Sanders



Cheryl Presnal - May 16, 2014 at 07:59 AM

JJ

“ So very sad to hear this news. We will have the family in our
prayers.
With love,
Jay and Marian Isbell
Savannah, GA

Jay Isbell - May 16, 2014 at 07:03 AM

RH

“ Rita Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Janet Ruth Sanders



Rita Harris - May 16, 2014 at 06:16 AM

 Lisa
Foster

“ Mrs. Sanders was truly a wonderful teacher to myself and my 2
kids! We will surely miss her!

Lisa Foster - May 16, 2014 at 05:47 AM

Lisa
Foster

“ *Lisa Foster lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders*



Lisa Foster - May 16, 2014 at 05:45 AM

SS

“ *My son, Seth, had Mrs. Sanders in 6th grade and we went to a parent teacher night. While we were there we ask her why Seth had received a zero on one of his papers even though he had done it and turned it in. The answer she gave us was so amusing, I still remember it like it was yesterday. She told us Seth had let another student copy his paper in class. Anyone that knew Seth, knew he loved the social aspect of school, the work part not so much. We really had a laugh that he had shared his paper instead of the other way around. Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Watts were two of his favorite teachers and now Seth is gone and so are they. Just makes me cry!*

Sherry Scales - May 15, 2014 at 09:33 PM

CJ

“ *It was so special to be a 7th grade student in Mrs. Sanders social studies class and years later to be one of her fellow teachers and 6th grade teammate at Bowdon Middle School. Christy Johnson*

Christy Johnson - May 15, 2014 at 09:26 PM

SS

“ *Sherry Scales lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders*



Sherry Scales - May 15, 2014 at 09:19 PM


Matthew Underwood

“ *Matthew Underwood lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders*



Matthew Underwood - May 15, 2014 at 06:19 PM

WY

“ *Wilda Yarbrough lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders*



Wilda Yarbrough - May 15, 2014 at 05:34 PM

AH

“ I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Janet. She was a wonderful teacher with a warm heart and a generosity that expanded beyond the walls of her classroom. The numerous posts I have read on social media in the past two days speak to the influences she has had on so many throughout the years. I extend my deepest condolences to Ralph, Jacob, Jessica and family. I hope your pain is somehow lessened knowing what an impact she has made on so many people. Keeping you in my thoughts... - Ariana (Hornsby) Hudnall

Ariana Hudnall - May 15, 2014 at 05:31 PM

MI

“ Mandy Ivey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Mandy Ivey - May 15, 2014 at 03:13 PM

DP

“ Debra Powell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Debra Powell - May 15, 2014 at 02:48 PM

VM

“ Thinking of Janet's family during this sad time.

Mike and Vicki McCorsley



Vicki McCorsley - May 15, 2014 at 02:07 PM

SC

“ Shannon Cheatwood lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Shannon Cheatwood - May 15, 2014 at 02:07 PM

MM

“ Martha Morrison lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Martha Morrison - May 15, 2014 at 02:05 PM

KC

“ Katie Cantrell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Katie Cantrell - May 15, 2014 at 02:01 PM

CP

“ *Craig & Lane Pate lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders*



Craig & Lane Pate - May 15, 2014 at 01:50 PM

KH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family during this time. Kelley Pearce Hall & Family*

Kelley Hall - May 15, 2014 at 01:35 PM

DR

“ *Debbie Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders*



Debbie Rogers - May 15, 2014 at 01:23 PM

CH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. Mrs. Sanders was a wonderful teacher. She will be missed by all.*



Connie Lloyd Hannah - May 15, 2014 at 01:23 PM

RJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for peace and comfort.



Regina Grizzard Jones - May 15, 2014 at 12:58 PM

DL

“ So sorry for your loss. There are no words to describe losing a wife or mother...and Janet was much more. Zachary had the privilege of having her as his 6th grade SS/Reading teacher. He truly enjoyed her class. I, as a parent, know that she truly cared about these kids because she would come see them in their extracurricular activities even AFTER she retired. That says a lot! The last time I got to speak with her was in Feb during the basketball playoffs that were held at BMS. She and Coach Sanders being there to support our kids really stuck out in my mind. She will truly be missed. We are praying for you all. Love, Deborah Ledbetter and family

Deborah Ledbetter - May 15, 2014 at 12:58 PM

MC

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family during this time. Marcel & Pat Cole



Marcel & Pat Cole - May 15, 2014 at 12:37 PM

DL

“ We are so sorry for your loss. There are no words to express losing a wife or a mother...and she was much more. Zachary had the privilege of being in her class his 6th grade year. He enjoyed having her as his Reading/SS teacher. I, as a parent, know that she truly cared for these kids because she would come out and support them in their extracurricular activities even AFTER she retired...that says a lot! The last time I got to speak with her was at the basketball playoffs that were held in February at BMS. She and Coach Sanders being there to support our kids really stuck out in my mind. She will truly be missed. Deborah Ledbetter and family

Deborah Ledbetter - May 15, 2014 at 12:30 PM

CC

“ Clay Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Clay Crawford - May 15, 2014 at 12:22 PM

SW

“ Sedrick Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Sedrick Wiggins - May 15, 2014 at 12:14 PM

JW

“ Jerry & Paulette Ward lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Jerry & Paulette Ward - May 15, 2014 at 11:37 AM

MS

“ Michael & Tanya Stevens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Michael & Tanya Stevens - May 15, 2014 at 10:23 AM

JA

“ Jill Adams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Jill Adams - May 15, 2014 at 10:09 AM

CB

“ Candace Lawler Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Candace Lawler Brown - May 15, 2014 at 10:08 AM

SM

“ *Sylvia & Ray McNeil lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders*



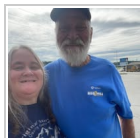
Sylvia & Ray McNeil - May 15, 2014 at 09:46 AM

TT

“ *Tosha Pollard Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders*



Tosha Pollard Thompson - May 15, 2014 at 09:45 AM



“ *So sorry for the loss of Mrs. Sanders. She was an amazing teacher. She will be truly missed!*

Julie Bailey - May 15, 2014 at 09:40 AM

DC

“ *Deana, Jeffery, And Colt Crews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders*



Deana, Jeffery, and Colt Crews - May 15, 2014 at 09:38 AM

VB

“ *Thinking of the family- she will be missed.*

Valerie Bolden - May 15, 2014 at 09:34 AM

DW

“ *Doug & Dot Wigginton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders*



doug & dot wigginton - May 15, 2014 at 09:21 AM

DH

“ *Dwight & Sherri Hochstetler lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders*



Dwight & Sherri Hochstetler - May 15, 2014 at 09:20 AM

CK

“ *Cheryl, Don & Jed Kaylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders*



Cheryl, Don & Jed Kaylor - May 15, 2014 at 08:56 AM

DH

“ *David And Anna Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders*



David and Anna Harris - May 15, 2014 at 08:28 AM

DH

“ Dwight and Sherri Hochstetler



Dwight and Sherri Hochstetler - May 15, 2014 at 08:13 AM

KB

“ Jessica and Family,
I am so very sorry for your loss! Words could never express enough comfort at this time in your life, but just know that I am always here for you.
Praying for you and your family! Allow God to comfort you through this difficult time.

Love you,
Karen Bush

Karen Bush - May 15, 2014 at 07:59 AM

KB

“ Karen Bush lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Janet Ruth Sanders



Karen Bush - May 15, 2014 at 07:57 AM

LD

“ Libby & Jeff Duke lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Libby & Jeff Duke - May 15, 2014 at 07:47 AM

CC

“ Carolyn Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Carolyn Crawford - May 15, 2014 at 07:32 AM

AR

“ Allison Smith Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Allison Smith Robinson - May 15, 2014 at 07:22 AM

AS

“ Andrea Slaton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders



Andrea Slaton - May 15, 2014 at 07:14 AM

DK

“ *Debbie Knowles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Ruth Sanders*



Debbie Knowles - May 15, 2014 at 06:24 AM

SB

“ *Mrs. Sanders was the best teacher I ever had. She would always tell us stories about her and Coach Sanders. We would spend that whole period telling stories. I'll always remember her... And I will see her later. Rest in peace my dear Mrs. Sanders...*

S.L Boyd - May 15, 2014 at 04:28 AM