



## John A. Robertson

October 24, 1938 - August 10, 2008

John A. Robertson, age 69, of South Haven, passed away Sunday, August 10, 2008 at Borgess Medical Center, Kalamazoo. The family will meet friends on Wednesday from 6-8 PM at the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, with a memorial service Thursday 2:00 PM at the First Congregational Church UCC of South Haven with Rev. Jeffrey Dick officiating. According to his wishes cremation has taken place. John was born October 24, 1938 in Hubbardston, MI the son of Thomas and Ruth (Mercereau) Robertson, and has lived in the South Haven area for many years, where he was the owner and operator of Robertson's Cropdusting for the past 28 years. Surviving are his wife Lee (Brownson) whom he married December 3, 1960; 2 children, Daniel Robertson of South Haven, Kristin (Michael) Helms of South Haven; 5 grandchildren, Hannah, Benjamin, Zachary, Brody, Abigail; a sister, Sylvia (Gerald) Krausz of Portland, MI; 2 brothers, Stanley Joe (Mary Ellen) Robertson of East Tawas, MI, Eddie Bert (Sylvia) Robertson, Waleska; GA and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son Denis Robertson.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **13**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel  
258 West Monroe Street  
Bangor, MI

## Service

AUG **14**. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Congregational Church UCC  
651 Phoenix  
South Haven, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Lee, Daniel, Kristin (and brothers Joe and Eddie),

*We were very saddened to learn of John's passing (from the Grayling paper). John and I grew up together as best friends living less than two block away from each other's homes. He was always a great spirit to do things with and we graduated together in 1956 after 13 years in school together. We bought cars in 1955 and thought we were the toast of the town of Grayling! We worked across the street from each other in gas stations most of the junior and senior years. Over the years I came to know Joe and Eddie as almost family as I spent many days and evenings at the Robinson home. John was a joy to see as we passed through South Haven from Illinois (our home). We got to know you Lee and Daniel and Kristin through out occasional visits. Your dad will be missed greatly by me as he was so much a part of my early years in life. Our hears go out to your families.*

*Love, Hans and Carolyn Andrews##imported-begin##Hans and Carolyn Andrews ##imported-end##*

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September 03, 2008 at 04:15 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Ed Walle and girls##imported-end##

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August 26, 2008 at 10:26 PM



“ We are sad to hear of John's passing. He will be missed by all that knew him.##imported-begin##Al & Rod Studer ##imported-end##

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August 19, 2008 at 05:49 PM



“ We are praying for you.  
Trennis and Sherry Vaughn  
Vaughn's Flying Service, Inc. Caro, MI##imported-begin##Trennis  
and Sherry Vaughn##imported-end##

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August 19, 2008 at 12:03 PM



“ Dear, Lee, Dan and Kris,

*Today I received the awful news about John. Knowing very little of him as a person, I'm surprised at my level of grief just now. Whether it's due to my distant connection to your family or due to some elusive feelings of regret, I do not know, but I'm profoundly sad for your loss today and I wanted you to know the ripples have traveled far.*

*My regrets lie in my failure to communicate with John over the years. And by reading these guest book entries, it sounds as though it was my acute loss to not embrace him as a friend while I had the chance. On several occasions and before our move to Montana four years ago, I had opportunities to chat with John at the airport but they always passed without a conversation. On the very morning we were to drive out of Michigan for the last time (spring '04), from M-43 I saw a Robertson's plane take off. I had some time to burn, so I went out one last time. The hangar was empty, so resisting the powerful impulse to climb into the one airplane remaining and sit for awhile, I left. I even spied your family across the street at a parade awhile back, but despite a notable pull to cross over, I lacked the guts to face the whole crew at once. Again, my loss.*

*Well, I reckon my conversation with John will be put off a bit longer now, but I hope still to catch up with him some day. Though I don't pretend to know, I imagine John might find that old airport on the short list of acceptable places from which to fly west.*

*I wish for you, John, a warm welcome into God's kingdom, light winds, a favorable density altitude, and a birds-eye view of your family as they grow and continue to make you proud. And to you Lee, Dan, Kris and all who were lucky enough to know John, I send my hopes for solace during the difficult days ahead and even a smile or two as you remember the best of times with John.*

*Best Regards,*

*Eric John Antrim  
Stevensville, Montana##imported-begin##Eric John  
Antrim##imported-end##*

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August 16, 2008 at 02:44 AM



“ *How fitting that this is from the book of John:*

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26*

*Take care old friend, see you in a few years.##imported-  
begin##Rick Stenberg##imported-end##*

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August 14, 2008 at 09:51 PM



“ *A finer man I have never known.*

*You welcomed me into your heart and your home.*

*Generous of spirit, of your love and your time,*

*A man more giving would be hard to find.*

*Your love for my children had no limits -*

*It's hard to imagine their world without you in it.*

*The values you instilled and the lessons you taught*

*Will be taken to heart and never forgot.*

*So thank you, John, for the gifts that you gave along the way -*

*Not the store bought ones for Christams and birthdays (thought those were always great).*

*Thank you for the gifts of love, time, patience, integrity, character and respect.*

*These are the gifts they will never forget.*

*I can think of no greater tribute that can be paid*

*Then when my son said, "I will make my Grandpa proud - everyday."*

*Our hearts are broken and we have cried a thousand tears -*

*But we know that you are watching over us while wrapped in God's arms.*

*So soar in the heavens and fly in the light -*

*Enjoy the magnificence of your eternal flight.*

*We will love you always and you will be so very missed.*

*Liz, Hannah and Ben###imported-begin##Liz Robertson###imported-end##*

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August 14, 2008 at 11:43 AM



“ *Lee, Liz, Hannah and Ben,  
We are saddened by your loss.  
May your many warm and wonderful memories of your time with  
John, (Grandpa) be with you always.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Diane, Tom, Katie, and Alex Stoll###imported-begin##Diane  
Stoll###imported-end##*

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August 14, 2008 at 10:30 AM



“ *My heart goes out to you and your family, Lee. We have enjoyed  
being your neighbor, knowing that if any emergency arrived, you or  
John would always be there to help us if needed.*

*You and your family have our most heartfelt sympathy.  
Love from all the Brucki's*

*Pat , Paul, Kris, Katia, Mary & Margie###imported-begin##Pat  
Brucki###imported-end##*

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August 14, 2008 at 09:35 AM



“ *Lee, Dan & Kris,  
We are so saddened with the sudden loss of John. You have our sincere sympathy. He will be greatly missed.  
Andy & Judy Davis###imported-begin###Andy & Judy Davis###imported-end###*

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August 14, 2008 at 09:28 AM



“ *Kris, Mike and Family  
We were so sad to hear of the passing of your father, Kris. We would be at the church tomorrow but I have an eye appointment right in the middle of it.  
You and your family are in our prayers always.  
May God Bless you all  
Uncle Mel and Aunt Julie###imported-begin###Mel and Julie Cole###imported-end###*

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August 13, 2008 at 09:57 PM



“ *We forgot; Our kids, Jim and Kristi were very saddened to hear of the passing of John and also send their condolences to all of the Robertson family.  
Lee, Dan, & Chris; Please don't hesitate to call or stop by if any of you ever need anything or someone to talk with.###imported-begin###Jim & Sandy Weinert###imported-end###*

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August 13, 2008 at 04:28 PM



“ John - Although you're now gone, you will never be forgotten. You've been a great friend and like a Brother though the years. We'll miss all the fun we've had together and all the fabulous stories that you told about nearly everything you did. I'll (Jim) will always remember the two trips we took to Arkansas to pick up airplane parts. I (Sandy) will never forget the time several years ago, You and Lee stopped at our house on Mothers Day and brought me a hanging flower basket, just for the heck of it. It was just those little things that you always did that made you special.

Lee, Dan, and Chris - Our thoughts and prayers go out to you in this time of great sadness. John was trully one of a kind and there'll never be anyone like him again. He had the knack of bringing out the best in everyone he came in contact with and he was always willing to help and give of himself, no matter who asked. We'll think of John every time we see one of the "Croppers" frying overhead.##imported-begin##Jim & Sandy Weinert##imported-end##

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August 13, 2008 at 04:21 PM



“ I didn't know John that well but my daughter, Jennifer (Vinoski-Brucki-Harmon) did. He bought her Volkswagon Rabbit...! Jeni is sending her concolences thru me, her Mom. We are very sorry to hear about John. Jeni said he was a great person!##imported-begin##Diane Vinoski##imported-end##

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August 13, 2008 at 02:23 PM



“ To the Robertson and family: We was so shocked to read about John. Lee if you ever need a friend ju email me and we will do lunch sometime. To the children and grandchildren I am sure they was the apple ofhis eyes.

No mater how bad a day was going John always had a smile on his face and a kind word for everbody.

John u was loved by so many I hope the lord has a special room for u and god Bless###imported-begin###Pearl Russell and family###imported-end##

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August 13, 2008 at 02:19 PM



“ I forgot to mention in my first message that when I first heard of Johnny's passing, I thought of my Grandpa Ben being there (one of the many) to meet him in Heaven. I can imagine some of the laughs they are having together right now. It helps knowing that we will all be together again one day.

Love & Prayers, Kim Wixson###imported-begin###Kimberly Wixson (Whitney/Robertson)###imported-end##

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August 13, 2008 at 12:48 PM



“ My love to our family. Johnny was a special cousin (like an uncle) that was always good for a laugh. Like an anchor for the Robertson family, reunions won't be the same without him. He is remembered with much love.

Kim, Natasha, Rachel, Benjamin & Kristine Wixson###imported-begin###Kimberly Wixson (Robertson/Whitney)###imported-end##

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August 13, 2008 at 12:37 PM



“ John, was a wonderful man. I will always remember getting tractor rides from Johnny at the farm when I was little and my Sister, Kim and I yelling "Here's Johnny!"

We send our deepest and sincere sympathies, you are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless you all.

Robin, Todd, Kylie & Kelsey Marsh##imported-begin##Robin Marsh (Whitney)##imported-end##

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August 13, 2008 at 08:28 AM



“ To the Robertson family: Over the years I have looked forward to spring knowing I would soon be getting a call from John to spray my blueberries. John always was very accomodating and friendly, a true GENTLEMAN and businessman. It has been a pleasure of Rochefort's blueberries to do business with such a fine person. We look forward to the continued relationship. May thee blessing of God, and his Son be with you during these times. My prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Gaylord Rochefort##imported-end##

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August 13, 2008 at 06:54 AM



“ We have many wonderful memories of when you folks were in Portland. Would like to relive those days. Little kids and little problems, oh how nice it was. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We will certainly be in touch. Have plans so will not be able to make the services but will definitely be thinking of you. Love and prayers.##imported-begin##Dale and Gladys Stiffler##imported-end##

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August 12, 2008 at 09:58 PM



“ Lee and family, We have known you forever, We are so sorry about John. This first memory I have of John is New Years Eve party at our home. He, Bob and Dale Johansen sat in the boat wishing it was warm weather. John helped lots of young men in the area. We will always remember his smile. Bev, Shirley, MaryAnn and JoEllen Smith###imported-begin##Beverly Smith###imported-end##

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August 12, 2008 at 07:49 PM



“ I am so very sorry to learn of Mr. Robertson's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with your family...###imported-begin##Mark Seiler###imported-end##

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August 12, 2008 at 02:55 PM



“ Lee, Kris and Dan,  
May God hold you all tight in His arms of love in this time of sorrow. I will always remember spending my summers in South Haven with the Gruber Clan and all of us watching many a July 4th parade, playing softball and picnics.  
You are all in my prayers.###imported-begin##Pat Clark###imported-end##

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August 12, 2008 at 01:36 PM



“ Lee, Daneil, Kris, Mike and all of your family, I am so greived for you and am praying God's arms around you at this time. Wish I could be there to help you. All my love and concern Ginny and David###imported-begin##Ginny Barnett ###imported-end##

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August 12, 2008 at 01:07 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Monica Garber##imported-end##

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August 12, 2008 at 12:51 PM



“ Lee, Dan, & Chris,  
We will see you Wed. But just wanted to let you know we are so sorry for your loss. Sometimes there are so many people you want to speak to at visitations but do not have the chance because there is so little time to visit with everyone. That is what happened at my mothers. I saw you there but never had the chance to speak to you. John delivered Dave chemicals in the spring and we started talking about my dad. He got out of his truck and gave me a big hug and talked to me until I felt better. I will never forget that day. He was always there anyone who needed help. Having John in our lives was an honor. He will be missed everyday of lives. I believe John and Dad are telling each other jokes right now. Our whole family thought alot of John.  
God bless your family and know you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Love,  
Dave and Rita##imported-begin##Dave & Rita Butler##imported-end##

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August 12, 2008 at 10:06 AM



“ John : You were one cool guy..  
Alice loved you dearly..  
Rest in peace with Our Lord.....##imported-begin##Ted Reszel##imported-end##

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August 12, 2008 at 01:13 AM



“ Our deepest and sincere sympathies. John was a wonderful man and will be dearly missed.##imported-begin##Pete & Sue Hoelter##imported-end##

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August 11, 2008 at 08:17 PM



“ John Was a great friend and is allready Missed He was quick with a joke or a story.##imported-begin##Brian Horan##imported-end##

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August 11, 2008 at 07:52 PM