

## Obituary Mike Sanderson



# Myron E Sanderson

June 2, 1931 - July 25, 2014

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Myron Earl "Mike" Sanderson, 83, of Nashua NH passed away peacefully at home on Friday July 25th, 2014, surrounded by his family. He was born June 2, 1931 in Tuscola IL to the late Hugar Benjamin and Dorcas Mae (Hardwick) Sanderson. Mike graduated from Tuscola HS in 1949 and served in the US Air Force from 1951 -1955, with a tour of duty in Korea. Mike married Gertrude Anna Jordan on 6/12/1954 at Forty Martyr's Catholic Church, Tuscola, IL and recently celebrated 60 years of marriage to the love of his life. Mike was proud to have 'broken the mold' by becoming a programmer for IBM in 1959, a job which took his family all over the United States. During his 34 year career working on computer hardware, systems, software, and project management, he was fortunate to work on interesting and impactful large-scale projects, including the SAGE national defense system, Gemini and Apollo LEM docking simulators, and Boeing 747 flight simulators. Most of Mike's professional life was spent working with two firms - his initial work at IBM over a 12 year period, and Digital Equipment Corporation which he retired from in 1986 after 15 years of service. Following retirement from Digital he worked for 7 years as a Project Management Consultant which allowed him and Gert to travel to both Europe and Australia. He also became an expert pocket watch repairman during his retirement years. Above all, Mike was a hard working family man. He enjoyed spending time with his 4 children, their spouses, and 10 grandchildren. He loved classical music, reading, boxing, the Chicago Bears, hiking, antique pocket watches, the mountains and seashore, and working outdoors - although not necessarily in that order. His sense of humor and love of

fun will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Mike and Gert attended St Christopher Catholic Church in Nashua. Mike is survived by his wife Gertrude of Nashua NH, four children and their spouses Paul and Karen Sanderson of Coventry CT, Tom and Annette Sanderson of Frisco TX, Karen and Bob Brouillette of Londonderry NH, and Joe and Laurie Sanderson of Falmouth ME.. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, Brian Sanderson and his fiancée Christina Philopena of Manchester CT, Greg Sanderson of Brooklyn NY, Kevin Sanderson of Brighton MA, Dr. Carrie Sanderson and her fiancée Dr. Brandon Erickson of Chicago IL, Holly Sanderson Pyzik and her husband Joe of Atlanta GA, Mike Sanderson of Frisco TX, Katie Brouillette Schwartz and her husband Ricky of Merrimack NH, Marc Brouillette of Chicago IL, Eric and Sean Sanderson of Falmouth ME, as well as many nieces, nephews and friends around the country. He regrets not being able to meet his first great grandchild, Erik Myron Schwartz due in November; also his four sisters-in-law, Helen Sanderson of Tuscola, IL, Pauline Jordan of Wayne, PA, Mary Kleiss & her husband Floyd of Tuscola, IL and Agnes Jordan of Tuscola, IL. In addition to his parents, Mike was predeceased by his siblings Pauline, Dale, Shirley, and Charles. There will be no services in New Hampshire. A family celebration of life will be scheduled in Tuscola IL in the near future. Memorial donations in his name can be made to the wonderful people at Home Health and Hospice Care, 7 Executive Park Drive, Merrimack NH 03054, who greatly helped the entire family. The FARWELL FUNERAL SERVICE, 18 Lock Street, Nashua is assisting the family with arrangements. [www.farwellfuneral.com](http://www.farwellfuneral.com)