



## Sanford Dorsey Maddox

October 16, 1942 - March 18, 2023

Sanford D. Maddox was born on October 16, 1942, in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Sanford & Vivian Maddox. In his early years he attended Baltimore Adventist Academy and Wynns Falls Junior High School. Upon graduation from Edmondson High School he attended Oakwood College, now University, in Huntsville, Alabama where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology. After graduating from Oakwood University Sanford ventured West to Portland, Oregon. He enrolled in the University of Portland and began working toward a Master's degree in Business Administration which he received in 1977.

While attending Oakwood University he met his future wife, Shirley Webb, a Portland native, and after spending some time getting better acquainted, his affection for her grew and on April 20, 1969 they exchanged wedding vows. Together they raised two children Sanford Todd and Stefanie (Marcel) Brame. Sanford worked for many companies in Portland mainly in Human Resources: United Medical Laboratory, Albina Corporation, NW Regional Education Lab, NERCO, Inc. (a subsidiary of Pacific Power & Light), American State Bank and Sam Brooks & Associates.

In 1990 Sanford had an interest in starting his own business and became owner of Powell Valley Iron & Equipment. He was co-founder of MESO (Micro Enterprise Service of Oregon) a non-profit organization that helps support entrepreneurship in minority communities and distressed areas. Sharing his knowledge, insight and wisdom derived from years of experience to help

others in business brought him much joy and satisfaction.

Sanford Maddox was respected and appreciated by his co-workers, peers and friends. He was not one who sought the limelight but quietly went about doing his work to help others. Many looked to him as a mentor.

He enjoyed traveling, especially to the beach and the gorge. Other interests were reading, preaching and pursuing opportunities where he could share lessons gained from his life experiences. Sanford was a man of faith and service. His love for the Lord led him to be active in the church and the community as he served on the boards of Portland Adventist Medical Center for 18 years, the American Red Cross for 10 years and People to People Ministries for nearly 20 years. Sanford also served on the Seventh-day Adventist Executive Committees for the North Pacific Union and Oregon Conference. In the church he was an elder, Sabbath School Superintendent and teacher of adults, youth, juniors and primaries. He enjoyed music and used his voice in the Sharon Church Choir and male quartets. For many years Sanford shared his faith with inmates, leading out in Sabbath services at the Oregon State Prison.

Sanford is survived by his wife, Shirley of 53 years, their two children Sanford Todd, Stefanie Brame, his sister Barbara Maddox and goddaughter Karen Foster.

# Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 04:06 PM



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“ Q: *What 3 words best describe Sanford and why?*

*A: Mr. Sanford Maddox, was a man of honor. Sanford's life honored God. He loved his family, and he served his community in many capacities. His legacy is one to be emulated. May God's peace bring comfort to his wife, Shirley, and family as we all look forward to the blessed promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Clearly, we are grateful to God for Sanford's noble life, and we will remember him always.*

Tom and Sandraneta Hall - May 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ *I mainly knew Sanford through my husband Jere, whose friendship with Sanford went beyond serving with him on boards for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Jere deeply respected Sanford as a brother in Christ, who lived his faith in his professional and personal life. Jere appreciated and admired Sanford's unwavering commitment to giving his time, expertise, and means to serve others.*

*Now they both sleep, waiting the heavenly "wake up call", which they believed will be very soon.*

Sue Patzer - May 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Sanford, you left this world a better place. A tree will be planted in your honor. May you rest in peace.

Tom and Anne Biller - May 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ In loving Memory of my dear brother, Sanford.



From Barbara - May 05, 2023 at 12:00 AM

YF

“ Forever grateful for his contribution to MESO and small business community. Our condolences to your family and all loved ones.



Your forever MESO Family - May 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ Wow! Today, Tuesday, April 25, 2023, I discovered over the Internet that my cousin Sanford Maddox, once known as "Little San", died March 18, 2023. I shall miss Cousin San. All the best from his cousin, Emzy Veazy III.



Emzy Veazy III - April 25, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sanford was a true Christian gentleman. I knew Sanford through his work as a member of the Adventist Medical Center governing board. He was a great board member, always giving good counsel and asking pertinent questions. He was very supportive and always kind. He served on the board for over twenty years. I don't know the exact number but he was very dedicated and faithful to holding us accountable for the mission which I appreciated. He was not only a solid board member but a friend. I know his family and many many of us are missing Sanford. Larry Dodds

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**Larry Dodds** - April 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ What a wonderful friend Sanford was to me. We had many great times together playing basketball, eating and worshipping. You will be greatly missed my brother. Looking forward to that blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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**Carl Parker** - March 30, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sanford Dorsey Maddox

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**Funeral Home Owner** - March 30, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Sanford Dorsey Maddox** - March 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM