



## Rev. Edward Paul Saunders

October 16, 1960 - January 16, 2024

Reverend Edward Paul Saunders, “Bro. Ed”, age 63, passed away in an accident at his home in Louisville, Mississippi, on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. He had been serving as the pastor of Noxapater United Methodist Church since June 2023. Funeral services will be Saturday, February 3, at 2:00 p.m. at Noxapater United Methodist Church with Reverend Hal Hall officiating. Visitation will be the day of the service from 1 p.m. until service time at the church. Interment will immediately follow the service in Union United Methodist Church Cemetery in DeKalb, Mississippi.

Bro. Ed graduated with a Master of Divinity degree from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. He moved to Noxapater with his family after pastoring churches in Carrollton, North Carrollton, and Sidon for nine years. Bro. Ed has served in the Mississippi Conference for 30 years. Born on October 16, 1960 to Dr. John Van Dyke Saunders and Julia V. Saunders of Starkville. His father was head of the Sociology Department at Mississippi State University from 1973-1996. His mother has been an outstanding member of the community in which she received many rewards and honors. He grew up going to First United Methodist Church of Starkville in the “UMYF” United Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Bro. Ed is survived by his loving wife of 22.5 years, Angelene Robbins Saunders; and his daughter, Elizabeth Saunders both of Louisville. He is also

survived by two brothers, Thom Saunders and wife, Susan Allen, of Ann Arbor, Michigan; and Andrew Saunders of Dallas, Texas. Bro. Ed was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials in honor of Bro. Ed may be given to the Winston-Choctaw Gideon Camp, P. O. Box 556, Louisville, MS 39339.

Services are under the direction of Nowell-Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at [www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com](http://www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Noxapater United Methodist Church  
Noxapater, MS 39346

## Service

FEB 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Noxapater, MS 39346

## Interment

FEB 3 (CT)

Union United Methodist Church Cemetery  
7555 Fire Tower Road  
DeKalb, MS 39328

# Tribute Wall

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“ I'm Sandra Vissotto, a cousin who lives in Brazil, and today, talking to another cousin, we thought about the Saunders brothers, and decided to look for them on Google, we were absolutely sad to find this news. We spent fun childhood holidays between Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo, so good memories. We left here affection and comfort to all family and friends

Sandra Vissotto - May 19, 2024 at 11:45 AM

LJ

“ Our prayers and condolences

Laquita Bell Neill & Robert W Neill Jr - February 02, 2024 at 09:10 PM

SM

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad, difficult time. 🙏

Susan Murphy - February 02, 2024 at 10:32 PM

TV

“ Such a sweet family. He was my Pastor when I moved to Carrollton and he will be missed by all. I hate to hear of his passing. Prayers are being lifted to Angelene and Elizabeth for comfort and peace. May the Lord bless you keep you. I love y'all.

Teresa Vanlandingham - January 30, 2024 at 07:28 PM

DM

“ I called Bro. Ed - Preacher and friend. I had the privilege of being a member of the Carrollton Charge when I moved back from the Ms Gulf Coast. He was one of the most modest and humble individuals I have ever met. From the pulpit he preached the Bible, his love for our Lord, and his love for our little community and congregation. Preacher loved his guitar (although there were times we didn't). I watched him laugh hysterically about various Bible stories and cry uncontrollably for fear he might not do everything God wanted of him. He used to joke that I was the teacher's pet in Wednesday night Bible study because I took notes. He said it made him feel good to think he was still teaching! I'm sad that I won't get to see Preacher again but I can smile thinking of him on a bench in Heaven talking to Jonah. I can also just about see the smile and tears when God told him, "Well done, my son, well done!" (Deborah Marshall)

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**Deborah Marshall** - January 29, 2024 at 10:54 PM

MC

*Our condolences to Angeline and Elizabeth. Ed was a blessing to all who knew him.*

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**Martha Cain** - February 01, 2024 at 06:15 AM

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*Sending love, thoughts, and prayers to you and your family during this tough time.*

*Glenda and Sarah*

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**Glenda Green** - February 03, 2024 at 09:37 PM