



John Holly Sanford III

July 20, 1951 - August 18, 2021

John Holly Sanford III, 70, of White Plains, Maryland, passed away suddenly on August 18, 2021 at the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center in La Plata.

Born on July 20, 1951 in Washington, DC, he was the son of the late John Holly Sanford Jr. and Leah Celina Sanford. John was a member of the Steamfitters Union Local 602 and was working for Boland when he retired in 2014. He attended and was very active with the Calvary Grace Assembly of God in La Plata. John enjoyed Bass fishing, going camping in the RV, but most of all, being with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Ina F. Sanford; children Brian Sanford (Kristen) and Leah Craft (Kevin); grandchildren Mason McVerry, Justin Craft, and Leliana Craft; siblings Julie Sanford, William Sanford (Andrea), and Timothy Sanford; numerous relatives and friends.

A memorial service for John is pending.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Dementia Society of America, P. O. Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901 or online at <https://www.dementiasociety.org>.

Condolences may be made on John's Tribute Wall.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Holly Sanford III*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *John Holly Sanford III*

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“ *John was a big part of myself becomeing a member of Local 602. He talked me into becoming a helper then helped me get into the apprenticeship. Best of all he always had a positive attitude and great sense of humor. Thank you John and may you rest in peace.*

Ray Hartman - September 27, 2021 at 07:56 PM



“ *John was a wonderful teacher and mentor to me during my early days in the trade. I really lucked out working with him on numerous projects, small tonnage to large tonnage. He had a patient way about him when I had questions about a task. He had the best stories and always knew the best places to eat! Pretty sure I gained 30# my first year in the trade! John was the only mechanic who wrote me a letter of recommendation for the apprenticeship school and I still have it. We went bass fishing a few times together, spent time in Wilkes Barre, PA together on a chiller service call and he and Ina were at my wedding in 2003. I regret not staying in closer contact with him after he retired but I'm certain he enjoyed his retired life. My deepest condolences to Ina, Leah and Brian. He was a great man and will be missed.*

Bryan Portch - September 22, 2021 at 09:30 AM

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“ *Rest in Peace John. You were and Ina is a good neighbor.*
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Nancy Sisson - September 21, 2021 at 04:23 PM