



## John R. Sunderman

November 23, 1933 - August 14, 2014

John R. Sunderman, age 80, of Huntington, passed away at 11:25 p.m. Thursday (August 14, 2014) at his home.

Visitation will be held from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. Monday (August 18, 2014) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday (August 19, 2014) at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Rick Hawks officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the funeral service. Burial will be in Lancaster Cemetery in Huntington County.

Preferred memorials are to Cancer Services of Huntington County or Family Life Care Hospice, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN.

John was born November 23, 1933 in Lancaster Township in Huntington County, the son of Fred J. and Marie (Shideler) Sunderman. He was a 1951 graduate from Lancaster High School. He was united in marriage to Marilyn Jean Brooking on September 9, 1956 in Huntington. He attended the School of Insurance at Purdue University and was the former owner of Insurance Services in Huntington, from which he retired in 2009 after 48 years in the insurance business. John was a member of The Chapel in Allen County. He served the community as chairman of The American Red Cross, President of the Kiwanis Club, President of the Huntington County Independent Insurance

Agents, President of the YMCA Board, and a 4-H Fair Board Member. Also, he was the Vice President of the Lime City Economic Development Corporation and the Economic Development Commission of Huntington County. He was also a member of the Huntington County Basketball Hall of Fame.

John is survived by his wife of 57 years - Marilyn J. Sunderman of Huntington; two daughters - Ann M. (Mike) Bonifas and Sara E. Sunderman, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters - Dianne (David) Parrett of Huntington and Patricia M. (John) Weeks of Fishers; one grandson – Evan Bonifas of Fort Wayne, and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers - Robert Sunderman and Donald Sunderman, and three sisters - Margaret Bryan, Marjorie Rohrabaugh, and Carolyn J. Hart.

# Cemetery Details

## Lancaster Cemetery

5559 S. 300 W.  
Huntington, IN 46750

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 18.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary  
35 West Park Drive  
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(260) 356-1710  
wecare@baileylove.com  
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## Visitation

**AUG 19.** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of John R. Sunderman



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**Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary** - August 18, 2014 at 10:51 AM



“ Condolences to the Sunderman family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family. Psalms 147:3 says Jehovah God, "heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds." May God bring you comfort and peace.

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**Williams Family** - August 25, 2014 at 10:55 PM



“ Dear Marilyn, I just learned of Johns' death when Allen called to wish me a happy birthday I was so saddened to hear this. You and John have always been so special to me.

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**Mabel Smart Weller** - August 25, 2014 at 05:09 PM

AB

“ Marilyn, Anne, and Sara,

*Please accept our deepest condolences on the loss of John. We have such happy memories of our days at the lake and the time we were neighbors with your family. John was such a soft-spoken and wonderful man, a real gentleman, whom we will always remember with fondness, respect, and admiration.*

*Our prayer is that the Heavenly Father will shower each of you with His love, peace, comfort, and strength as you go through these difficult days of adjustment and acceptance.*

*Fondest wishes from your former neighbors,  
Anne and Herb Bailey  
Herbie and Sarah Bailey and daughters Mandy and Emily  
Heidi and Gary Leininger and daughters Josie and Jules*

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**Anne Bailey** - August 20, 2014 at 05:52 PM

MB

“ Mrs. Sunderman: My most sincere condolences on passing of your husband, John. He and I had a business relationship that goes back to 1994. When I was a young claims manager visiting those "big, important" agencies that my bosses were always telling me to tread lightly around, he always made me feel welcome and he always made me feel like I had something important to offer his business. He was a good man and I admired him very much. I am so sorry for your loss. Mark Byler - Westfield Insurance

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**Mark Byler** - August 20, 2014 at 10:50 AM

JG

“ Marilyn, was so sorry to read of John's passing. You and you family are in my thoughts and prayers. I just got back back in town last night and spent today reading old newspapers. I am so sorry I was not able to get to the funeral service today. Judy (Sutton) Van Gessel

Judy (Sutton) Van Gessel - August 19, 2014 at 05:39 PM

NW

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you Marilyn and your family. I have many fond memories of John. May he rest in peace. Nancy Zahn-White.

Nancy White - August 19, 2014 at 02:15 PM

PB

“ Dear Aunt Marilyn, Ann, Sara, & Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you. Uncle John was one of the most wonderful men in my life, and he was always an inspiration to me. I loved him dearly. I know that our "Angels in Heaven" welcomed him with open wings. Love, Pam

Pamela Hart Butts - August 18, 2014 at 06:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John R. Sunderman.



August 18, 2014 at 05:13 PM

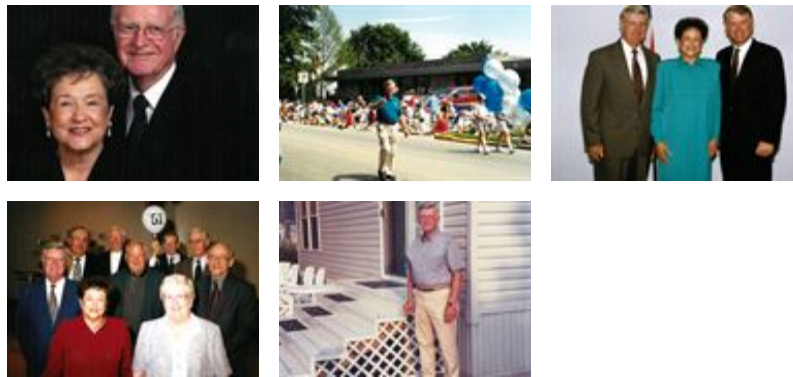
DW

“ To John's family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Marilyn, our family talked of you and John several times over the years when we were both at lake Tippy. (good times and great talks over our deck railing.) Please know that you are and will be in my prayers.  
David Wynn

David Wynn - August 18, 2014 at 04:16 PM

BL

“ 23 files added to the album LifeTributes



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - August 18, 2014 at 12:46 PM

MB

“ Sara. I am so sorry to read of the passing of your father. I know from talking to you how much he meant to you . May God be with you and your family at this time and always! Your friend, Meegan Braun

Meegan Braun - August 18, 2014 at 03:47 AM

NH

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Nancy and Doug Haberland

Nancy Haberland - August 17, 2014 at 06:33 PM

BM

“ Dear Marilyn,  
Linda and I extend our sympathy to you and the family on John's passing. He was a great husband and I know a good father. He was a positive influence in the Huntington Community and I always appreciated his friendship. We will not be at the visitation due to the fact that I am recovering from major surgery. I did want you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Bruce & Linda Myers

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**Bruce & Linda Myers** - August 17, 2014 at 01:18 PM

TS

“ To the family of John Sunderman:My heart is heavy with John's passing. I didn't know him before Walmart but it seems like I've known him for a lifetime. A very nice man. It always made my day brighter when he came through my checkout line.My sympathy to you all



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**Terry E Scher** - August 17, 2014 at 10:48 AM

SO

“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathies for your loss.

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**Stephanie (Grodrian) Ort** - August 16, 2014 at 08:43 PM

JF

“ So sorry to learn of John's death. He spent many good years working with my father (Oren) at Insurance Services. John was a gentleman and friend, not to mention provider of Thanksgiving dinner for many years! Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*John and Susan Fouts*

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**john fouts** - August 16, 2014 at 06:22 PM

LR

“ We did business with John for many years. We had great respect for his guidance and honesty with our insurance. John was certainly a special person. He will be greatly missed. Our love and sympathy to the family, Larry and Damaris "Dee" Rader

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**Larry and Damaris "Dee" Rader** - August 16, 2014 at 11:30 AM

KS

“ Marilyn and girls,  
So sorry to hear of the passing of John. I have memories of coming to your home as a child and enjoying our time with your family and also going to the lake. If my mom and dad were still alive they would be at the visitation to see your family. I am sorry that I cannot make it. You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Kay Schwartz daughter of D and June Fox

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**Kay Schwartz** - August 16, 2014 at 06:41 AM

SW

“ I had the privilege of working with John for over 16 years. He was the best boss an employee could ever work with. He was a special man and is loved by many and will be missed greatly. Love and Hugs to Marilyn, Sara, Ann and family.

*REST IN PEACE - JOHN*

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**Sally Wohlford** - August 15, 2014 at 08:32 PM

SA

“ Sally lit a candle in memory of John R. Sunderman



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**Sally** - August 15, 2014 at 08:19 PM

JV

“ Dear Sara and Family,

*I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Mr. Sunderman. He was always so kind to me. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I hope that God will bring you comfort during this difficult. time. With Deepest Sympathy, Jane Hale Varney*

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**Jane Hale Varney** - August 15, 2014 at 07:09 PM

DC

“ Aunt Marilyn, Ann & Sara,  
*Sending Heart Hugs to you - until I can deliver in person. Praying that you feel God's loving hands cradle your hearts and souls. Love to All.*

*Deb and Doug Clark*

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**Deb Clark** - August 15, 2014 at 12:47 PM