



## John Arthur Saneholtz Jr.

March 7, 1953 - July 10, 2023

John Arthur Saneholtz Jr, 70, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away on Thursday, July 10, 2023, at his home surrounded by his loved ones. He was born in Harrisburg, PA on March 7, 1953, to John and Janice (Tribby) Saneholtz. John was a 1971 graduate of Napoleon High School and received a Landscape/Horticulture Certificate from Northwest State Community College the following year. On March 28, 1981, he married Rita Rae Higbea at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Napoleon.

John was a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Napoleon. He was a member of the Bert G. Taylor Post 300 Sons of the American Legion. He also shot pool for Valley 8 Ball League for 40 years, shooting out of the Town Tap, Okolona Tavern, and Sager's Bar. He began his career working in road construction out of the local laborer's union. Following the recession in the early '80s, John worked for Valley Lawn and Landscape, Sand Ridge Nursery, and the Henry County Courthouse. Once John's brother purchased the Town Tap, John enjoyed assisting him as a nighttime bartender for the next 20 years. John was a firm believer in being a good steward of the Earth and practiced conservation and ecology. He enjoyed fishing, camping, gardening, agronomy, and the outdoors. He especially liked outdoor barbeques and bonfires with his family and friends.

John is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Rita; sons, Sean (Cassie

Rickenberg) - Napoleon, Daniel (Amy) - Grove City, Ohio, James (Jennifer Sines) - Napoleon, and Nathaniel - Napoleon; On October 10, 2017, John and his wife became permanent Guardians of 10-month-old Lincoln Hesselschwardt; grandchildren, Alexia, Ethan, Eli, and Jade Saneholtz. John is also survived by his loving siblings: Mike (Vicki) - Napoleon, Carol (Ron) Sumner- Sammamish, WA, David - Seattle, WA, Jean (Charlie) Bremer- Defiance, Joan (Tom) Borstelman - Napoleon, and Susan (Rob) Longstreth - Shoreline, WA. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his middle son, Brian.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Saturday, July 15, 2023 from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Funeral Services will be held at the funeral home on Sunday, July 16, 2023 at 1:00 PM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Memorial contributions may be made to Elara Caring Hospice, Christ United Methodist Church, or Nature's Nursery. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com).

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUL 15. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon  
1010 Westmoreland Avenue  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Public Viewing

JUL 16. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon  
1010 Westmoreland Avenue  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Funeral Service

JUL 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon  
1010 Westmoreland Avenue  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



**Rodenberger Funeral Home** - November 08, 2023 at 11:38 AM

DW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Denny Williams** - August 09, 2023 at 04:39 PM

JH

“ *Rita - I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. My thoughts are with you and your family. Condolences also to Mike and siblings. Janis L Huston*

**Janis L Huston** - July 16, 2023 at 02:44 PM

RM

“ *Ron Janet McGhee lit a candle in memory of John Saneholtz*



**Ron and Janet McGhee** - July 15, 2023 at 03:40 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of John Arthur Saneholtz Jr..



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July 15, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of John Arthur Saneholtz Jr..



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July 14, 2023 at 07:30 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Arthur Saneholtz Jr..

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July 14, 2023 at 07:30 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of John Arthur Saneholtz Jr..



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July 13, 2023 at 06:57 PM

ES

“ *In Reference ; John  
So sorry to txt wrong word in message sent Meant to say Wife sorry  
for writing in Vicky I am truly sorry for misprint other than that. It will  
be your decision  
to make Estela Spires*

Estela Spires - July 13, 2023 at 02:07 PM

AS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Amy Scanlan - July 13, 2023 at 01:15 PM

AS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Amy Scanlan - July 12, 2023 at 11:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of John Arthur Saneholtz Jr..*



July 12, 2023 at 10:13 PM

JS

“ Dear Rita and the whole family, please accept our sincerest condolences on John's passing. May God bring you comfort at this time. Cherish all your wonderful memories.  
Sincerely, Jan and John Stover

jan Stover - July 12, 2023 at 08:04 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of John Arthur Saneholtz Jr..



July 12, 2023 at 07:53 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Arthur Saneholtz Jr..



July 12, 2023 at 07:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Arthur Saneholtz Jr..



July 12, 2023 at 07:03 PM

TF

“ *The Gunn Children and their Families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Arthur Saneholtz Jr..*



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**The Gunn Children and their Families** - July 12, 2023 at 12:58 PM

RM

“ *Rita I'm so sorry for your loss! You and your Family are in my Prayers!*



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**Reda (Daniel) Maynard** - July 12, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Arthur Saneholtz Jr..*



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July 11, 2023 at 10:16 PM

SB

“ *Knew John for many many years. He was a good man who would help anyone.*

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**Scott Barnes** - July 11, 2023 at 06:12 PM

ES

*John always was a kind , generous, humorous,  
an Very Caring. 🥹🙏*

*God has chosen You to  
show US ALL What a Man of Life should Be an Always be  
remembered We shall miss his Like an Love. My Dad  
has always Cared an Enjoyed his an his Wife Vicky Company 💕💕  
Thank You John*

*For your presence 🙏*

*Sincerely ,*

*Alonzo Salaz 's 🙏Familia ❤️*

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**Estela Spires** - July 13, 2023 at 07:31 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of John Arthur Saneholtz Jr..*



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July 11, 2023 at 05:36 PM

VG

“ *John was a man of few words but always a smile on his face. We  
both worked for the county at the same. He was a hard worker and  
very dependable. What joy he must have felt when he entered the  
gates of Heaven 💕. His love surrounds all of you at this sad time.  
Gods blessings.*

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**Vicki Glick** - July 11, 2023 at 04:26 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of John Arthur Saneholtz Jr..*



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July 11, 2023 at 03:26 PM

JC

“ *My sincere Sympathy to John's Sisters my friends Jean and Joan. Condolences to his wife and Family! RIP*

Judi Cotter - July 11, 2023 at 01:53 PM

MH

“ *Praying for you all. John was a good one and he will be missed.*

Melanie Hicks - July 11, 2023 at 12:48 PM

HG

*Rita and family, Sorry to hear of John's passing, we were neighbors of your parents for a long time.*

Hal G. Griffin - July 11, 2023 at 01:32 PM

CB

*GOD BLESS AND KEEP ALL  
NUMBERS 6:24-26*

C. Todd and Patricia Brink - July 12, 2023 at 04:27 PM

DU

*Dave and I are deeply saddened to hear about John's passing. We are praying for you, Rita, and your family at this difficult time. John was always such a wonderful person and he will be missed by us and many others.*

Dave and Cindy Upp - July 12, 2023 at 11:22 PM