



## John Sadler

January 3, 1938 - September 8, 2014

### Obituary of John Sadler

John W. Sadler, 76, of Fithian, Illinois, passed away on September 8, 2014, at Lane Purcell Hospice at Sumterville, Florida.

He was born on January 3, 1938, in Champaign, Illinois to John R. and Zelma (Myers) Sadler.

He lived and worked most of his life on a grain and livestock farm in Fithian, Illinois. He graduated in 1956 from Oakwood High School where he played football, lead the student council and played trombone in the band.

John attended Purdue University and earned a B.S. in agriculture in 1960. At Purdue, he was a member of FarmHouse Fraternity, CERES honorary agricultural fraternity, the Purdue Debate Club, and participated in several campus plays. After his graduation, he proposed to Carolyn J. Sperry of Danville, Illinois. John then traveled to Argentina as an International Foreign Youth Exchange (IFYE) student for seven months sharing his knowledge of agronomy.

After returning from Argentina, he married Carolyn on June 11, 1961. They raised two daughters, Marcella (Tom) Kuhn of Bloomington, Illinois, and Michelle Williams of Encinitas, California. He was blessed with four grandchildren: Kenzie, Bram, Tynan Williams and Madeline Ling Kuhn. The couple had also resided at Hawthorne in Leesburg, Florida.

In addition to farming, John was a sales representative for Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., and a Certified Crop Advisor. He was a 4-H member and leader. He contributed to his community with active participation in a variety of roles and memberships including the Fithian Elementary School Board, Ogden Lions Club and Ogden United Methodist Church.

John was a talented musician and played both piano and trombone. Throughout his life he would always seek an opportunity to play his trombone: first in the farmhouse in which he was raised with other area musicians; Oakwood High School Band; "The Has Beens" orchestra; St. Joseph Community Band the Hawthorne Orchestra in Leesburg, Florida.

John and Carolyn enjoyed boating. They navigated many waters along the Illinois River and Lake Michigan on their boat "Seabear." John was a member of the Mid-Illini Chapter of the United States Power Squadron and excelled in many navigational courses. His favorite was celestial navigation.

He remained young-at-heart and studious throughout his life. John collected teddy bears, enjoyed photography and loved to build models of World War II tanks, ships, and aircraft. He was an active member of the International Modelers Plastic Society. He was an avid reader, historian and was the first to complete the puzzle section of the newspaper.

John and Carolyn enjoyed many years in Florida entertaining old friends and meeting many new ones.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and four grandchildren. Also surviving are his mother-in-law Leah Sperry, brother-in-law Larry (Jamie) Sperry, nieces, nephews, cousins and life-long friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandson Thomas R. Kuhn.

A celebration honoring his life will be held on September 28, 2014, at the Ogden United Methodist Church, 105 West Main, Ogden, Illinois, at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to any of John's favorites including: Ogden Lions Club, Purdue Foundation, Farmhouse Fraternity, the Illinois 4-H Foundation, IFYE Association of the USA, Inc., Ogden United Methodist Church and Hawthorne at Leesburg Community Orchestra.

Interment will occur at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Sadler*

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October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Carolyn, Marcie and Mic, We were so saddened to here the news about Johnny. Many of my childhood memories include "Superdad" (later affectionately shortened to "Supe") either sitting behind his desk at home or at the county fairs but every memory has a cigar sticking out of the corner of his smile. He loved his family, a good time and his polled Herefords. Thoughts and prayers are with you!  
Allison and Joe*

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**Allison Wilson Sinclair** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Micki - So sorry to read about your dad! I know he raised greata daughters!! But I am so pleased to be able to leave you a message. You are one of the ones from IWU and AOII that I still think about from time to time! Kris*

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**Kris Hoshauer Hawker** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about your dad. Great memories of us growing up with you two! How lucky we were to have such good parents!  
Carol*

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**Carol Firkins** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EO

“ Carolyn & Family; Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn the loss of your loved one. We remember John for his music with the "Has Beens" orchestra. Still listen to a tape of their music occasionally. Ernest & Irene Osterbur

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**Ernest & Irene Osterbur** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Carolyn, Marc & Mick Phil and I were sad to hear the news of John's passing. What a great husband, dad, musician and friend. We shall miss our dinners together. God bless you and heal your aching hearts. Love, Donna and Phil

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**Donna & Phil Matteson** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ So sorry to hear! My sympathies to you and your families

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**Janie Eichhorst-Smith** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ I am very sorry for your loss. As president of the Wings, Wheels & Keels Model Club in Venice, FI, we met Carolyn and John at our annual model contests. Both Carolyn and John were so excited when he won a prize for a model he had entered at his first contest. We will miss them at our events- I know how much he enjoyed creating his models and sharing them with others.

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**Randy Whitacre** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Carolyn I just learned of John's passing. I am so sorry. He was always so nice. My thoughts and prayers are with you and girls and the grandchildren.

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**Patti Fourez** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM