

Sanders Ray Lambert

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Sanders Ray Lambert, Jr. Sanders Ray Lambert, Jr., 87 of Kansas City, MO died Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018. Services will be held at 3:00 pm Friday, September 14, 2018 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 6401 Wornall Terrace, Kansas City. Private burial. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to either Ducks Unlimited or St. Luke's Foundation. Known to all of his family and friends as Sandy, he was born May 18, 1931 in Brooklyn, NY to Sanders Ray and Esther Lambert, Sr. Sanders Sr. worked for the Pacific Mutual Door Company of Brooklyn, New York. In 1938, Sandy's father was relocated to the Kansas City Branch of Pacific Mutual Door and the whole family moved to Kansas City, MO. Sandy grew up in the millwork business and spent one memorable summer working for the Dorris Lumber and Moulding Company in California. It was quickly found out that he was too young to work the more hazardous jobs and was transferred to a forest survey crew. Sandy graduated in 1949 from The Pembroke Country Day School where he lettered in football, track, and basketball. He then went on to [Princeton University](#) where he learned basic flying and there's one film of him spinning out a small airplane. The film was shot from the inside of the plane. He graduated from Princeton in 1953 and very shortly thereafter enlisted in the [Army](#) where he continued his flight training. After earning his Army wings flying small aircraft as an artillery observer Sandy was transferred to Okinawa along with his disassembled aircraft aboard a ship in which he served as the Morale officer as the Captain decided that a flyer without a functioning plane was not useful on a ship without something to do. After serving out his enlistment he moved back to Kansas City and went to work for the Pacific Mutual Door Company where he was promptly transferred to the Chicago office and after some time to the

Elizabeth, New Jersey warehouse. In between transfers he married the love of his life, Ellison "Kelly" Brent on January 18th 1958 in a union which lasted 53 years until her passing. After their marriage they both moved back to New Jersey where his sons Sandy and Jonathan were born. After three years the family was transferred back to Kansas City where Ted was born. Besides being a wonderful father and loving husband, Sandy was active in many organizations including the National Sash and Door Jobbers Association, Pembroke Country Day School Board of Trustees, The Jewel Ball, Kansas City Country Club, Vanguard Club, the Horton Duck Club, and the River Club where he was a past president. Sandy always enjoyed golfing and duck hunting with his sons and close friends. He also enjoyed traveling and cruising in his later years with his wife, until her passing, and then with groups of friends or by himself to New York, Paris, Panama Canal Zone, China, Russia, Okinawa, and Branson Missouri. Not to be forgotten were the family's pets which included Ginger, Lady, Holly, and Star. Sandy always enjoyed getting exercise while walking them and felt they were in his words, "always good company". Sandy was preceded in death by his wife Kelly and sister Sally Parriott. He is survived by his sons Sanders Ray Lambert III, Jonathan (Kelly) Lambert, Theodore Lambert of Albuquerque, NM, five dear grandchildren, special friend Tinka McCray, several nephews and niece, and many friends. Fond memories and condolences may be shared at www.mcgilleymidtownchapel.com.