



## Howard O. Saunders Jr.

September 15, 2025

Howard "Moe" Oliver Saunders, Jr., 90, passed away peacefully in his home on September 15, 2025. He was pre-deceased by the love of his life, Barbara; his father, Howard O. Saunders; mother, Capitola Aydelotte Saunders; and daughter, Deborah (Steve Fesko). He is survived by two sons, Howard Kent (Pamela) and Robert (Valerie); six grandchildren: Christina (Chris), Michael (Taylor), Matthew, Andrew, Jessica, and Hannah; two great grandsons, Bryce and Ryan.

He attended Larchmont Elementary, Blair Junior High, Maury High School, and Randolph Macon College. He worked at the C&P Phone Company and A.B. Dick where he was named Salesman of the Year. He proudly served in the U.S. Army in Korea. Howard and Barbara built a successful family business, Saunders Business Systems, Inc., where he developed many meaningful relationships with people at local banks,

school districts, and churches. Many of these relationships turned into lifelong friendships.

“Moe” enjoyed the company of many beloved family canine pets over the years. He was an avid sports fan and played golf, football, basketball, baseball, and softball. He was quite proud of playing in 1963 City Softball Champion and his sponsorship of local softball teams. He loved telling stories, especially about his collections of ballcaps, golf balls, duck decoys, and carved shorebirds.

Over the course of his life, Howard was involved in various aspects of his community.

He was a member of Churchland Baptist, the Portsmouth Host Lions Club, and served on the Board of the Taylor Bend YMCA.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Churchland Baptist, Portsmouth Host Lions Club, or Portsmouth SPCA.

A funeral service will be held in Loving Funeral Home on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at 11:00 am with Dr. Dan Koger officiating. The committal will follow at Churchland Baptist Church. The family will receive friends in the funeral home on Friday from 6-7:30 pm.

# Cemetery Details

## Churchland Baptist Church Cemetery

3031 Churchland Blvd  
Chesapeake, VA 23321

# Previous Events

## A Visitation Celebrating His Life

SEP **19**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel  
3225 Academy Ave  
Portsmouth, VA 23703

## Funeral Service

SEP **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I am very sorry to hear of Moe's passing. He and I worked together in the college cafeteria ( 4 years ) at Randolph Macon. Moe served as an usher in my wedding in 1967. He was the best of the best. God Bless----Ed Turnage Ashland, VA

Ed Turnage - September 22, 2025 at 04:35 PM

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Thank you for sharing. I've heard your name in the stories he would tell. He was very proud to work in the cafeteria to pay for his college years. I'm sure he is smiling that you remembered him here. -- Kent Saunders (Moe's son)

Kent Saunders - September 25, 2025 at 07:31 PM

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“ Tom and Melanie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard O. Saunders Jr..

Tom and Melanie - September 18, 2025 at 07:57 PM

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“ Tom and Melanie purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Howard O. Saunders Jr..



Tom and Melanie - September 18, 2025 at 07:57 PM

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“ *Asha purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Howard O. Saunders Jr..*



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**Asha** - September 18, 2025 at 03:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Howard O. Saunders Jr..

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September 18, 2025 at 11:25 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Howard O. Saunders Jr..*



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September 18, 2025 at 11:25 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Howard O. Saunders Jr..*



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September 17, 2025 at 07:07 PM



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September 17, 2025 at 07:07 PM

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“ We had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Moe through our daughter, Kristal. We shared a thanksgiving with him a few years back. I think we enjoyed his company as much as he enjoyed ours. Love, light and Peace to you all.

*Tony and Victoria Stewart*

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**Victoria Stewart** - September 17, 2025 at 04:31 PM

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*My dad enjoyed that dinner! Thank you for including him in that special day.*

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**Kent Saunders** - September 25, 2025 at 07:34 PM