



## MSgt Loren William Saunders

May 18, 1963 - September 18, 2021

Loren William Saunders, 58, of Bastian, VA went home to be with the Lord on Saturday September 18, 2021 at Wythe County Community Hospital.

Born May 18, 1963 in Bluefield, WV, he was the son of the late William Vivian Saunders and Mary Esther Hicks Saunders.

Mr. Saunders was retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Master Sargent and was a member of Bible Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Hedy Dean Dooley.

Survivors include his children, Daniel Saunders and wife Samantha of Colbert, GA, Steven Saunders and wife Amanda of Fairfield Air Force Base, Washington, and William Saunders of Mainz, Germany; sisters, F. Sloan Smith of Bluefield, VA, and Kathy Starks (and husband Gilbert Walker) of Bastian, VA; four grandchildren, Emma Saunders, Abby Saunders, Greyson Saunders, and Elijah Saunders; and lots of nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday September 23, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. from Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Stephen Umberger officiating. The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until the service hour at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Bastian, VA.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Loren William Saunders.



# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery

Bastian, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 23. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

## Funeral Service

SEP 23. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *MSgt Loren William Saunders*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Sloan, I am so sorry to hear of Loren's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Friend, Gloria Shumate Dilts*

**Gloria (Shumate) Dilts** - September 23, 2021 at 11:15 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

*May your memories of MSgt. Loren William Saunders, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.*

*My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....*

*US Air Force Veteran, MSgt. Loren William Saunders, is "A True American Hero" God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - September 23, 2021 at 03:49 AM

NC

“ *New Hope Union Church purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of MSgt Loren William Saunders.*



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**New Hope Union Church** - September 22, 2021 at 12:39 PM

BF

“ *Loren and I were stationed together at Grand Forks AFB, ND and McGuire AFB, NJ. Our families were members of the same Baptist church in both places; and helped to start the New Testament Baptist Church, where we attended in New Jersey. Loren was a brother in Faith and a brother in Arms. And we shared the bond that can only come from serving together. Becky and I, and our extended family, send our heart-felt condolences. We are praying for and grieving with the family. Loren loved the Lord. And we take comfort knowing that he has exchanged the home where he received his earthly care, for the care that he has found in his home in Heaven. God bless you my brother. Until we meet again.*

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**Bill Maki and Family** - September 22, 2021 at 10:45 AM

PB

“ *Sloan, I am so sad to hear about Loren but we know he is in Heaven healed from all this old world's afflictions! Loren was such a good guy! Having classes with him in high school, he always seem to have a smile on his face! Heaven just got a little sweeter!*

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**Patty Bane** - September 22, 2021 at 06:10 AM

PS

“ My sincere condolences to the family for your loss of this very special man. Loren will long be remembered by anyone and everyone who had the honor of meeting him. I was saddened to hear of his passing. I often think of Loren every time I sit down to eat a meal...I can almost hear him telling me, "You better thank Him for what you got, whether you're bald or not!" I never had the honor of being Loren's nurse but I would always talk to him when I visited other residents at Commonwealth. He would always ask me, "What's your beautiful name?" and I would tell him, "Paula", and he would laugh and call me "Paula Deen". The CNA I work with would jokingly call him "Loren Green" and he would call her "Betsy Ross". I have no doubts this man has a special place in heaven with his Lord Jesus Christ. You have touched many hearts Loren. Rest in peace!

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**Paula Slate** - September 21, 2021 at 10:16 PM

LB

“ My family and I feel instantly in love with Loren when my grandmother Helen Reynolds began living at Commonwealth Memory care in 2010. Loren always greeted us asking if we knew the Lord Jesus Christ. My kids loved his smile and making him laugh. We continued to visit with Loren and his sisters even after my grandmother went to heaven in 2018 because Loren had become our family too. We are happy to know that he is heaven with Jesus, but know that so many will miss his smile and laughter. Thank you for sharing him and your family with us.

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**Lindsay Reynolds Buchanan** - September 21, 2021 at 07:52 PM