



## Curtis Lyndon Sanford

October 27, 1953 - April 1, 2015

Curtis Lyndon Sanford was born on October 27, 1953 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma to Roosevelt Lincoln "Link" Sanford and Mary Jane (Odom) Sanford. He lived most of his life in Lindsay, Oklahoma where he graduated from Lindsay High School in 1972. He excelled in basketball and during his senior year was named to All-State in basketball. He later moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. When his Dad, Link, was living, he and Curtis enjoyed fishing and loved to go on long fishing trips together. He was a race horse owner, and liked attending the race track to watch his horses run. He enjoyed being outside and playing golf during his free time. Curtis was semi-retired from working in oilfield trucking, cattle ranching business and horse racing. He loved sports, horse racing and being with friends. He also enjoyed coaching little league baseball when Kade was young. Curtis was a proud "Big Papa" and loved to share his pictures of his grandson. Curtis departed this life on April 1, 2015 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the age of 61, leaving behind his family and many, many friends in whose lives he will be greatly missed.

Curtis is survived by his daughter, Chelodi Sanford of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, his son, Kade and wife Megan Sanford of Sayre, Oklahoma, his grandson Rhett Sanford of Sayre, Oklahoma, his sister, Cheryl Spradlin and husband James of Lindsay and nephews Corey Spradlin of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Brance Spradlin of Lindsay, Oklahoma. Curtis was preceded in death by his parents, Link and Mary Jane Sanford.

Funeral services for Mr. Sanford are set for eleven o'clock a.m. on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at the First Baptist Church, located at 401 S.W. 3rd Street in Lindsay, Oklahoma with Minister Billy Clabaugh officiating. Interment will follow at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Services are under the direction of B. G. Boydston Funeral Home of Lindsay, Oklahoma.

Condolences may be made online at [www.boydstonfuneralhome.com](http://www.boydstonfuneralhome.com). Curtis Lyndon Sanford of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma departed this life on April 1, 2015 in Oklahoma City, OK at the age of 61.

# Tribute Wall

KL

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Loved to talk Kentucky Derby  
<br>with the Cowboy. Toasted many cocktails to the good times  
with Curtis. Prayers to the Family

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**Ken Limberg** - April 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Chelodi, Kade, and Cheryl,<br><br>Thoughts and prayers for each  
of you. May God comfort you and give you peace.<br><br>God  
Bless You,<br><br>Kristi

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**Kristi (Kennedy) Herd** - April 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ I live in Oklahoma City and would see Cowboy Curtis, as he was  
called by his friends in OKC, out at different places. But he was just  
Curtis to me. He dressed just like my Daddy did, always very nice,  
with his starched shirt, jacket, boots, and his cowboy hat! He always  
spoke to me and asked me about my Mom and Dad. He was a  
caring person. My sympathy goes out to all of Curtis' family!  
Chelodi, Cheryl, James, Corey, Brance, Kade, Megan, Grandson  
Rhett, I know you will forever miss the presence of this Big Papa in  
all your lives. And especially when it's so suddenly. I pray that God  
sends you each an Angel to wrap their wings around you  
individually and provide the healing and comfort that each of you will  
need in the coming time. Curtis is in Heaven with Jesus now. Whole  
and renewed. But we will all miss his kind smile and big personality!  
Laurie Jones Akins-Jaster

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**Laurie Jones Akins-Jaster** - April 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Cheryl, I have thought about you a lot lately. I send condolences.  
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Jo Ann Wilson - April 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Please accept are sincere condolences. Curtis was a great neighbor and friend and most of all a great human being. The summers will never be the same. Our prayers go out to the Sanford Family.

Bobby Elrod - April 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ The oilfields of oklahoma lost a good man . We will all miss you .

Bill Shook - April 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ So sorry to hear of about Curtis. Even though I had not see him in many years, I remember he was always smiling and a friend to all. Prayers for the family for your loss.

Dick Abram - April 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Cheryl I want to extend my deepest Condolences to your Family and Friends

Leonard Janousek - April 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Curtis never met a stranger always spoke to all who was in his path.. I always loved the big guy.

Jean Tivis- Price - April 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Curtis was absolutely one of a kind. His kindness and compassion to others and his ability to meet and befriend people is was something I've never seen before. I feel so blessed to have known such an incredible man, and my heart breaks for his family to have to be separated from him so soon. You are all in my prayers.

Brittany Christain - April 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ To Curtis's Family- We, the friends and classmates of Curtis, are so sorry to hear of his passing. Curtis had a heart that was as big as this 6'7 giant of a man. If you were in the same room with Curtis, he was going to speak to you if he recognized you. He would ask how you're doing, and genuinely mean it. I went to school with him 12 years, and never knew of anyone who didn't like Curtis. We will miss him too, but are blessed with great memories. Again, we are so sorry for your loss. God bless you all.

Glen Fox - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ To the family we all have lost a wonderful person. I can truly say that I have lost a dear friend of 25 years. There was never a time that we were together and he would fail to acknowledge our great friendship to others. Heaven has been made more joyful by receiving such a kind and great spirit. We miss you big guy!

Scott Fleming - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We were saddened to hear of the loss of Big Curtis. The staff at Friends in OKC will miss Curtis and his smile. He truly was one of the nicest people to be around and always had a smile and kind word. To Curtis's family our heartfelt condolences.

The staff at Friends - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Gonna miss my *BIG FRIEND* , our pool will never be the same , nor my life. <br><br>Both will have huge holes

Kent Christenbery - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ A large void has been left on this earth where a gentle giant once stood. You will be sorely missed sweet friend!

Rebecca Kendall - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Curtis, you were/are one of the most sincere people I've had the opportunity to know. Thankful that you were here for the short time that you were to show us all what living, glass half full, meant. Summer will not be the same without you.

Mariah Marion-Flynn - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VK

“ Our lives are forever changed with your passing. You will be sorely missed, dear friend!

Vivian Kennedy - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Chelodi. May your burdens be lifted in the coming days and a lifetime of memories be of comfort. Love and condolences.

Jo Ann Wilson - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of Curtis My kids went to school with him prayers for youll .

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**Leora Cooper** - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Curtis is such a great person! Always with a smile and great spirit!

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**Brad Jernigan** - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Kade and Chelodi, <br><br>I'm am very sorry for the loss of your dad. He was so proud and spoke often of you both. He loved Rhett and Meagan too. Curtis was very good to me especially when my dad passed. I know you will have lots of great memories. Again, I'm very sorry to hear of his passing. May he rest in peace.

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**Lana** - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Thank you all for you comments and kind thoughts. To those I haven't had a chance to contact I am sorry. My dads phone has been locked down because we didn't know the pass code. It is still on and I can answer just can't get into it. Please feel free to call it if you would like to talk. Hopefully we will see you all tomorrow at his service.

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**Kade Sanford** - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ I know Curtis kept in touch with the sports guys of '71, '72. Noticed Holliday chimed in. Surely he remembers after a great football season came basketball. The boys had done so well that they worked out a pregame, on court, routine that incorporated a little football into their basketball warm up. It culminated at the goal where Loman and Top, Curtis that is, posted up on each side of the goal, yeah, 2 really tall stars then my brother, Randy Noe, caught a football styled pass from half court, dribbled from that football formation to the goal where Curtis and Mark each grabbed a leg and hoisted Randy (maybe 5'4 at that time) up so high that he would dunk the ball from well above the rim. The crowd loved it. Curtis was such a great sport! Speaking for the cheerleaders at the time... Curtis contributed immeasurably to our job of helping rally the crowd. Deepest sympathies to his family and friends. He will be missed by and leave memories for more people than you know.<br>

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**Gayle Noe** - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ We're very sorry of the passing of Curtis , we have known the family forever . I played football and basketball with him and a lot of golf. God bless Curtis and Family

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**Barry and Vickie Burns** - April 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Chelodi and Kade, I was sorry to hear about your dad. Joe & I send our sympathy. I so enjoyed the privilege of having both of you in my class. Love and Prayers

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**Leah Kennedy** - April 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ So sorry to hear of your loss, In my mind I still see him playing basketball. My prayers go out to the entire family.

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**Eddie Butch Branch** - April 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ So sorry to of your loss. He was a classmate and a guy with a kind heart. Prayers for the family.

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**Patrice Littlejohn McClure** - April 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I so enjoyed coaching Curtis. He was an Ok. Basketball All Stater in 1972. Curtis was a pleasure to coach. Off the court, he had a great heart and would do anything for you,

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**Coach Joe Holladay** - April 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM