



## Thomas Sandlin

August 19, 1940 - December 28, 2012

Thomas "Rudy" Sandlin, 72. Of Kimberly passed away December 28, 2012. Mr. Sandlin was retired from Southern Refrigeration. He was also co-owner of Sandlin Merchandise Store in Kimberly. He was a graduate of Mortimer Jordan High School and a member of Daystar Church International in Mt. Olive. Mr. Sandlin was also an ordained minister and served throughout the community as a Christian leader. He served on the Kimberly City Council and a former Mayor of Kimberly. Mr. Sandlin was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Ercell and Nina Sandlin, Sister, Minnie Ann Cheatwood and Wife, Mary Sandlin. He is survived by his wife, Jody Sandlin; son, Thomas R. Sandlin, Jr. (Allison); grandchildren, Grant, Alexandra and Kyle Sandlin; brother, Noel Sandlin (Shirley); and several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013, between 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. at The New Gardendale Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013, at 11 a.m. at The New Gardendale Funeral Home with burial in Morris-Kimberly Cemetery. The family request memorials to Daystar Church International in Mt. Olive.

# Tribute Wall

AZ

“ I've been through a lot of death; death from diseases, death from accidents, death from violence, and all the consequences of them. And I'm only 23. I never refuse that it may happen to my family too. No, it already happened. I know someday it'll come and I've tried to be prepared. But somehow I just cannot make it. I know those things can happen to me too. I've passed through a lot of medical processes. I feel vulnerable but it's ok. Human is vulnerable. We are not special. It just happens. I was sorrow for a long time but then, someone told me we had to live with the present or we'll never find peace. That's true. That's what people do when it's time for tragic. Live with the present and what we've got now, not what we used to have or will have. Do not be imaginative at this time. We have to know our emotion, know how we feel and just deal with it. That's what I've tried to do for all these years and it keeps me alive. Well, I may talk some crap. Sorry. I never tell my thoughts to anyone because my imagination tells me that no one wants to hear. But I just want to say it.

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**Azra** - January 13, 2013 at 09:49 PM

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“ My thoughts are with your family. May the words in John 11:20-27 give you hope and comfort.

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**Barb Layton** - January 02, 2013 at 02:13 PM

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“ We are praying for Tommy, Allison, Grant, Alex, and Kyle in this sad time of sorrow. We are also praying for anyone who knew Mr. Sandlin, because if you knew him at all, his optimistic out look on life, and his love for the Lord was bestowed on you the moment you met him. He will truly be missed. I know that we will meet him again in that wonderful place called heaven.

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**Randy and Cynthia Densmore** - January 01, 2013 at 05:41 PM

JB

“ Rudy was an amazing man and an influence to so many young people in the church. Thank you Tommy for sharing him with us!  
Julie

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**Julie Odom Bolin** - January 01, 2013 at 04:27 PM