



John Sanders Jr.

March 1, 1939 - March 2, 2010

John Barnes Sanders Jr., of Bloomington, passed away Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at his residence. He was 71 years old.

Born March 1, 1939 in Richlands, Virginia he was the son of John B. and Minnie T. (Lambert) Sanders Sr. John earned his bachelor's in pre-dentistry from Hampton Sydney College. He then earned his undergraduate degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnical Institute. He went on to receive his masters in engineering. He was retired from United Technologies where he was Senior Vice President of North American Operations.

John had many hobbies and interests, he was an avid nature photographer, enjoyed amateur radio, sailing, a real outdoorsman enjoying camping, woodworking and was a Harley-Davidson Enthusiast. He was a member of the Bloomington Photography Club, the Hoosier Hills Harley Owners Group and the Tango Amateur Radio Society.

He is survived by his children, John B. Sanders III and his wife Chris Costello of Bar Harbor, ME, Susan Dillon and her husband Norman of Denver, CO, Matt Sanders and his wife Vicki of Mooresville, IN and Mark Sanders and his wife Sandie Maxa of New York, NY; a sister, Betty Byrd of Kingsport, TN and three grandchildren, Griffin Sanders and Sabine Sanders of Bar Harbor, ME and Hunter Sanders of Mooresville, IN.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

John's family will receive friends on Tuesday, March 9, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. with a service of remembrance at 7:00 pm at Allen Funeral Home, 4155 S.

Old State Rd. 37 Bloomington, IN 47401.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in John's memory may be made to the Riley Children's Foundation, 30 S. Meridian Street Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Tribute Wall

JA

“ It is many years later that I am sending my condolences to Johnny’s family and sharing my memory of him whom I met in Johnson City, TN, when we were in summer school there in 1959. We ate breakfast together every weekday morning and spent some evenings too when he was not busy with horses, hunting or his many other activities! I was always in the lab until late. I went to Paris that Sept for my junior year, and he returned to Hampden Sydney. We corresponded and reconnected in 1961 at Sweet Briar as friends. His family will not know of me, but I have always remembered the fun Johnny of so many interests. I see he became accomplished in most all. Julie O’Neil Arnheim



Juliette O’Neil Arnheim - May 22, 2023 at 04:34 PM

MI

“ Dear family, I and my wife Debbie are so very sad to find out about your fathers death. John and I have been on several a photo adventures, I will never forget the fun we had in Alaska with the bears. I had not heard of johns death in Columbus, IN untill I was in Bloomington and went to his house because I could not get him on the phone. I miss john and his witt. I loved picking on him and he of me.I have some treasured memories with john and he was a true friend and will be truely missed. Mike & Debbie Briner

Mike Briner - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

BK

“ John B. Susan, Matt and Mark, we just now learned of your fathers death and I wanted to tell you how sorry we were for all of you. I haven't heard from him in a couple of years, but so have precious memories of him when he and you all were here in Columbus. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers, Love, Kathie and Butch

Butch and Kathie Dollar - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

JO

“ Family and friends,

I had the pleasure of meeting John on amateur radio. The wife and I were camped at Brown County several years ago. John came by our campsite just to say hello and I was looking forward to seeing him again this spring at the big radio gathering in Dayton Ohio.

I speak for many 'hams' around the states, we will miss hearing John's friendly words on the air.

Sincerely,

*John Watkins N0EVH
Independence, Missouri*

John Watkins - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

CR

“ *John*
Was an amazing person warm gracious , and kind. He loved his family above all else and his dogs... I knew him through NANPA and we photographed together.. spectacular photographer and great wit.. loved his jokes...and stories..
He will be missed greatly.. my thoughts and prayers go out to his family...

Carol Robinson - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

JE

“ *So very sorry to hear about Johnny. He was a special friend. I'll always treasure the memories from our childhood on Grayson Avenue.*

Jean Davis - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

MP

“ *It was very sad to hear of John's passing. I graduated in 1956 from Richlands High School with John and was glad to have seen him at our 50th high school reunion in 2006.*
My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.
Mary Lou Puckett Moore

Mary Lou Puckett moore - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

SO

“ *John was a high school classmate, RHS 1956 and I, along with many other classmates were shocked to hear of John's death. He was at our last class reunion and seemed to enjoy reminiscing yesterdays. Besides treasuring good memories of John, I shall remember his family and loved ones in my prayers.*
Sylvia Overbay Boyd

Sylvia Overbay Boyd - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

KR

“ To John's family and friends, I just learned of John's passing from my fellow photographer and friend, Julia Karr. I am so sad. John was a very dear friend I met through the Bloomington Photography Club. He had a quick wit, and was often the only one who understood my sense of humor. He often volunteered to teach me aspects of photography I didn't understand yet. And, he was always willing to lend an ear when things weren't going well in my life. I've been away from Bloomington 3 years, and had communicated with him through e-mails. I miss him already. The photo posted of him shows his true self.

Kathy (Sturgeon) Rezac - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

JJ

“ I will miss John's quick wit, he always had a great story or joke to share. It never failed to make me smile when he (and usually Sadie) visited the dealership. We shared a great affinity for twisty roads and all things outdoors.

Jim Markland - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

LI

“ It truly doesn't seem like that long ago that we would all gathered on Sunday at Granny & Granddaddy Lambert's in Bandy, a large family with lots of cousins big & small, that created many happy memories that have stayed through the years, although I have only kept up with John through Betty, I am so grateful Betty has reached out to all of us to keep our family ties. My heart felt sympathy and prayers to comfort you in the loss of your loved one.
Remembering, Being Grateful for the Time, and Celebrating All the Wonderful Things John's Life has Given to us all.
Sincerely w/ Love, your Cousin, Linda Sue

linda niswonder - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

RO

“ Will miss you John.

Rob

KB9RNB

Rob Hamros - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

DD

“ I AM DEEPLY SADDENED TO HEAR OF JOHNNY'S PASSING. I REMEMBER ALL OF THE FUN TIMES WE SHARED IN RICHLANDS AS CLASSMATES FROM GRADE SCHOOL ALL THE WAY THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL AND INTO COLLEGE. THERE WAS NEVER A DULL MOMENT WITH HIM AROUND. WE HAD LOST CONTACT OVER THE YEARS AFTER HE LEFT RICHLANDS. TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS I SEND MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES.

DR JAMES M GLEASON JR DDS

DR JAMES M GLEASON JR DDS - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

DA

“ He was my friend for 43 years and I miss him so. To Matt, Susan, John B, and Mark I send my very deepest condolences. Lots of so very great memories will keep him alive forever.

David Johnson - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

JL

“ *To the family:
I am very sad to hear of John's death. He always had an interesting story to recount, and a plan for the next thing on his list.
He will be missed.
Fondly, Judy Lynn Wolfe*

judy lynn wolfe - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

JU

“ *I am so sad to hear of John's passing. I knew him through the Bloomington Photography Club. He was fun, funny and an amazing photographer. He was so generous to me (a total newbie) in help with photography and just being an all-around nice person. He will be missed!*

Julia Karr - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

CA

“ *Just wanted to send our condolences to your family. We live at 3448 S. Ashwood Drive and had only met John back in June of 2009 when we purchased our home in The Stands. My younger daughter loved to run out and pet Sadie Mae when she and John were on their walks. I enjoyed chatting with him. What is going to happen to Sadie Mae?*

The Hetricks (Bill, Carol, Allie, and Gabbie)

Carol Hetrick - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

JE

“ To John's children and friends,
I am so sorry and sad to hear about John's passing. He was my
cousin and remember him when I was boy at his dad's shop. I never
got to see him much after he left college and moved away. I
remember you children when you very very young at aunt Minnie's
and uncle Barnes' house. I had hoped so much to see John at our
next Lambert Reunion in June. I will always have very warm and
fond memories of him from the 1950's and 1960's. God Bless you
all.

Cousin Jim Ed Lambert

Ph 276 880-1279

Jim Ed Lambert - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM