



Darrell Sandusky

October 23, 1972 - August 28, 2025

Darrell Sandusky, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, son and friend, passed away tragically on August 28, 2025, in Holland, Michigan. He was 52 years old.

He is preceded in death by his brother, Louis A. Sanders, his cousins Vickie Sandusky & Felicia Castaneda, his uncles, Juan & Trinidad Castaneda, his grandparents, Juan & Lidia Castaneda, his father, Darrell E. Sandusky, his grandparents William & Ramona Sandusky, and stepfather, Arthur Sanders. He is survived by his wife, Lori Sandusky; children, Paul, Roth (Rothmondol), Tobi (Kaela), and Akeelah; granddaughter, Mariela; mother, Stella Castaneda-Sanders; sister, Lidia Safford & family; brother, Enrique Sanders & family; and siblings from his father's side - Jason Sandusky, Michelle Cruz and Carmen Olivera.

Darrell was born on October 23, 1972, in Holland, Michigan, to Stella Castaneda-Sanders and Darrell E. Sandusky. He moved to Sacramento, California as a toddler where he lived with his mother, stepfather Arthur Sanders, and three siblings—Louis, Lidia, and Enrique. Darrell held many good memories in California of his Grandpa Bill, Grandma Ysabel and all the Sanders family.

The family moved back to Holland, MI in 1985 and Darrell quickly felt the love

& kindness of his Aunt Vickie & kids: Mike, Steve & Christie, his grandparents, and the entire extended Sandusky family. On March 4, 1994, Darrell married the love of his life, Lori A. Sandusky, and together they enjoyed thirty-one years of marriage and lovingly raised their four children—Paul, Roth, Tobi, and Akeelah. Darrell also extended his heart to many fur-babies throughout his life, both cats and dogs. Darrell with his 1st fur pup, Ziggy started the tradition of long daily walks – walking the same trails in Saugatuck Dunes his uncle John walked when Darrell was young. Gigi will miss her walks with Darrell and their Quincy Park friends.

Darrell was a talented chef with a gift for creating great-tasting food. His passion for cooking was evident in every meal he prepared. Whether it was a simple family birthday party or a more elaborate event, his talent as a chef and baker made every occasion special. He began his work-life in restaurants, including many years at Till Midnight, and developed his skills through the culinary arts program at Grand Rapids Community College. He later worked at Johnson Controls, Inc. and Perrigo where he fostered many lifelong friendships.

Darrell and Lori believed that their family circle did not stop with immediate family - nieces, nephews, neighbors, the kid's school friends all became family. Darrell made sure there was good food, silly games, and a safe place to land for everyone. Darrell was a selfless provider, courageous protector, and devoted presence in the lives of his family and many others. He will be lovingly remembered and dearly missed.

A memorial service for Darrell will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, September 18, 2025, at Trinity Reformed Church, 712 Apple Ave. Holland. A time of fellowship and lunch will follow the service. Visitation will be 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 17, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. Holland.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to a trust fund established for Mariela Si Sandusky. Make checks payable to: Edward Jones FBO Mariela S. Sandusky, Addressed to : Edward Jones, 217 E 24th Street , Suite 204, Holland, MI 49423 or donate to your local woman & children's shelter for domestic violence.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **17**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home
315 East 16th Street
Holland, MI 49423

Memorial Service

SEP **18**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Reformed Church
712 Apple avenue
Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Darrell Sandusky*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - September 17, 2025 at 12:40 PM

HC

“ *Holland United Church of Christ purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Darrell Sandusky.*



Holland United Church of Christ - September 16, 2025 at 05:16 PM

TF

“ *The Doehler Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darrell Sandusky.*

The Doehler Family - September 16, 2025 at 02:41 PM

TF

“ *The Doehler Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Darrell Sandusky.*



The Doehler Family - September 16, 2025 at 02:41 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Darrell Sandusky.



September 15, 2025 at 09:05 PM



“ Nicole, Connor,Lilly,Don, and William planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darrell Sandusky.

Nicole, Connor,Lilly,Don, and William - September 15, 2025 at 02:09 PM



“ Nicole, Connor,Lilly,Don, and William purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Darrell Sandusky.



Nicole, Connor,Lilly,Don, and William - September 15, 2025 at 02:09 PM



“ Alexandria B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darrell Sandusky.

Alexandria B. - September 15, 2025 at 12:23 PM

JB

“ For my dog park friend Darrell have missed you for a few weeks was thinking you were on a vacation trip but today saw the posting at Quincy dog park I'm deeply saddened and will truly miss the chats we had over the years here when our dogs ran and played together prayers sent to your family

Junior Boersen - September 14, 2025 at 08:55 PM

JF

“ Julian De La Cruz And Family lit a candle in memory of Darrell Sandusky



Julian De La Cruz and Family - September 13, 2025 at 11:57 PM

JF

“ Our Condolences to the immediate Family of Darrell, he will be sadly missed. God bless you all 🙏❤️❤️

Julian De La Cruz and Family - September 13, 2025 at 11:55 PM

PF

“ Dear Lori & family,

Wishing you peace, comfort, and strength during this incredibly difficult time. I hope each day brings you a little more peace.

Patty Flanagin

Patty Flanagin - September 12, 2025 at 10:06 PM

RJ

“ I came home from a couple of weeks off of work to learn about Darrell. I will miss seeing him and hearing updates about his life, family, projects, mutual friends, etc. I'll also miss knowing I might run into him at the dog park and talking about our dogs. His death is a genuine loss to the community, as it is clear that Darrell cultivated community. Peace to all who knew and loved him.

Reka Jellema - September 11, 2025 at 02:30 PM

FF

“ From The Joe Almanza Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darrell Sandusky.

From The Joe Almanza Family - September 09, 2025 at 06:47 PM

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“ From The Joe Almanza Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Darrell Sandusky.



From The Joe Almanza Family - September 09, 2025 at 06:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darrell Sandusky.

September 09, 2025 at 06:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darrell Sandusky.

September 09, 2025 at 05:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Darrell Sandusky.



September 09, 2025 at 05:58 PM