



## Robert K. Sanborn

August 31, 1950 - August 19, 2015

Sanborn, Robert K. Age 64. August 19, 2015.

Beloved husband of Christine. Loving father of Amanda and Jennie. Dear brother of Judy (Gale) Stevens, Jim, Larry (Mary), Sandy Hornby and the late Joel and Joyce. Son of the late Kenneth and Virginia. Son-in-law of Anna Marie (the late Art) Barzyk. Brother-in-law of Ken (Darla) Barzyk, Mary Jo (Jim) Brady, Jamie (Amy) Barzyk and the late John Barzyk. Survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and cousins. Also will be missed by Sadie, Jetta and the late Minnie. Mr. Sanborn was a U.S. Army veteran who served during Vietnam. He retired from M-DOT in 2001 and went on to work at Eagle Consultants. At his home, he had an endless stash of thingamajigs and whatnots to complete a multitude of projects. He also was well known for being a tinkerer and kept busy doing home improvements and renovations for family, friends and even strangers. Visitation Sunday 2-8 p.m. with a 6 p.m. scripture service at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. In State Monday 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass 10 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, Royal Oak. Memorials to the Michigan Humane Society or Disabled American Veterans (DAV) are appreciated. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 23. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
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## Scripture Service

AUG 23. 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Mass

AUG **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
730 S. Lafayette Avenue  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

# Tribute Wall

GH

“ *"I'm not sure that time heals all wounds but it softens the blow."* ”

*Bob and I worked on I-69 in the late 1980's. Although only 4 years apart in age Bob had a wealth of experience with MDOT that he willingly shared with me. I didn't find out about Bob's passing until many months had gone by, and now it's been years. I couldn't seem to share my feelings and regret for not staying in contact. Bob was the guy that you always thought of as invincible, and would always be around, he was like my brother from a different mother. We shared work but also had some interesting days deer hunting in the Charlotte area, and many hours just talking. I'll never forget his story telling, and the smile he always had, but more importantly his caring spirit. Bob was proud of his military service but it affected his life deeply. I'm glad he was able to share some of his thoughts, and exploits with me, and I hope it soothed his soul. Although I never met Bob's wife and daughters he was so proud, and passionate about your health and happiness. I'm sure he will forever be watching over all of you.*

*Adios my Brother!*

*George Heath,*

*MDOT-Sept. 15, 2018*

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**George Heath** - September 15, 2018 at 09:41 AM

MM

“ I just today learned about Bob's passing

*Sad would miss the mark...good friends and deep hearts are few and far between, especially for one like Bob.*

*True, strong, fierce in the fight but always the kindest and considerate of people I've ever known*

*Peace to my friend and his family and thank you for the honor of reconnecting you so you could pass your unit flag on to 173rd survivors and your brothers in such true service to us all.*

*Airborne!!! I know you are listening....peace*

*Mike Odette*

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**Mike Odette, MDOT** - May 18, 2016 at 01:02 PM

MA

“ Dear Family: I am a colleague of Bob's from the Michigan Dept. of Transportation. He was a pleasure to know. I remember one experience where I can say that he helped me out so greatly--he could visualize how something could be 'built' and I could not--he brought me in the field along Dixie Highway... and stated that 'we could built it this way' without retaining walls (and the designer was to be corrected)... I sincerely appreciate this 'helping hand'.



*My sincere sympathy goes out to you and yours*

*Sincerely*

*Mary Hudak Baylis  
Staff Engineer  
Michigan Dept. of Transportation*

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mary - August 24, 2015 at 07:22 AM

CR

“ Court & Linda Richardson lit a candle in memory of Robert K. Sanborn



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Court & Linda Richardson - August 22, 2015 at 09:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Robert K. Sanborn.



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August 22, 2015 at 11:54 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Robert K. Sanborn.



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August 22, 2015 at 08:38 AM



Amanda  
Sanborn

“ *The sky became your deep blue sea  
The clouds became your shore  
And there, for all eternity  
You sat with friends galore*

*Each angel was a fisherman  
Who had traded his pole  
For golden wings and a game plan  
At Heaven's Fishing Hole.*

*The tales you told about each catch  
Its stature and its girth  
Will live in memories unmatched  
As days pass here on earth*

*Until we meet again, one day  
Upon God's golden sand  
We'll picture you, no other way  
Than with a pole in hand.*

*- save some fish for us Uncle Bob, rest in peace -*

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**Amanda Sanborn** - August 21, 2015 at 10:06 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Robert K. Sanborn.*



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August 21, 2015 at 02:59 PM



“ *Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of Robert K. Sanborn.*



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August 21, 2015 at 02:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert K. Sanborn.*



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August 21, 2015 at 12:00 PM



“ *I'm very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I worked a bit with him at the Region Office when I was a new engineer and he was always very pleasant and had interesting stories. I was also impressed with his near super-human ability to withstand the cold, and I rarely saw him with a jacket even in the winter months!*

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**John Paepke** - August 21, 2015 at 10:31 AM



“ *To Bob's Family: As a new MDOT co-op, I was very fortunate to work with Bob for one summer. I learned so much about MDOT and customer service. The pride in his work and his introduction to the MDOT family were major contributors to my future decision to be a permanent MDOT employee. He will be remembered fondly and greatly missed!*

*-Janine Cooper, MDOT*

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**Janine Cooper** - August 21, 2015 at 10:01 AM

Jennifer  
Master

“ I am grateful I had the opportunity to know and work with Bob...he was a no nonsense but friendly, dedicated, all around good guy. He always had a good story to tell and loved to reminisce about the "good old MDOT days". I will miss him.....my condolences to the family - I'm so sorry for your loss.



Jennifer Master - August 21, 2015 at 09:51 AM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert K. Sanborn.



August 21, 2015 at 09:38 AM

DK

“ I worked with Bob as a co-op building the new I-69 between Lansing and Charlotte in the late 80's/early 90's. We worked hard, but we had fun too. That's back quite a ways, so pardon me if my memories are incorrect. I remember his dedication to his wife and her illness (MS?). We didn't keep up over the years, but I heard something now and then here at MDOT. Sad to hear of his loss - he was a heck of a guy that I remember fondly.

God Bless You All,  
Dennis Kelley

Dennis Kelley - August 21, 2015 at 09:04 AM

MW

“ *Bob will be missed by so many people. He is truly an inspiration. Warms my heart to to a smile to think of him.*



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**Mary Ann Woodard** - August 21, 2015 at 08:59 AM

KD

“ *Cousin Bob had an such a loving impact to all those he knew! Such a caring and loving man. An honor to call him my cousin. Christine and girls, my heart goes out to you! We will all proceed in God's love and Bob's love, as he taught us! Love and hugs, Kathryn (Neumann) DuBois*



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**Kathryn DuBois** - August 21, 2015 at 08:41 AM



Amanda Sanborn

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Amanda Sanborn** - August 21, 2015 at 08:12 AM



Ra Klu

“ *He was a good man, he will be truly missed. May God bless you all.*

*Ray Klucens, MDOT co-worker*

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**Ra Klu** - August 21, 2015 at 08:05 AM

MC

“ To the Family, Bob was a amazing person, he always had a good Joke to tell me and we would laugh like their is no tomorrow...he will be missed, may god bless you all

*Marilyn Caldwell  
MDOT Co-Worker*

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**Marilyn Caldwell** - August 21, 2015 at 07:57 AM

DL

“ Christine, Amanda and Jennie- my heart goes out to your family. My prayers are for you to find comfort and peace during this difficult time. What a blessing your husband and father was to all of you. God's Peace and my sympathy.

*Donna Larson*

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**Donna Larson** - August 21, 2015 at 07:25 AM

JC

“ Bob Sanborn was a combat veteran of the Vietnam War. He possessed a huge amount of courage for doing that. He was a freedom fighter. He deserves a great deal of respect and gratitude from the people of the USA (and world). He had many years of hard work on Michigans highway system. Another great attribute of Bob was that he was a husband and a father. I respect him and his life a lot, and will remember him.

*Jim Christy, MDOT co-worker*

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**Jim Christy** - August 21, 2015 at 06:58 AM

CH

“ *ChaCha sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert K. Sanborn*



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**ChaCha** - August 21, 2015 at 06:21 AM

DI

“ *Diane lit a candle in memory of Robert K. Sanborn*



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**Diane** - August 21, 2015 at 06:11 AM