



Johnie Sansom

October 28, 1928 - December 24, 2020

Johnie Sansom Jr., our dad, 92, of Coloma, received the greatest Christmas gift ever when he slipped into the Eternal presence of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2020, surrounded by his loving family.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 2, 2021, at the Apostolic Tabernacle, 1881 Greenly, Benton Harbor with Bishop Billy Long officiating. Visitation will be from noon until time of service at the church. Cremation will follow the service. Memorials may be made to the Apostolic Tabernacle in Johnie's name. Arrangements are by the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township. Please share memories, messages and photos at www.florin.net.

Johnie Sansom Jr. was born at home on October 29th, 1928 in Peter Fork Hollow, McCarr, Kentucky to John and Elizabeth "Betty" (Gibson) Sansom. On June 28, 1952 he married the love of his life Gretna Oma Blankenship. They were married in Williamson, WV. Shortly after marriage they moved to Chicago where they resided for 15 years before moving to Southwest Michigan. They have lived for 53 years in the Coloma area. The past couple years he has called Royalton Manor in Royalton Township his home.

Johnie was a hard working individual. He was first employed in the Coal

Mines of Kentucky and then he was employed for the railroad as a track inspector where he walked the tracks 6 miles each day inspecting and driving spikes. His latest employment was for Bendix / Bosch Corporation in Lincoln Township where he retired in 1991 after 20 years. Johnie was also a minister of the Gospel which was his first love for many years.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Gretna Oma (Blankenship) Sansom.in 2018.

Johnie is survived by five sons, Dexter (Delia) Sansom of Bridgman, Randall (Debby) Sansom of Bridgman, Danny (Maxine) Sansom of Coloma, Dennis Sansom of Watervliet, and Johnny (Darla) Sansom of Goodletts, TN. He is also survived by a brother, Earling Sansom, a sister, Geraldine Conroy, a sister-in-law Deloris Blankenship, and a whole host of nieces and nephews, and many great friends. He leaves behind to cherish his memory 23 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren, 22 great-great grandchildren.

He was a great man of Prayer, Faith and Character, a true Disciple of Jesus Christ. May the world follow his example of loving God and loving people.

John 3:16

For God So Loved the World that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not Perish but Have Everlasting Life.

Cemetery Details

Cremation will follow Service

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Apostolic Tabernacle
1881 Greenly Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Service Celebrating His Life

JAN 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Brenda Aliff lit a candle in memory of Johnie Sansom*



Brenda Aliff - August 25, 2021 at 09:28 PM

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“ *God's blessing to everyone. I so enjoyed spending a little time visiting with Uncle Johnnie and his brother and sister this past summer. I pray for everyone.*

Kathyjo Turner

Kathyjo Turner - January 02, 2021 at 01:04 PM

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“ *Johnnie was married to my first cousin, Gretna Sansom. The summer after finishing high school I worked in Chicago so that i would have money for school is the Fall. Johnnie and Gretna invited me to stay with them. They would never accept any money, it was always, "you save it for college." I was not the only person that they helped over the years. Johnnie loved his family, including the extended family. He was a gracious and loving man and it was my good fortune to have known him.*

Pat Wolford Porter

Pat Porter - January 02, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Johnie Sansom.*



January 01, 2021 at 02:52 PM



“ *Uncle Johnie touched so many lives. We are forever grateful for the last few summers that he was able to travel to Tennessee to have a reunion with his surviving brother and sister. He was such a blessing to be around. The kindest man we knew. His smile would light up the room. Looking forward to celebrate with him in heaven. Our prayers are with his kids and families during these coming weeks.*

Kenneth and Deborah Gregg - December 31, 2020 at 07:24 AM



“ *Harold And Linda Puckett lit a candle in memory of Johnie Sansom*



Harold and Linda Puckett - December 30, 2020 at 09:16 PM