



## Stephen C. Sanderson

May 19, 1957 - August 23, 2020

TOWNSEND: Stephen Sanderson, 63, cherished brother, uncle, and best friend, died unexpectedly August 23, 2020 at Southern New Hampshire Medical Center, Nashua, NH.

Stevie, as he was known by his family and countless friends, loved telling jokes and entertaining folks with his stories—some true and some less true. His humor was a daily presence at Hannaford, where he was the maintenance supervisor. It was routine for him to send urgent pages over the grocery store intercom and, when his co-workers would rush over, reveal what he needed was for them to take a break with him.

Stevie's sense of humor was cultivated during his days growing up as the sixth of nine children in Townsend, Mass. His infectious laugh, radiant smile, and zest for life flooded the family's two-story home on Main Street.

A humble person, Stevie spoke softly in a raspy voice that was always full of joy. He believed in an honest day's work, working with purpose, and taking pride in his work. Ever loyal, he rarely missed a day of work. Before joining Hannaford, he worked for decades as the chef at The Townsend House Restaurant & Tavern, where he spent thousands of days and nights broiling steaks and lovingly preparing New England seafood for locals and visitors alike.

Stevie was born on May 19, 1957, the son of the late Albert and Georgeanna (Washburn) Sanderson.

Stevie was a life-long townie. He filled his days with laughter and love, creating an extended family with co-workers, who revelled in his jokes and easy-going manner.

When he wasn't working, he enjoyed Sundays strolling the area's flea markets looking for more treasures to add to his expansive Coca-Cola collection, which included everything from collectible cans to retro signage to mini glass syrup bottles. He made daily visits to his older brother David's shop, including on the day he passed away. Stevie enjoyed countless days enjoying the great outdoors and camping with friends, while drinking Coke, of course.

A model of resiliency, Stevie's mission was to bring positivity, laughter and love to his family, work-family and friends. He never missed an opportunity, or a birthday, to remind those around him how much he truly loved and cared for them.

Stevie is survived by his brothers; William Sanderson of Pearland, TX, David Sanderson of Townsend, Christopher Sanderson of Athol, Jimmy Sanderson of Myrtle Beach, SC; sisters, Alberta "Sandie" Sanderson and Mary Jane Johnson both of Sarasota, FL, Elizabeth Mack Garcia of Celebration, FL and Patti Valdes of Smithfield, VA.

He is also survived by countless nieces, nephews and lifelong friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Sandra Lacalamita of Long Island, NY.

A Funeral Mass will be held 10 AM Thursday, September 3, 2020 at St John the Evangelist Church, 1 School St., Townsend.

Visiting hours are 4-7 PM Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, (Rte 119) Townsend Center. For additional information or to leave an online condolence, please visit their website at [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

SEP 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend  
250 Main Street ~ Route 119  
Townsend, MA 01469  
(978) 597-2692

## Funeral Mass

SEP 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Church  
1 School Street  
Townsend, MA 01469

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ *ROBERT MONDOU SR purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Stephen C. Sanderson.*



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**ROBERT MONDOU SR** - September 02, 2020 at 08:40 AM

FJ

“ *From Jane and Phil Johnson purchased the Yellow & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Stephen C. Sanderson.*



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**From Jane and Phil Johnson** - September 01, 2020 at 11:25 AM

PV

“ *Patti Valdes lit a candle in memory of Stephen C. Sanderson*



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**Patti Valdes** - August 30, 2020 at 05:11 PM

PM

“ *Patti, Sam, Ashlee and Makenna purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Stephen C. Sanderson.*



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**Patti, Sam, Ashlee and Makenna** - August 29, 2020 at 03:00 PM

HP

“ *UNCLE STEVIE.....I don't even know where to begin. You were an amazing son,brother,uncle,friend,Our family may not have been blood related but i can say the love and affection that you gave to my Ashley & Sevin made a huge impact on their lives. Sevin has cried several times a day to us that he misses his uncle Stevie since papa broke the news to him.I keep telling him we need to remember all the fun great times he had with you. We will always have a huge hole in our lives where you belong but we will fill it with many great memories. We all love you and miss you.. Mike,Holly,Ashley,Sevin,Kayla....*



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**HOLLY PAJARI** - August 27, 2020 at 09:04 AM

ML

“ I've known Stephen since 1993. He always had a smile, I've never known a kinder Man and he loved that Fabulous Coca-Cola collection of his...and rightly so! Stephen was a very humble human being. Never seeming to want much more than any of us do....Happiness, Love and friendship. I'm as heart broken, to the suddenness of his loss, as I'm sure we all were. Nothing was ever mentioned when talking or texting, of anything going on medically, that I can recall. Ill miss his smile. I'll miss his excitement. I'll miss my friend. My heartfelt prayers are with his family and friends for they're loss. My heart and soul weep for us all. Rest well my dear friend Stephen! I love you bud!❤️❤️❤️

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**Mark LaFrance** - August 27, 2020 at 12:03 AM

LM

“ I've known Stevie since I was a little kid eating Chicken Tender Baskets at Townsend House. My mom always saved up any cool Coca-Cola collectibles she'd find and I loved hearing his laugh when she turned up with them. We are all so blessed for having known him.

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**Lynn McEnaney** - August 27, 2020 at 12:03 AM

NT

“ Steve always greeted the ladies with a "Hello Beautiful" at Hannafords. I saw him more than once helping seniors with their grocery shopping.

*I am sure he will be missed by all.*

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**Nancy & John Tate** - August 26, 2020 at 04:25 PM

KG

“ *Stevie...my heart breaks knowing I will never hear your soft gravelly voice call me baby girl or darlin again. I am so grateful that I had you for an uncle and will miss your constant smile. I will never forget you. I love you.*

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**Krystle Govoni** - August 26, 2020 at 02:50 PM

RC

“ *I have fond memories of working with Steve during my time at the Townsend Hannaford. Steve had a great sense of humor, was personable and was a delight to work with. My prayers go out to Steve and his family. May he rest in peace.*

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**Robert Carney** - August 26, 2020 at 09:23 AM

  
Maryann  
Gilbert

“ *My deepest condolences to Steve's family. I am heartbroken. Steve is so loved by many. I worked with him at Hannaford for five years.He always brought a smile to my face...he made everyone smile from employees to customers young and old. We all love Steve. I will never forget him. He is with our Lord now in paradise. We are the ones suffering the deep loss...Steve is happy and whole in heaven with Jesus. May God comfort his family and friends.*

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**Maryann Gilbert** - August 26, 2020 at 08:58 AM

MD

“ Dear Sanderson Family; My condolences to you all on the sudden and very unexpected loss of Steve. He was such a kind, sweet man and will be missed by everyone he knew.

Steve always greeted me with that winning smile and made everybody happier when he was around. He had such a positive light. I've known him for a while now and met him through camping. He was so proud to have his family's vintage camper and all of the memories that came along with it and loved making new memories his camping friends. Steve just loved camping, and sitting around a campfire won't be the same without him being there. I will miss him very, very, much...



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**Michelle Duprey** - August 26, 2020 at 08:06 AM

Ana  
Harry

Such a super nice guy. Always happy to chat about anything and laugh. He had a great laugh!

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**Ana Harry** - August 30, 2020 at 08:55 AM

EJ

Thank you for the picture reminding me of how much he loved our TIKI camping weekends.

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**Eric Johnson** - August 31, 2020 at 09:49 PM

LP

“ So sorry to hear of Steve's passing. Such a kind man.

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**Linda Peters** - August 26, 2020 at 06:44 AM

SJ

“ My condolences to the family.. known Steve since I moved to Townsend in 1976. Beautiful person and friend. This guy would do just about anything for anyone. RIP courageous Steve the town will love you forever. Sue Johnson

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**Susan Johnson** - August 26, 2020 at 01:21 AM

 Natalie Call

“ So sorry for the passing of Steve. I worked with at Hannaford over 2 years ago. Would see him at Cliffs and the Townsend VFW. May His Memory Be Eternal!!

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**Natalie Call** - August 25, 2020 at 10:23 PM

MS

“ My Deepest Condolences go out to the Sandersons. It's a shock to say the least.. Steve was Loved pretty much by everyone that knew him. Including Me..I. going to miss seeing him around...He was one of Nicest Guys you could meet...Prayers to you all...God be with you all..

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**Mary Hamel Smit** - August 25, 2020 at 09:31 PM

MS

“ I Have know Steve For many years, he was the greatest person you could ever meet, he and I traded each other so much about being the youngest person living at Atwood Acres..I was until Steve moved in .you imagine how that went..so much fun, he also helped me move to a new Place in Groton, there is Nothing he wouldn't do for anyone that needed it...it was also a Fun go around about the noise his truck made when he started it up at 4:45 AM ..I heard it Everytime he Left to go to work..so I knew Everytime by the Noise..He would just give that beautiful smile of his when he saw me like it was a Private Joke Between us...Steve, I always I loved your personality, you were such a caring, fun person to be around...I'm going to miss you so very much...life won't be the same without you in it...R.I P my dear Friend..

Mary Hamel Smit - August 25, 2020 at 09:08 PM

MS

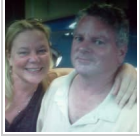
That was Teased at the top, not traded...also I have known the Sandersons as far back as I can remember..great Family..

Mary Hamel Smit - August 25, 2020 at 09:12 PM



“ Stevie, you always shone a light through the deepest darkness to help others find their way. A laugh, a smile, a joke, or some words of kindness. You would always go out of your way to help someone in need. I loved your smile, your quick wit, your pure and beautiful heart... You were not just a brother-in-law, but a brother to me and my best friend. I will miss you terribly, but I know that I will see you again one day and I'll give you a great big hug. Till then, rest comfortably in the arms of God and I know that you will be watching over us until we see each other again. Love you, my dear brother, my friend! You are God's newest, sweetest, most beautiful angel. ❤️  
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Sandi Sanderson - August 25, 2020 at 09:08 PM



“ *Sandi Sanderson lit a candle in memory of Stephen C. Sanderson*



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**Sandi Sanderson** - August 25, 2020 at 08:56 PM

MR

“ *Mackinley Rattey lit a candle in memory of Stephen C. Sanderson*



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**Mackinley Rattey** - August 25, 2020 at 08:16 PM

AN

“ *Have known Steve for several years, will miss his smile and hello when I shop at Hannafords'. My deepest sympathies to the family.*

*Anita Hanna*

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**Anita** - August 25, 2020 at 07:58 PM

DF

“ *Steve and I worked together many years ago at Bates Corrugated Box and whenever we ran across each other around town, or at Hannafords, we would chat about local events, the "good old days", or swap a joke or two. It was always good to talk with Steve because I always left feeling a little better afterwards. Rest easy Steve.*

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**Dave Funaiole** - August 25, 2020 at 07:34 PM

AC

“ ANITA COLLINS lit a candle in memory of Stephen C. Sanderson



ANITA COLLINS - August 25, 2020 at 06:31 PM

AC


Steve was a great guy. I knew him for many years. If he saw me in Hannaford he would always come over to say hi and ask how I was doing. May you RIP Steve and keep them laughing in heaven.

ANITA COLLINS - August 25, 2020 at 06:35 PM

CK

“ I knew Stevie all my life so sad to hear of his sudden passing. Wonderful human being he will be missed for sure. Prayers to his family

Cheryl Wornham Kohler - August 25, 2020 at 06:16 PM

 Anthony Tortora

“ Anthony Tortora lit a candle in memory of Stephen C. Sanderson



Anthony Tortora - August 25, 2020 at 02:34 PM

 Anthony Tortora

You will be missed by all may you R.I.P.

Anthony Tortora - August 25, 2020 at 02:36 PM



*It won't be the same without seeing him drive by the house in his beautiful truck ( still remember how proud he was to get it, Dave), always a smile and wave, or at Hannaford's, where he always stopped to talk to my grandson, who loved seeing him. I've known Steve for many years, he's always been a kind man who was always willing to help where needed. He will be missed b6 all who knew him. My deepest condolences to the Sanderson family.*

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**Sheryl Kilbourn** - August 25, 2020 at 06:07 PM



*You always had a kind word my friend. I will miss you greatly. R.I. P*

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**Linda Perkins** - August 25, 2020 at 06:09 PM



*Such a sweet sweet man. Always had a welcoming smile every time I shopped.*

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**cindy clark** - August 25, 2020 at 07:52 PM



*Steve Sanderson my friend of many years. Will be missed by all who knew him. Steve was my "Bandit" Little Burt Reynolds I called him. With his car ,mustache, and cowboy hat He was my hero. R I P*

*E. J. Duffy*

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**Elbert J Duffy** - August 26, 2020 at 11:27 AM