



Mr. Bobby Jack Sandiford

December 6, 1938 - January 18, 2026

Bobby Jack Sandiford, 87 of Ocilla, Georgia, and formerly of Worth County, died Sunday, January 18th, 2026, at Irwin County Hospital.

Graveside services and Internment will be held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday January 21st at New Bethel Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery in Sylvester, Georgia with Reverend Tim Moorhouse officiating.

The family will receive friends prior to the service from 2:30 PM until the Service Hour at New Bethel Church Cemetery.

Mr. Sandiford was born on December 6, 1938 in Irwin County, Georgia to the late Thomas and Gladys Etheridge Sandiford. He was a 1957 graduate of Irwin County High School. After completing High School, Mr. Sandiford served his country honorably in the United States Air Force. He then lived several years in Irwin County while raising his three children and working as a parts salesman for Ben Hill Truck & Tractor Company in Fitzgerald, Georgia.

Later in life, he lived in Worth County with his wife, Lois, and worked as a car salesman for Sunbelt and Griffin Ford. Before he became ill, Mr. Sandiford was an active member of New Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Sylvester and was known by many for distributing food to several in need families for the Church. Bobby loved the Church, his Lord, and singing hymns. He enjoyed passing out candy to the Churches youth, and to people in the community. Some citizens around Sylvester lovingly called him "The Candyman". A few of his most wonderful traits were his charisma when meeting people and excelling in talking with anyone.

He is survived by his son, Jeffrey (Debbie) Sandiford of Ocilla, his daughters' Jennifer (David) Cospers of Valdosta and Jeanine S. Burton of Abbeville; stepsons Danny Clark and Don (Amanda) Clark of Sylvester, step-daughter-in-law, Tonia Clark; grandchildren Jessica Sandiford, Alan (Mallory) Sandiford, Tyler Cospers, Alex (Sarah) Cospers, and Margaret Anne Cospers; great grandchildren Jase Hudson and Nash Sandiford; a brother, Stanley (Vivian) Sandiford, a sister, Linda (Tony) Quinney. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Lois Clark Sandiford, and his brother, Waldo Sandiford of Fitzgerald.

The family would like to thank the staff at Palemon Gaskins Nursing Home in Ocilla Ga. for the compassionate care given to Mr. Sandiford. You helped make his difficult time more bearable and made a difference in his quality of life.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to New Bethel Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 101 Oakland Heights Road, Sylvester, Georgia 31791.

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

New Bethel Freewill Baptist Church Cemetery
101 Oakland Heights Rd
Sylvester, GA 31791

Graveside

JAN 21. 3:00 PM (ET)

New Bethel Freewill Baptist Church Cemetery
101 Oakland Heights Rd
Sylvester, GA 31791

Tribute Wall

LC

“ Lydia Cox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bobby Jack Sandiford



Lydia Cox - January 21 at 11:56 AM

LC

Mr. Bobby (Candyman) will be greatly missed. He had such a kind and sweet soul with BIG SMILE!

Lydia Cox - January 21 at 11:58 AM

KA

“ We will sure miss sweet Mr. Sandiford!! He always had kind words and a big smile when he came by to see us & always a bag of candy to share! Our prayers are with the family. Kathy Zipperer

kathy - January 20 at 07:56 AM

PD

“ Jeffery and Debbie, Jennifer and Jeanine, James Riley and I are lifting all of you up in our prayers now and in the days ahead. We pray that God give you all comfort and peace. Oh how we loved Bobby Jack and have so many sweet memories with him and you three children that he loved dearly. Always fun and laughter with him. He was a kind and loving gentleman that was always there to help anyone. He was Bobby Jack, our dear friend! You are Blessed to have had him as a Dad. We love you all. James Riley and Paula Daniels

Paula Daniels - January 20 at 06:54 AM

RS

“ Rhonda Saylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bobby Jack Sandiford



Rhonda Saylor - January 19 at 10:33 PM

JC

“ Bobby will always be remembered for his kindness and love for others.

Jim R. Case - January 19 at 07:55 PM

NE

“ Neila Ellis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bobby Jack Sandiford



neila ellis - January 19 at 03:35 PM

EW

“ Evelyn And Ken Willis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bobby Jack Sandiford



Evelyn and Ken Willis - January 19 at 01:52 PM

KO

“ *Karen Owens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bobby Jack Sandiford*



Karen Owens - January 19 at 01:50 PM

PL

“ *Penny And Robert Lowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bobby Jack Sandiford*



Penny and Robert Lowe - January 19 at 08:19 AM