



Lydia Osina Sanders

August 25, 1938 - May 7, 2026

Lydia Ann Osina Sanders, 87, a cherished lifelong resident of El Campo, Texas, passed away peacefully on May 7, 2026. Lydia was born on August 25, 1938, to John Henry Osina, Sr and Edith Josephine Muzik Osina. A devoted wife and mother, she spent her years as a dedicated homemaker, providing the steadfast support and foundation that allowed her husband, Carl Sanders, Jr, to build several successful businesses. Together, they were mainstay members of the El Campo community, known for their local involvement and lasting friendships.

A true leader and social spark, Lydia founded The Red Hat Society in El Campo, where she proudly served as the Queen Mother of her group, the Classy Chicks. She was also a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority Chapters for 40 years and a member of the Prairie Switch Arts and Crafts Club. A creative soul, Lydia found great joy in entertaining and cooking delicious meals for her family and friends, baking cakes, card making, painting and was known for her beautiful crafts she lovingly made for others. Lydia won numerous awards for her artistic creations which were on display for others to enjoy. When she wasn't creating or leading her Classy Chicks, she could often be found enjoying a game of bingo, often taking her grandchildren when they were visiting. Above all else, her family was her world; her eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren were truly her life.

She is survived by her devoted children: daughters, Carlil Johnson (Sylvester) of Clayton, North Carolina, and Carleen Thrash (Derek) of Wharton; and her

son, Carl (C.L.) Sanders III of El Campo. Lydia is also survived by her siblings: sisters, Rosa Lee Dutton (Thane) of Sugar Land and Patsy Jones (Jere) of El Campo, and her brother Johnny Osina of El Campo. She was the proud Nanny of Derian Guajardo (Isac), Camille Mund (Douglas), both of Wharton, Sloan Johnson of Bradenton, FL, Cameron Johnson of Atlanta, GA, Cole Johnson of Brooklyn, NY, Sydney Johnson of Clemson, SC, Carlette Cadena (Drew), and Carlynn Sanders both of El Campo. Her legacy continues through her seven great-grandchildren: Judah, Naomi, and Eden Guajardo; Selah Mund; and Jaxon, Lydia, and Elias Cadena.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Sanders, Jr; her parents; her brother, Larry Osina; and her sister, Johnnie Mae Evans.

A memorial service to celebrate Lydia's life will be held on 3 pm, Sunday, May 24, 2026 at Grace Community Fellowship, 1900 East Boiling Highway, Wharton, TX 77488.

In honor of Lydia's memory, the family suggests memorial donations be made to: *Houston Hospice (1905 Holcombe Blvd, Houston, TX 77030) *Grace Community Fellowship (1900 East Boling Highway, Wharton, TX 774880).

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **24**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Grace Community Fellowship
1900 FM 1301 RD
Wharton, TX 77488

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ *Carlil I am so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers and love to you and your family. Love you so much girl. Contact me if you need to talk. Susie Juranek Janacek*



SUSAN M JANACEK - May 14 at 10:18 AM

DD

“ *Diane Dluhos lit a candle in memory of Lydia Osina Sanders*



Diane Dluhos - May 14 at 10:17 AM

KA

“ *Remembering Lydia as a beautiful, fun loving friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to Carleen, my sweet kindergarten student years ago, and to the rest of the family as well. Rest in peace Lydia.*

Kathleen Appling - May 14 at 10:06 AM

SC

“ To all the Sanders family, I offer my heartfelt sympathy and I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Mrs. Sanders was a dear sorority sister to my mother for several decades, as well as a "Red Hatter" club member. Their birthdays were one day apart and they celebrated by going to lunch together for many years. I hope that happy memories will comfort you in the days ahead. I pray the Lord will grant you His loving comfort. May she rest in peace.



Sandra Cranek - May 13 at 04:32 PM

GC

“ Gerri Chandler lit a candle in memory of Lydia Osina Sanders



Gerri Chandler - May 12 at 12:09 PM

KH

“ KarenSheldon Holub lit a candle in memory of Lydia Osina Sanders



KarenSheldon Holub - May 12 at 11:01 AM

RM

“ ROSE ANN MITCHELL lit a candle in memory of Lydia Osina Sanders



ROSE ANN MITCHELL - May 12 at 10:16 AM

SS

“ Sandra Stary lit a candle in memory of Lydia Osina Sanders



Sandra Stary - May 11 at 09:22 PM

LS

“ Liz Staff lit a candle in memory of Lydia Osina Sanders



Liz Staff - May 11 at 09:11 PM

CB

“ Charlene Kulcak Borak lit a candle in memory of Lydia Osina Sanders



Charlene Kulcak Borak - May 11 at 07:21 PM

TR

“ Terry Rutherford lit a candle in memory of Lydia Osina Sanders



Terry Rutherford - May 11 at 06:16 PM

DS

“ David & Charlene Linhart Smith lit a candle in memory of Lydia Osina Sanders



David & Charlene Linhart Smith - May 11 at 05:57 PM

JB

“ Condolences to the family.



Janice Berkovsky - May 11 at 05:32 PM

PD

“ Pat Dybala lit a candle in memory of Lydia Osina Sanders



Pat Dybala - May 11 at 12:50 PM