



## Mr. John T. Saunders Jr.

October 7, 1935 - February 5, 2014

John Turner Saunders, Jr., died on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at John F. Keever, Jr. Solace Center. A native of Asheville, he was born on October 7, 1935 to the late Dr. and Mrs. John T. Saunders.

John attended Asheville Country Day School and was a 1953 graduate of Asheville High. He attended Duke University and was a graduate of UNC-A. A veteran of the US Navy, he retired as a Master Chief, Petty Officer. Following his retirement from the Navy, John was employed at Asheville Industries for many years. John taught Computer Sciences and Mathematics at AB Technical College for 25 years. A very active, lifelong member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, he served as Warden and was an Acolyte since childhood.

Compassionate, wise, and known by those around him as a gentle man and a scholar. John will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

His survivors include his wife of 51 years, Gaylen Kennerly Saunders; son, Dr. John T. Saunders, III and his wife, Deidre; daughter, Suzanne E. Saunders and her partner, Ashe Michael; three grandchildren, Katie, Kari and Kyle; sister, Weezie Frue; nephews, Jack and Michael Frue and a niece, Vicki Acton.

A Requiem Mass will be held 2:00 PM, Saturday, February 8, 2014 at St.

Mary's Episcopal Church with the Reverend O. C. Edwards officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Mary's Episcopal Church,  
337 Charlotte Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John T. Saunders Jr.*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I am truly very sorry for your loss. Please accept my sincere condolences. Ecclesiastes 9:5&10.*

**Frances** - March 13, 2014 at 07:27 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Although, I do not know your family personally, I would like to share some encouraging thoughts from the Bible. The Bible provides comfort during these difficult times. Revelation 21:3-4 states, And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. Very soon now, we will never experience losing our loved ones in death. May these words give you a new hope.*

**Ana** - February 12, 2014 at 02:05 PM



“ *Jennifer Coates lit a candle in memory of Mr. John T. Saunders Jr.*



**Jennifer Coates** - February 11, 2014 at 09:09 PM

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“ *As a teenager, I thought of John as Suzanne's dad, and he was always pleasant. One of my favorite memories is when John patiently taught me how to waterski. Everyone had fun with John. He will be missed but always remembered and appreciated.*

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**Emily Paterson** - February 11, 2014 at 06:27 PM

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“ *Richard M Sexton, Class of 1953*

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**Allen Rash** - February 08, 2014 at 08:23 PM

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“ *Wonderful person. He and I had many conversations over the years. Condolences.*

*John Humphrey. AB Tech. 1987-2011*

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**John Humphrey** - February 08, 2014 at 06:45 PM

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“ *Gaylen and Family,  
We remember John as a gentle, sweet man who always had a smile and a kind word. You and your family must have wonderful memories of him. I remember pleasant exchanges with him when he taught in Pines Building, and Bill remembers him from childhood, both in Manor Grounds and at St. Mary's.*

*Our best to you,  
Jean Clayton and Bill Barkley*

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**Jean Clayton and Bill Barkley** - February 08, 2014 at 09:44 AM