



John C. Sager

October 13, 1968 - September 17, 2017

John Charles Sager, 48, of Branson, Missouri and formerly of Deshler, Ohio passed away Sunday, September 17, 2017 in his home.

He was born on October 13, 1968 in Quebec City, Canada. He was adopted by James and Janet (Fronk) Sager of Deshler, Ohio. He was raised in a loving home and graduated from Patrick Henry High School in 1987. He participated in many sports and very active in the music department, where he played numerous instruments, sang and was voted Best Male Vocalist both his junior and senior years. He attended Tiffin University and then returned home to work in the family business as the sales manager of Sager Motor Sales. He was a former president of the Deshler Chamber of Commerce and an original organizer of the Henry County Relay for Life. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Deshler. All this time growing up and living in the Deshler community, John was singing and performing whenever asked. He was the winner of several contests, including Toledo Idol; Erie Street Market Idol and Findlay Idol.

Then in 2009, John moved to Branson, Missouri to pursue his dream of singing and entertaining for a living. He performed at many venues and received countless awards as an outstanding vocalist. During the winter months he performed in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas where he continued to receive rewards for his singing. He will be remembered for his incredible talent and will be forever adored by his family, friends and countless fans.

He is survived by his parents, James and Janet Sager; daughter, Brooke

Sager; brother, Steve (Teresa) Sager; sister, Susan (Brad) Myers; nephew, Anthony Sager; nieces, Alexis Myers and Stevie Sager.

In 2014 John was reunited with his birth family in Quebec City, Canada and is survived by sisters, Lynda; Johanne; Sylvie; Josee'; Irmarie and brother, Normand.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 23 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Deshler. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Deshler.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. on Friday at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Deshler.

The family suggests memorials to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church or the Donor's Choice.

www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home
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Napoleon, OH 43545
(419) 592-2333
help@rodenbergergray.com

Tribute Wall

SK

“ *My siblings and I loved him and would also ask for him to be our singing server, these pictures came across my memories so I went to look for him and found this instead. He was always so funny and an amazing entertainer, this makes me so sad, rest in peace John*



sky - July 24, 2023 at 09:17 AM

JB

“ *What a shock to learn of John's death last month. We are planning a trip to Branson and John was always the first one I wanted to see and hear. What a guy!! Our trip will not be the same without him to entertain us. Thank goodness we have his CD's to continue to hear his voice. He was truly an entertainer and a warm and loving person. So glad he was reunited with his birth family. That meant so much to him. Thank you to Jim and Janet for raising such an outstanding man! My heartfelt sympathy goes out to each and every one of you!*

Jeanene Bang` - October 13, 2017 at 02:42 PM

LE

“ *My friend and I would take a girl's trip every year to Branson and the first stop was to give John a birthday card and visit and hear him sing. We leave Monday and it just won't be the same this year as we miss John so much! He was a great man of great faith with a love of life and people.*

Lorraine Eggen - October 13, 2017 at 12:35 PM

DL

“ My sister wintered in Texas and saw John perform many times. She was kind enough to bring one of John's CD's home for me and I have enjoyed his music many times and will continue to enjoy. He brought a lot of joy to many many people. Love to you John Sager. Sincerely,
Doris Lalonde from Canada

Doris Lalonde - September 28, 2017 at 01:07 PM

SW

“ I will miss John and his singing so much. Saw him five times in the Rio Grande Valley and I'm heartbroken that I won't have a chance to listen to him again in person. Will treasure the albums I have of his. My condolences to all of his family. I know he will be missed.
Suzanne Wobig

Suzanne Wobig - September 24, 2017 at 09:52 AM

KC

“ Our hearts are broken with the loss of John. He was an outstanding young man with an awesome voice and personality. We heard him sing many times in Texas and Branson. He always had a hug and big smile. We will miss him so much. A friend shared with me she had heard it told why some people die so young. The prettiest flower is always picked first. In John's case, God picked the best first. Thank you for sharing him with the rest of us. May God's love and peace surround you at this very difficult time.
Kathy and Russell Cropp

Kathy & Russell Cropp - September 23, 2017 at 06:46 PM

DC

“ Met John in Aug. 2017 at the LeMars, Iowa County Fair. What a great guy & terrific entertainer. Felt like you had known him for years. He got me through 2016 with his music, as I was going through breast cancer, & thanks to my sister, she got his Cd's for me & he personally sighed them for me telling me to get well soon, and I did! He will be very much missed. I was so looking forward to seeing him again at next year's fair. Such fun to talk to. I play his CD's everyday. RIP John!



Donna Coleman - September 23, 2017 at 01:01 PM

MA

“ I want to tell John's family and dear friends that they are in my prayers. John put on wonderful shows in Texas and will be sadly missed. He always stood for Prolife which was so refreshing to hear. He loved the Lord, his family and this country and let everyone know it.
He will be sadly missed. Marilyn Gerard

Marilyn - September 22, 2017 at 10:28 PM

TE

“ Terri lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager



Terri - September 22, 2017 at 09:39 PM

“ Over a lifetime, hundreds and even thousands of people can be met. Among these people we meet, there are some who are only past and others of whom one keeps an imperishable memory. You John, you were one of those people who have the best memory because of your simplicity, your generosity, your smile and your great Heart !!! I thank heaven for allowing me to cross your path through my dear cousin Josée. I will keep the best memory of you my friend and I know that from above you will keep a protective eye on all your family who will need your support to cross this test !!! Personally I tell you ... Good rest my great friend and I wish you to find in heaven a choir formed of the most beautiful angels to continue to sing the love you have in you !!! Your friend Paul !!! To you, Mr and Mrs Sager, I convey all my sympathies and I would like to tell you that you have all my admiration for having made a child, a man in every sense of the word. You have passed on beautiful and great values to this child, which means that today he is so loved and admired by the people who have had the chance to rubbish! May God protect you and take good care of you and all your family. With all your heart, Paul Beaupré, your friend from Quebec !!!



Au cours d'une vie , on peut rencontré des centaines et même des milliers de personnes . Parmi ces gens que l'on rencontre , il y en n'a qui ne font que passé et d'autres dont on garde un souvenir impérissable. Toi John , tu était une de ces personnes de qui l'on garde le meilleur souvenir à cause de ta simplicité , ta générosité , ton sourire et ton grand Coeur !!! Je remercie le ciel de m'avoir permis de croisé ton chemin par l'entremise de ma chère cousine Josée. Je garderez le meilleur souvenir de toi mon ami et je sais que de là-haut , tu garderas un œil protecteur sur toute ta famille qui auront besoin de ton appuie pour traverser cette épreuve !!! Personnellement je te dis ... Bon repos mon grand ami et je te souhaite de trouver au ciel une chorale formé des plus beaux anges pour continuer de chanter l'amour que tu as en toi !!! Ton ami Paul !!! À Vous , M. et Mme Sager , je vous transmet toutes mes

sympathies et j'aimerais vous dirent que vous avez toute mon admiration pour avoir fait d'un enfant , un homme dans tout les sens du mot . Vous avez transmis de belles et grandes valeurs à cet enfant, ce qui fait qu'aujourd'hui il soit tant aimé et admiré par les gens qui ont eu la chance de le côtoyé !!! Que Dieu vous protège et prenne bien soin de vous et toute votre famille . De tout cœur avec vous , Paul Beaupré votre ami de Québec 🙏🙏🙏🌹🌹🌹

Paul Beaupré , Québec, Canada - September 22, 2017 at 07:00 PM

BC

“ *Met him at Erie street idol contest new right there he was destined to be a star God needed another voice in heaven*

Bill camobell - September 22, 2017 at 03:31 PM

BW

“ *We are a group of women from across Missouri who met John about 5 years ago at Mel's Hard Luck Diner. Next week will be our 13th year of getting together and Mel's will not be the same for us. We were fortunate the first year to be seated in John's section. He is a great entertainer and knows how to work the crowd, especially a group of "mature" women like ourselves but he was always a gentleman. Each year when we got to Branson we would call Mel's to make sure we didn't miss John. Last year he sang a tribute to one of the group who passed away in 2016. We will be there this year to somehow celebrate John. He will be truly missed by our group. Hope he and our friend Sue will be up there looking down on us as we try to make it through lunch while shedding some tears. Rest in peace John and Sue and God Bless your family ad friends. Billie, Janet, Jean, Kathy, Nancy, Lynda and Debbie*

Billie Winter - September 22, 2017 at 01:24 PM

LC

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the families of John. He was a wonderful man with a beautiful voice, smile, heart and soul who touched my life and the lives of many. He is loved and will be missed.*



Louise Campbell - September 22, 2017 at 12:24 PM

WF

“ *Woodridge High School Football Coaching Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of John C. Sager.*



Woodridge High School Football Coaching Family -
September 22, 2017 at 10:32 AM

SM

“ *We will miss you John, you were a special person and God must have needed you up there to sing with the angels. Prayers to your family.*

Silvia Munns - September 22, 2017 at 09:42 AM

LW

“ *John sang at our Red Hat gatherings. Great singer and wonderful man. He will be missed by a lot of people as he touched a lot of lives. It was great he got to meet his birth family. Jim and Janet you did a great job raising John. So sorry for your loss.*

Linda Weber - September 22, 2017 at 06:05 AM

AK

Jim and Janet, so sorry for you loss. I was fortunate enough to see John perform both in Ohio and in Texas. Todd Harris and I surprised him at one of his shows near McAllen, Texas a few years ago. So sorry for your loss. He was a truly a great performer

alice and mel kleman - September 23, 2017 at 12:47 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of John C. Sager.*



September 22, 2017 at 01:15 AM

JB

“ *Jean Courtney Benge lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager*



Jean Courtney Benge - September 21, 2017 at 10:20 PM

JB

Keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers. Wes and Jean (Courtney) Benge

Jean Courtney Benge - September 21, 2017 at 10:23 PM

CP

Met John in the Rio Grand Valley in 2010 , sing at a Mobile Park. Thoroughly enjoyed his show, and went to several of his that yr. Truly a gifted young man. RIP, John, see you one day soon.

Carol Polzin - September 22, 2017 at 06:17 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John C. Sager.



September 21, 2017 at 05:40 PM



“ Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of John C. Sager.



September 21, 2017 at 03:54 PM



“ It was 2 years ago that Gerald and I last saw John in Branson. We laughed and talked about the many good times we shared around our kitchen table in Deshler in the 70's and 80's. At that time he and Jeff were inseperable and what a joy it was to see the true friendship they shared. John was family. We first met when he was about 6 years old and it was love at first sight. He was already an entertainer - he needed no training - he had a gift from God no one can learn. Oh how we enjoyed him and I know he has a special place in the hearts of many others. His presence will always be felt and the love he gave will never depart from us. Now as his family and friends remember the happy times they shared with him it is my prayer that tears will eventually give way to smiles knowing he is in the arms of our loving God. You will never be forgotten John. God Bless you Jim and Janet with peace at this time. You did a bang up job in raising him.
Sincerely, Ena Davis

ena davis - September 21, 2017 at 02:16 PM

DP

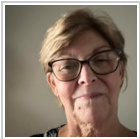
A beautiful tribute, Ena.

dpbbuckeye@hotmail.com - September 22, 2017 at 10:07 PM

DC

“ *I have been a fan of Johns for a long time. We visited on messenger about adoption AS we also have adopted ones in our family. He so loved you and loved his birth family. WE also talked about cancer as my daughter and I both went through it. I am from Idaho, and the first thing we did when we were planning a trip to Branson was to find out where he would be singing. We loved his voice, his smile, and most of all his sweetness. He made everyone feel special always. That was his gift from God I think. Branson will never be quite the same without him. Love to you all.*

Darlene Carlisle - September 21, 2017 at 02:10 PM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. He was adored by so many of us in the Rio Grand Valley, but especially here at ACC in Alamo, TX. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you.*



CeCe Boecker - September 21, 2017 at 01:50 PM

PB

“ *You will forever be in my heart! You called us your stalkers! Peggy, Ginger, Margie, and I. We followed you everywhere! Go sing with the angel band!!*



Patti Bailey - September 21, 2017 at 01:28 PM

BF

“ *Bonnie Floro lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager*



Bonnie Floro - September 21, 2017 at 01:19 PM

RC

“ *Roger Rice And Judy Cline lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager*



Roger Rice and Judy Cline - September 21, 2017 at 10:53 AM

VI

“ *The first time I met John was at his concert. I wear a bandanna because I can't wear wigs. I have been fighting cancer for 11 years. He asked me to follow him which I did. In front of the stage, 4 other and John formed a circle around me and said a healing prayer. This was so uplifting and caring. John then gave his amazing songs that just wowed everyone as usual. His voice and loving heart will be missed by everyone. Prayers to his family and know he was so loved.*

Vickie - September 21, 2017 at 10:51 AM

Katie
Danielle

“ I'll never forget you Sager!



Katie Danielle - September 21, 2017 at 10:35 AM

NH

“ John, the first time I saw you in Branson you were signing my cd's. I said to you that you should have your own show instead of singing for free you are that good. You stopped signing my cd's and said "can I give you a hug." That's the kind of guy you were. I loved you so much. Sing for my family and friends in heaven.

Nancy Hutmacher - September 21, 2017 at 10:18 AM

BV

“ We spend our winters in the Rio Grande Valley and have enjoyed many of John's performances. He was a wonderful performer, singer and personable man. He will be remembered and missed by many of us who had the pleasure of knowing him. RIP, John. Richard and Brigitte Velich

Brigitte Velich - September 21, 2017 at 09:44 AM

JF

“ We will miss you so very much John. No one shined any brighter than you. Your kindness and compassion for people was something I will never forget.



Jena and Scott & Family - September 21, 2017 at 09:30 AM

CP

“ I SEEN HIM LAST YEAR IN BRASON WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING HIM NEXT MONTH I LOVE TO HEAR HIM LAUGH HE WAS ALWAYS SMILING

CHAELETTE PAYNE - September 21, 2017 at 08:40 AM

DS

“ Debbie Soph lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager



Debbie Soph - September 21, 2017 at 08:17 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John C. Sager.



September 21, 2017 at 08:16 AM



“ Our hearts go out to the family of John and know that his memory will live on forever in each heart he touched. Fly high my brother and save me a song to sing when I get there lol



Tim Bailey - September 21, 2017 at 07:57 AM



Jodie
Summer

“ My name is Kristi I made this Facebook account to stay in touch with John on his adventures! I knew John for four years! I'm his awesome Aussie friend! He always wanted to come to Australia but was so scared of flying! Now you can go anywhere mate! I love you John and my heart is broken...sending love and prayers to your mum and dad and family! The world is not the same...I love you John 💔

Jodie Summer - September 21, 2017 at 02:55 AM



“ John was such a great singer. I loved his smile and laughter. Recently spoke on the phone with John. Are conversation was about music and about his dog. He loved that furbaby so much..He will be dearly missed.

Wanda Janelle Maynard Polley - September 21, 2017 at 01:22 AM



ME

“ Jim and Janet, What a shock when I saw the notice of the memorial for john in Branson.
Oh my, so much that could be said but how to say any thing. Even though he was several hours away felt like he was close by and always enjoyed his photos etc. His eyes were as sparkly as ever the time we got to see him sing at the two places in Branson. Wish we could have gone more. Looks like he has hundreds if not thousands of friends he meant a lot to. He spread a lot of joy. I remember that little kid with that big grin--what was he up to next. Take care my friends. Mary Jo Cunningham

Mary Jo Cunningham, Ellinwood,ks - September 21, 2017 at 12:29 AM

LC

“ *Laura Cox lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager*



Laura cox - September 20, 2017 at 11:32 PM



“ *I meet John when I first moved to Branson 6 years ago..We became instant friends..He always told me if I needed help with anything to let him know..When I walked in to place he be singing cuz he knew my love of Elvis he always did a Elvis song right away,,I would tease him saying ,,I buying you a wig and a gold jacket and taking you to Milwaukee WI to win the 25,000 contest.. and I bet he could do it,,but John sang all his songs His Way..Even My Way..tomorrow I will attending the memorial here !! but BOY is it going to be difficult... I can't grasp this yet,,love you John...Sing on high ..LaDawn*



LaDawn Lemerond - September 20, 2017 at 10:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John C. Sager.*



September 20, 2017 at 10:44 PM

JD

“ Jeff, Josh, Stephanie Jones & Scott & Denise Davis purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John C. Sager.



Jeff, Josh, Stephanie Jones & Scott & Denise Davis -
September 20, 2017 at 08:19 PM

CB

“ Crystal Beck sent a virtual gift in memory of John C. Sager



Crystal Beck - September 20, 2017 at 07:12 PM

CB

“ Crystal Beck lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager



Crystal Beck - September 20, 2017 at 07:06 PM

BA

“ Some of my Red Hat group first heard John when our bus tour had lunch at Mel's, in Branson. Next we heard him at a Red Hat Convention in Wichita KS. After that we looked for him because we enjoyed his singing so much. We will all certainly miss John.

Bonnie Adams - September 20, 2017 at 07:01 PM

YV

“ Yvette lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager



Yvette - September 20, 2017 at 04:52 PM

YS

The world has a little less light without John Sager.

Yvette Strick - September 21, 2017 at 12:05 AM

MP

“ I have know John since 2009 I met him at the mall in Branson where he sang John was loving and kind to everyone one I just saw him two weeks ago and he sang to me and Jamey and Julie at Mel's hard luck dinner one fond memories I have is John sang Lee greenwood God bless the USA one time he sang that song and Lee greenwood was setting in back by the beauty show that was great day for everyone there. Special for John I am still lost for words I will miss him very much he was great friend

Mary parks - September 20, 2017 at 04:50 PM

ML

“ Prayers go out to John's family. John was a wonderful person. He was very talented and always had a smile. I met John several years ago in Branson. He always sang One Pair Of Hands whenever I asked him so now I will think of him when I hear that song . RIP John.

You will be missed. Mary Jo Litton one of your fans from Texas.



Mary Jo Litton - September 20, 2017 at 04:18 PM

CF

“ Cheryl Fiesbeck purchased the Rose Romanesque Bouquet for the family of John C. Sager.



Cheryl Fiesbeck - September 20, 2017 at 04:13 PM

BC

“ I only had the privilege of meeting John Sager face to face once at a Woodstock Even set up by Cheryl Feisbeck and this kind, caring, wonderful and very talented man won my heart that night. He became my Facebook friend right away and I was always so happy to see him and hear his wonderful stories and he had such a great sense of humor too.....I was totally shocked to hear of his heart attack and no longer being with us and my heart, sympathies and prayers go out to his family, friends and all who knew and loved him such a terrible loss of a wonderful person in our lives but he was a good man and I believe we will be reunited when Jesus comes to take His children Home with Him for all eternity and I do believe that will be soon. In the meantime, I pray that you have many wonderful memories, pictures and each other to help get through this terrible and overwhelming time.....with love always Red Hat Brenda Crawford, Indianapolis, Indiana.....so sad I never made it back to Branson after I met him.....

Brenda Crawford - September 20, 2017 at 04:07 PM

SH

“ Susan Hendricks lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager



Susan Hendricks - September 20, 2017 at 03:09 PM

SH

To know John was to love him. He had so much love in him that it showed in all of his music. He could make you laugh or cry. His love for his adoptive family was so evident by the way he talked about his family and in photos. When he met his biological family, he shared all of that with his fans as well. Love just poured out from John and his voice was one of the best I've ever heard. I have 8 of his CDs and his 9th was just being made. I wish I had it as well. I extend my sincere sympathy to both of John's families, as I know they will miss that wonderful man and his smile. I am heartbroken. My love to all.

*Sue Hendricks, one of John's biggest fans
O'Fallon, MO*

Susan Hendricks - September 20, 2017 at 03:10 PM

KS

“ I met John a little over a year ago at the Paddle wheel where he was playing. Very talented and quite funny! Many of my friends were close to him. So sad to hear of his passing. God bless

Kim Steele - September 20, 2017 at 02:58 PM

CF

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Cheryl Fiesbeck - September 20, 2017 at 02:51 PM

CF

Unchained Melody was the song he always sang for me and we always danced through it. He was supposed to sing it for me at my funeral. He sang it at my Aunt Bobbie Ann's funeral.

Cheryl Fiesbeck - September 20, 2017 at 10:50 PM

NM

“ The first year that John was in Branson, we were waiting outside Mel's Hardluck Diner and heard this beautiful Voice and when we walked in we saw John, asked to sit in his section. We bought CD's and came back to the diner to see him as well as at the stage at the Walmart mall. From the first time we met him he was our friend and remembered us every year and even knew we were from Wisconsin. He was a wonderful and always had a smile and was kind to everyone!! He never knew a stranger. Janet and Jim you should be so proud of the man you raised!! He will live in our hearts forever!! My sympathy, prayers and thoughts are with you and the whole family. Wish I could be there on friday!! Hugs, Nancy

Nancy McCullick - September 20, 2017 at 02:14 PM

JB

“ Our sincere sympathy to the family of John Sager. We are former Wood County residents and met him in the Rio Grande Valley where we spent our winter months. We enjoyed his singing, sense of humor, caring, and respect he presented in his performances. He will be dearly missed.

*John & Vicki Blasius
San Antonio, TX*

John Blasius - September 20, 2017 at 01:50 PM



“ Rosh Christman lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager



Rosh Christman - September 20, 2017 at 01:08 PM

RH

“ *My husband and I met John Sager at the Rowdy Beaver 7 years ago. He had just walked in with some mutual friends and was introduced to us. We liked him from the beginning. We all sat and started talking while John and my husband and others did karaoke. By the end of the evening, we were close friends and that never changed in all these years. He made me laugh, cry, think and feel so many things. His Sagerisms were one of the highlights of my day. He sang like an angel and was there for anyone who needed him. He was always up for a joke or a harmless prank. I remember when he found his birth family and he decided to bring them into his world and ours.*

We love him. We miss him. We hope he has found peace and someone to sing and laugh with.

Robin F Hoke - September 20, 2017 at 01:00 PM

RH

“ *Robin F Hoke lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager*



Robin F Hoke - September 20, 2017 at 12:54 PM

SR

“ *Sylvie Routhier sent a virtual gift in memory of John C. Sager*



sylvie routhier - September 20, 2017 at 12:29 PM

SR

For all family and for you Josée..

sylvie routhier - September 20, 2017 at 12:32 PM

KP

“ *Kathy Plunkett lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager*



Kathy Plunkett - September 20, 2017 at 12:27 PM

KD

“ Thank you, John, for accepting and loving everyone you met...and for being that “special someone” that impacted the lives of so many!!



In 2010, God blessed me with your friendship at Mel's. From that time, our friendship grew. John, you were one of the “good guys” and that is because of the firm foundation, guidance and love, your parents gave you!! A few weeks ago, I told you that “Humble and Kind” had become my new favorite song. You told me that I should thank your mom as she was on you to record it. (Thank you Janet, for staying on John to record this beautiful gift he left us.) John, the lyrics speak everything you were... such a humble and kind man! You were a true gentleman with manners and a HUGE caring and giving heart! God blessed you greatly! I will miss those qualities about you along with your quick wit, charm, musical talent, love for life and your never ending love for your God and your family. I will miss that contagious smile, our talks, our dinners together, our religious discussions, your many selfies and posts on Facebook, along with my road trips to Branson and Le Mars to see you. All these qualities, along with your big hugs and Luv ya's, made you that special and irreplaceable friend that you have been to me. When you see Tyler, please give him one of your BIG hugs from me and let him know that his his momma loves and misses him so very much!!

Goodbye for now, John... until we meet again! I love you!

*Kathy Danielson
Carlisle, Iowa*

Kathy Danielson - September 20, 2017 at 12:06 PM

SF

“ Prayers for God's comfort, John was a great server & singer my husband & I came to Branson & he sang to us (I was truly embarrassed) 🙏

sharon & richard foote - September 20, 2017 at 11:54 AM

JJ

“ I will miss you John, but I will see you in Heaven with all my other loved ones. God be with those you have left behind.

Judi Jewell - September 20, 2017 at 11:48 AM

BT

“ I will miss John forever. He was such a friend to me & we would meet over 3yrs for either lunch or dinner when I was in Branson with the group that I travel with. We had a picture of the 2 of us every year. His voice was beautiful & could sing anything you put in front of him. Going to Branson now will not be the same without him there. Jesus has you now John & will always hold you. You're one of a kind & my love for you John will always be. Rest in peace. Janet & Jim & all the family God Bless all of you. We'll all see him someday in heaven.

Beverly Tolley - September 20, 2017 at 11:21 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John C. Sager.



September 20, 2017 at 11:13 AM

MP

“ *john will be missed in the Rio Grande Valley.he was a great entertainerR.I.P. John*

marion perry - September 20, 2017 at 10:54 AM

GV

“ *My wife Gladys Marie and I met John at Mel's while we were in Branson celebrating our wedding with friends.*

John sung a song to my wife, she loved it and we became good friends with him.

He will be greatly missed and we send our thoughts and prayers to John's family.

Gary and Gladys Marie Varnell

Gary Varnell - September 20, 2017 at 10:43 AM



JD

“ *So many vivid memories have flooded my mind; many great, and many just "stupid". John and I spent almost every day together in some way from like 4th grade through high school. I feel bad that we didn't stay in touch as often as we should as each of us was moving through different phases in life, me with family and new kids, John with a new career. However, whenever we talked it was as if we never stopped everyday & having the most ridiculous conversations you ever heard, but also the deepest & most important talks about faith in Christ & life in general. John is a light in this world with his personality & friendship to so many. His legacy will live on with me and my family.*

Jeff Decker

Jeff Decker - September 20, 2017 at 10:06 AM

JS

“ My wife and I first met John in Branson few years where he was a singing waiter at the Hard Luck Cafe..he waited on us and sang to us and friends...since then we tried to catch him at one of the RV parks here in the Valley, where he entertained and was loved by our Winter Texans. We have many of his CDs and will miss him terribly. He was a once in a lifetime rare talent who left us too soon and heartbroken...

Jim Siravo - September 20, 2017 at 10:05 AM

LD

“ Lou Ann Shannon & Sharon Shannon Daley purchased the Fairest of All for the family of John C. Sager.



Lou Ann Shannon & Sharon Shannon Daley - September 20, 2017 at 09:47 AM

TF

“ The Decker Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John C. Sager.



The Decker Family - September 20, 2017 at 09:42 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John C. Sager.*



September 20, 2017 at 09:35 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John C. Sager.*



September 20, 2017 at 09:01 AM



“ *John you will be sadly missed. Condolences to your family.*

Len L.



Length Light - September 20, 2017 at 08:33 AM



“ *Jim, Janet and family,*

We were saddened to hear of your loss. I have no words to express my sympathy. I did need to tell how how very sorry I am.

Kim and Jon Lange

Kim Lange - September 20, 2017 at 07:42 AM

DS

“ *Darlyn & Jack C Shumaker lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager*



Darlyn & Jack C Shumaker - September 20, 2017 at 06:20 AM



“ *Christian and I are very sad about this horrible lost for the family living in USA and his French Canadien family living in Québec city. Our thoughts and prayers are made for supporting you all.*



*Patrick Masse
Québec City, Canada*

Patrick Massé - September 20, 2017 at 03:14 AM

LY

“ *Lynn sent a virtual gift in memory of John C. Sager*



Lynn - September 20, 2017 at 02:39 AM

TR

“ Theresa & Ralph Ruddell lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager



Theresa & Ralph Ruddell - September 20, 2017 at 02:13 AM

Mark Anthony Swan

“ John, you are a great friend and brother in Christ. I will miss your friendship and hanging out as we did in the past while I lived in Branson Missouri. I will never forget the first time I met you at Mel's Diner in Branson and realized you was from Ohio too and just down the road from my hometown of Toledo. I appreciate all the talks, fun times and everything you did for me. I am saddened to not have had the opportunity to talk to you in the recent past after I moved back to Ohio. I will forever cherish our friendship and will see you again one day in Heaven. I could only imagine how beautiful Heaven must be and you singing in that Heavenly choir. I love you my friend.



Mark Anthony Swan - September 20, 2017 at 12:58 AM

WK

“ We met John several years ago in Branson -- he was such a kind and caring friend who was blessed with an awesome voice. May God bring comfort to his family and friends. Cherish all of your good memories of the times shared together.
From his Canadian friends, Wayne & Linda Klufas

Wayne & Linda Klufas - September 20, 2017 at 12:15 AM

LC

“ Linda Proctor & Louise Campbell purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John C. Sager.



Linda Proctor & Louise Campbell - September 19, 2017 at 11:52 PM

LP

“ Linda Proctor lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager



Linda Proctor - September 19, 2017 at 11:37 PM

JT

“ I am so sorry to hear about John's passing. I have many fond memories from attending St. Louis School in Custar with him years ago. A few years back I had the privilege of visiting with John and listening to him sing at St. Louis, I am so grateful he was there. My prayers go out for his family and the numerous friends he acquired in his journey

Jennifer Trumbull-Morlock - September 19, 2017 at 11:18 PM

ST

“ Stacey lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager



stacey - September 19, 2017 at 11:09 PM

MH

“ *Mary Heffington lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager*



Mary Heffington - September 19, 2017 at 10:58 PM

AR

“ *Goodbye John, my friend. I'm glad you crossed our path. You will always be in my heart. Watch over us all especially your Canadian and American family. Now rest and sing with all the angels. We'll meet again! xx*



To the families and friends of John, I extend my deepest condolences. I am with you in thought. Annie Rousseau (Quebec) xx

Au revoir John, mon ami. Je suis heureuse d'avoir croisé ton chemin. Tu seras toujours dans mon cœur. Veilles sur nous tous en particulier ta famille canadienne et américaine. Maintenant repose-toi et chante avec tous les anges. On se retrouvera un jour! xx

Aux familles et amis de John, je vous transmets mes plus sincères condoléances. Je suis avec vous par la pensée. Annie Rousseau (Québec) xx

Annie Rousseau - September 19, 2017 at 10:49 PM

MB

“ Michele Brown lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager



Michele Brown - September 19, 2017 at 10:03 PM

MB

“ Michele and Lucas Brown (Straley)



Michele Brown - September 19, 2017 at 09:55 PM

RE

“ Roger & Susan Eis lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager



Roger & Susan Eis - September 19, 2017 at 09:55 PM

SJ

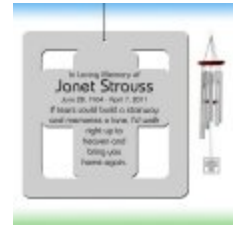
“ I worked with John at Hard Luck Diner! We all had a lot of fun working together because we are like one big family at Mel's. So that being said we all would have our say to each other and still got along. And then there were a lot of short Jokes that we tormented John with. You will be missed ole buddy! Fly high - 🙏 Love you and until we meet again R.I.P.



Shirley Jerden - September 19, 2017 at 09:45 PM



“ *Cross Wind Chime - Personalized was purchased for the family of John C. Sager.*



September 19, 2017 at 09:34 PM



“ *In 1981, our Deshler baseball team played a championship game against an undefeated team. We kept the score close until, in the middle of the game, the shortest player on our our team, John, came to the plate with the bases loaded... and with amazing composure, promptly smashed a home run down the right field line.*

As kids, it inspired us and excited us greatly, and we ended up winning that game against all odds... but more than anything, I will always remember John running over home plate after his home run with that HUGE smile upon his freckled face, that will be missed by so many... RIP

Donovon Lee - September 19, 2017 at 09:33 PM

CF

Thank you for this memory. You put a smile on my face.

Cheryl Fiesbeck - September 20, 2017 at 03:44 PM

JW

“ *Jim, Janet and other family members of John - So very sorry to learn of John's passing. He had an incredible voice and I know will be missed dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Judy Wagner

Judy Wagner - September 19, 2017 at 09:30 PM



“ *When I would visit him in Branson, we would go to the Eager Beaver and they would have a bottle of Merlot chilled for him. I enjoyed our time together. My family loved him as he always entertained them. So many memories but he always made me laugh. My sincerest condolences to his family. I love you all and wish I could be there. My thoughts and prayers are with you all!*



Corey Sippola - September 19, 2017 at 09:24 PM

DB

“ *A beautiful smile to go with his incredible voice. Just bet as Jesus welcomed you home you sang, How Great Thou Art. Anyone who met John was touched by his love of music and life. We were all better because of John and his passion for family, friends and life itself. Rest in peace dear John. Until we all meet again continue your beautiful music with the choirs of angels. Know that Jim and Janet and all your siblings will be supported by all who loved you.*



Leo and Diane Brubaker

Diane Brubaker - September 19, 2017 at 09:24 PM

CK

“ *Cassi Koenig lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager*



Cassi Koenig - September 19, 2017 at 09:13 PM

KM

“ *Kim, Rob, Morgan, Mitchell & Madison lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager*



Kim, Rob, Morgan, Mitchell & Madison - September 19, 2017 at 09:10 PM

KM

“ *Kim, Rob, Morgan, Mitchell & Madison lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager*



Kim, Rob, Morgan, Mitchell & Madison - September 19, 2017 at 09:09 PM

SK

“ *Sherri (Woltmann) Kelly lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager*



Sherri (Woltmann) Kelly - September 19, 2017 at 09:03 PM

GE

“ There are no words that can make this pain go away, I am so happy I was able to grow up with John and be one of his friends through our lives together.

John and I got in much mischief as young kids, and as teens we matured and were able to sing together at many weddings. I am so glad I was able to have those memories with him. John you will forever be my close friend and I will miss you until we meet again. When I see you in heaven I better get my kiss in the teepee! Jim, Janet, Steve and Susan you hold a special place in my heart. I pray for all of you in these next days, months and years that will come and go with out him. He will always be there, look in your heart he planted the most precious seed its love and memories. They will never go away and no one can take them from you. God Bless you all and may Peace be with You!
Gena Walther-Bzovi


gena - September 19, 2017 at 08:28 PM

AP

“ The world lost a caring, wonderful man with a beautiful voice when John was taken from us. He was such fun to be around and will definitely be missed by many. Heaven has gained another awesome voice in their choir. Prayers for his family.



Angie Palko - September 19, 2017 at 08:24 PM


Kristina
Speer

“ Kristina Speer lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager



Kristina Speer - September 19, 2017 at 08:22 PM

MF

“ Maurice Meyer Family lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager



Maurice Meyer family - September 19, 2017 at 08:03 PM

MF

John was "that person" in your life that comes along once and he will always be in your heart and thoughts. We love and miss you-

Maurice Meyer family - September 19, 2017 at 08:06 PM

SB

“ Stephanie Flores Battermann lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager



Stephanie Flores Battermann - September 19, 2017 at 08:01 PM

KO

“ John was a lovely man and a pleasure to work with and to hear entertain. Kathy Olivarez, former editor, Winter Texan Times.

kathy olivarez - September 19, 2017 at 07:57 PM

CF

“ Carol Noble Red Hat Flalmes lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager



Carol Noble Red Hat Flalmes - September 19, 2017 at 07:48 PM

CF

We will miss you terribly and love you dearly RIP John

Carol Noble Red Hat Flames - September 19, 2017 at 07:50 PM



Very nice and caring person and I loved how he closed each performance with the Lee Greenwood song

Lori Johnson - September 19, 2017 at 08:05 PM

SH

John had incredible talent as everyone could see and hear. He was also very kind to my dear mother-in-law, Charlotte. She lived next to him in Deshler. Several times John made sure she was safe during bad weather. He will be missed by so many. ❤️

Sherrie Harris - September 19, 2017 at 09:48 PM

DA

“ *Dan & Jackie Arps lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager*



Dan & Jackie Arps - September 19, 2017 at 07:44 PM



“ *Susan Dunn lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager*



Susan Dunn - September 19, 2017 at 07:43 PM

CL

“ Christina Miller & Mom, Juanita Long lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager



Christina Miller & Mom, Juanita Long - September 19, 2017 at 07:33 PM

CL

“ Christina Miller & Juanita Long lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager



Christina Miller & Juanita Long - September 19, 2017 at 07:32 PM

Janet Genz

“ Janet Genz lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager



Janet Genz - September 19, 2017 at 07:29 PM

Sharon Arens

“ Sharon Arens lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager



Sharon Arens - September 19, 2017 at 07:22 PM

MJ

“ *Marvella Johnson lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager*



Marvella Johnson - September 19, 2017 at 07:14 PM

ST

“ *Sandy Taipale lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager*



Sandy Taipale - September 19, 2017 at 07:11 PM

ST

I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. He was a great friend to all of us Red Hat Ladies who saw him in Indiana. He was such a sweetheart and we all loved him as a friend. He was a great singer. I know now that he is singing with the angels and that God needed him to sing in His choir. We will miss him dearly. I will pray for his friends and family. I am so grateful that he found his birth mother and siblings. He was so happy to share his stories with us about his family. He was very blessed. God bless all of you.

Sandy Taipale - September 19, 2017 at 07:20 PM

KP

“ I met John in 2010 and we quickly became and remained good friends. He was my light when my niece and later my mother were dying. He always knew how to make me smile again. I just saw him again in July when he played a fair in Iowa. He looked and acted great. He sang his heart out at the fair. He brought Chewy with him so another friend and I kept an eye on him for John. The pup is a sweetheart just like his daddy. I'm happy to know Chewy will be remaining with family. He will remain a living part of John. I know without a doubt that John has been chosen for a very special purpose in Heaven. Janet and Jim - he was the chosen one when you chose him to raise as your son. Now God has chosen him for a very important assignment. Families are forever and you will be together again. He loves you with all of his heart. He loved his whole family.

Kathy Plunkett - September 19, 2017 at 07:07 PM

MH

“ John was one of the best people I've ever known. He was always giving, never taking, always had that beautiful smile that could melt you, and always had an ear to listen and a shoulder to cry on. I'm having a hard time believing all of this, but what I do know is I will see him again.

Melissa Haney - September 19, 2017 at 07:04 PM

TN

“ Tim, Les, Jon & Sean Norden lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager



Tim, Les, Jon & Sean Norden - September 19, 2017 at 07:02 PM



“ *Connie Floray lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager*



Connie Floray - September 19, 2017 at 07:02 PM

TS

“ *My Family and I met John about 6 years ago when walked in to Mel's diner. His smile, personality and voice caught us all right away. Mom was smitten with him and bought all of his cds and has her picture with him on her mantle with all the family pictures. We are so saddened and shocked by his passing .We loved John and he made us smile and laugh.I was friends with him on facebook and he always gave us a hug when we came in every year. I sent him cards and presents every year since we met him for Christmas and his birthday.He told me he keeps everything fans give him. I am glad we have so many pictures of him, have the memories, and have everyone of his cds, Mom does, I do too. It will never be the same going to Branson now.My favorite song of his is One Pair of Hands. Everything he sings was so beautiful. I'm trying not to cry now, I'm still in shock and we forever miss him. God must of needed a Angel in Heaven to sing for him. It just doesn't make sense. We know for a fact that John is with the Lord and one day I will see that beautiful smile again. Toni Stenstrom*

Toni Stenstrom - September 19, 2017 at 06:57 PM

LH

“ *Laura Horning lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager*



Laura Horning - September 19, 2017 at 06:52 PM

CB

“ *Growing up in the same parish as John, we were in the same CCD class, same Youth Group, and I am thankful to say, sang a duet or two for mass. His love of life was reflected in song - every time he sang, you could feel every lyric, every emotion - he had a true gift and we benefitted from it! My deepest condolences to the whole Sager family (and John's extended family as well) - take comfort in the fact that John is now at peace with God and singing with the holy choir. Much love to you all - Christine (Pickens) Best*

Christine Pickens Best - September 19, 2017 at 06:42 PM

CF

“ *Oh John you have broken our hearts. I will love you forever. I feel sorry for anyone who didn't know you. You will remain that "Unchained Melody" in my heart forever. I will treasure the picture of our last dance. Rest well beautiful and compassionate soul.....Cheryl Gardner Fiesbeck*

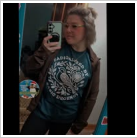
Cheryl Fiesbeck - September 19, 2017 at 06:39 PM

CB

“ *Christine Pickens Best lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager*



Christine Pickens Best - September 19, 2017 at 06:37 PM



“ *Brandi Diem lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager*



Brandi Diem - September 19, 2017 at 06:23 PM

RR

“ *Rayola Risner lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager*



Rayola Risner - September 19, 2017 at 06:06 PM

AL

“ *Ann Labie lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager*



Ann Labie - September 19, 2017 at 06:05 PM

KP

“ *Kim Phillips lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager*




Kim Phillips - September 19, 2017 at 05:29 PM

SM

Branson will never be the same for all of us John was always so wonderful to be around he was family to us God needed John in His heavenly choir we are the girls from Texas Sarah Teresa Toni Thelma Kathy Darlene God be with you

sarah maxwell - September 21, 2017 at 07:03 PM


Christina
German

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers.*



Christina German - September 19, 2017 at 05:16 PM

DC

“ *Donna Coxj lit a candle in memory of John C. Sager*



Donna coxj - September 19, 2017 at 05:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John C. Sager.*



September 19, 2017 at 04:46 PM



“ *I love to hear John sing. He was such a nice person. We would talk about being adopted and that we both got very loving homes. I was so glad he found his birth parents with your blessing. I was rejected by my birth mother. I am also glad his recently spend time with his sisters and the trip to Quebec with his mother. Women loved John but so did my husband. When John saw him walk into a concert, he knew he would have to sing the trilogy. I am so glad I have all his cd's. we listen to him all the way on our 1400 mile trip to Texas. We are so sad we won't get to attend several concerts there this year. He was so young to go but he had such a strong faith I know he is in God's loving hands.*

Barb and Jake Jacobson

barb Jacobson - September 19, 2017 at 04:30 PM



I saw John in Texas & in Branson. Loved his singing & his smile, which he always had. Everyone loved him & his concerts were always filled. He had so much going for him I wonder how far he would have gone. Prayers to his 2 families & daughter. RIP Jonn u will be sadly missed.

Judi Eaker - September 19, 2017 at 06:33 PM

RD

We would see John every time we went to Branson. He was one of the best entertainers and very personable. He will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

Ruth & Doug Dankers

Ruth Dankers - September 20, 2017 at 10:42 AM

MR

Dear Janet, Jim & family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. May you be comforted by knowing how many people your beloved John touched in his too-short life. Though he is no longer here, he lives on through all those wonderful memories you have locked in your hearts, through all the photos and videos that capture his personality, through the cd's of his music that gave a glimpse into his soul. May your faith and the love of family & friends sustain you. Love, Mary Ellen

Mary Reinke - September 20, 2017 at 11:22 AM

LM

I was introduced to John 2 years ago by Jan Hedges who loved to see him perform. You could tell right away he was a special person as everyone loved him. He had my husband and I come on stage to do motor boating. I told him how much he looked like my son who we adopted. John had a connection with so many people. He will be surely missed.

lynn. massingill - September 20, 2017 at 04:42 PM

BP

Dear Jim, Janet and family, We met John in Branson at Mel's. I told him I was from a little town in northwest OH. That huge smile shone brightly as he said, "Deshler." He asked my name and I told him. With no hesitation he said, Anna's father or uncle?" Many years ago, Jim told me they were getting a baby from Ontario, Canada. I asked if he spoke French. Jim said he doesn't speak anything yet. What a loss for all of us. He will be remembered as a humble, compassionate, wonderful person, and will be sadly missed. Our hearts and prayers are with you and your family.

Burr Pelton - September 21, 2017 at 02:03 PM