

Family: Predeceased by

~ Parents ~

Sanford Larkwood Branch Sr

Born: 1882 May 14 Sun Holston VA

Died: 1961 Nov 5 Sun Superior WI

Valora Maude Baker Standfield

Born: 1896 Nov 26 Thu Duluth MN

Died: 1973 Apr 14 Sat Superior WI

~ Half Siblings ~

Mick Standfield

Byron Branch

Bill Standfield

Garnet Branch

Jack Standfield

§ Corky Young

Family: Survived by

Kathleen Anne Branch (Sister) Rolling Meadows IL

Marilyn Anne Forstrom Branch - Marne (Wife)

Cynthia Lu Branch (daughter) Plano TX

Cheryl Anne Branch Wheless (daughter) Eagle ID

Thomas Omega Wheless Jr (son-in-law)

grandchildren: Michael Christopher (16)

Jonathan Patrick (11)

Erin Kathleen (8)

Residence (1979 Feb - 2004 Aug)

Middleton, Canyon Co, Idaho

Nursing (2004 Aug 23 Mon - 2005 Jan 22 Sat)

Idaho State Veterans Home, Boise, Ada Co, Idaho

Dry Creek Cemetery - Interment at a later date

Idaho State Veteran's Cemetery, Boise, Ada Co, Idaho

~ In Loving Memory ~

Sanford Larkwood Branch Jr

Age 74 years, 10 months, 2 days

Born: 1930 Mar 23 Sun 8:10 pm

Superior, Douglas Co, Wisconsin

Died: 2005 Jan 25 Tue 8:20 pm

Boise, Ada Co, Idaho



2004 Jul 10 Sat : Sandy at home : Middleton Idaho

Sanford Larkwood Branch Jr 1930 Superior WI ~ 2005 Boise ID

Sandy was born on Sunday at 8:10 pm on the 23rd of March 1930, to Sanford and Valora Branch in their home at 2004 Hughitt Avenue, Superior, Douglas Co, Wisconsin.

During his school years, Sandy attended the Pattison Elementary School and Central High School. In the 8th grade, he was awarded the American Legion Award, which honored his citizenship and scholastic achievements. In Feb 1948, his senior year, he began a 57 year long relationship with Marilyn Anne Forstrom by offering to escort her to the Athena Club dance (she had his name in her black book since 7th grade)!

After meeting Marne, Sandy began work for her father at his Forstrom Motors Lincoln-Mercury dealership, until he joined the Air Force. Sandy and Marne were married in a double marriage ceremony with her sister, Audrey and Doyle Williams on August 30th, 1952, at the Hammond Avenue Presbyterian Church in Superior WI. They began their married life by driving across country to Eglin AFB FL, near Pensacola in the panhandle. On two different assignments, both of their daughters were born at Eglin AFB, Cindy (Cynthia Lu) and Cheri (Cheryl Anne). They resided across the bay in Destin FL.

In 1946, Sandy joined the WI National Guard for 1½ years while he completed his high school education. Then on October 26th 1948, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps, which later became the US Air Force. His career spanned 30 years, beginning as Private First Class at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX, and retired as Chief Master Sergeant at the Wilder Radar Bombing Site overlooking Idaho's Snake River. Sandy was stationed at Keesler MS (1949), Eglin FL (1950), Japan (1954), Eglin FL (1955), Clark-the Philippines (1960), Nellis NV (1963), Langley VA (1965), PYDO near S Korea (1968), Houma LA (1969), Duluth MN (1970), Mt Laguna CA (1973), Tin City AK (1975), Wilder ID (1976). Chief retired from active duty on Nov 1st, 1978, having served in the defense of the US on all her coasts; the Gulf of Mexico, the Chesapeake of VA, in NORAD on the Great Lakes, the Bering Straits of Alaska, and the wide Pacific from above San Diego CA. On Jan 2nd 1979, he was hired by Hewlett-Packard in Boise ID, and applied his years of electronic and radar experience as a

Quality Assurance Inspector. Sandy's HP career ended on Feb 28th 1995 when his section suffered from cutbacks, causing his retirement.

Since Sandy was not interested in traveling (30 years was more than enough) nor the social life of the area, he happily "sat on his duff" on Duff Lane. His recreation was watching TV and going out to dinner with Marne, his exercise was watering the trees planted on their 2+ acre "Branch Ranch", and taking care of 2 horses Bonnie and Nifty, 2 ducks Bert and Gert, a number of cats through the years, and Eric the Red (Irish Setter). Sandy was faithful to the Lord in his service as an usher at the First Christian Church of Caldwell, until his health began to decline.

In Dec 2000 Sandy tripped in the house and injured his left kidney and spleen, then drove himself to Caldwell hospital with internal bleeding. He recovered after surgery and continued to manage, but his eyesight was also suffering with glaucoma, then cataract surgery damaged his good eye, leaving him nearly blind. Intermittent episodes of mini-strokes (TIAs) and an onset of dementia began to be more evident by 2002. In Apr 2002 he fell and fractured his hip, which was a clean break and healed, but contributed to his failing condition. By Oct 2003 Sandy needed full-time care, staying at several nursing homes until he became a resident of the Idaho State Veterans Home. In mid Jan 2005, Sandy contracted the flu, and then pneumonia; his heart was damaged and his kidney failed. He passed away at 8:20 pm on the 25th of January 2005, in the VA Hospital.

The Idaho State Veteran's Cemetery, a part of the Dry Creek Cemetery, Ada County, was newly opened and commemorated by Governor Kempthorne Oct 2004. Sandy will be interred in a section that will be open for burials in Feb. Pastor Gordon Slyter, Chaplain of the Idaho State Veteran's Home and Pastor of the Treasure Valley Worship Center, Meridian, will conduct the service. Notice will be given as to the date for those wishing to participate in a memorial.

Sandy has crossed over the River Jordan and he is in the Promised Land! For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. I Thess 4:16-17 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live ... John 11:25