



## John Sagmoe

September 2, 1937 - April 7, 2021

Here's the Deal.... John Sagmoe age 83 of Dixon, IL passed on Wednesday April 7, 2021. He was born September, 2 1937 in Dell Rapids South Dakota the son of Philip and Anna (Sward) Sagmoe. John earned his Bachelors and Masters Degrees at South Dakota State University. In addition he continued with Post-Graduate studies at the University of Iowa. "Go Hawks" John was employed at Sauk Valley Community College for 28 years retiring in 1995 as the Vice-President of Student Services. He was instrumental in providing quality Education and Counseling to students in the greater Sauk Valley and pushing Athletics to the forefront at SVCC.

Early in life John enlisted in the Navy Reserve, the Family believes it was just a good opportunity for a South Dakota boy to get close to Wrigley Field. This is because John is a card carrying member of the Die-Hard Cubs Fan Club. With his membership to the Dixon Elks Lodge John and Verna celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary along with family and friends, they were married on September 6, 1958 in Laverne, Minnesota. Together they enjoyed life in Dixon, boating on the Rock River and numerous vacations to Florida and beyond. One of John's favorite past times was fishing! Early on with wife, grandparents and kids in tow, later with his 2 brothers and good friends in Canada, South Dakota, Door County and local waters. "Fish On"

He is preceded in death by his parents, 1 brother Blaine Sagmoe, and 1 son in law Charles "Mack" Lafargue. John is survived by his wife Verna, children Terri Lafargue of Houston TX, John (Jodi Petre) Sagmoe Jr. of Waukesha WI,

step granddaughter Cara (Kris) Kerfoot. He is also survived by 1 brother Donald (Marsha) Sagmoe of Dell Rapids, SD and Sister in Law Judy Sagmoe of Yankton, SD.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service will be held Saturday Oct. 2, 2021 at 11:00 AM at St Paul Lutheran Church. Visitation will be from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the church. A gathering with light refreshments will follow the service at the Dixon VFW. A donation in John's memory can be made to the Sauk Valley Community College Foundation.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
421 S. Peoria  
Dixon, IL 61021  
stpaulc@grics.net  
<http://www.stpauldixon.org>

## Service

OCT 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
421 S. Peoria  
Dixon, IL 61021  
stpaulc@grics.net  
<http://www.stpauldixon.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Sagmoe*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *John Sagmoe*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *I am so sorry to have been unaware of John's passing. I have lost touch with people at Sauk since I moved away in 1987 and learned this sad news months too late to be able to send any meaningful note of encouragement.*

*John was not just a mentor and friend to me. He was a neighbor also. I was lucky enough to know John and Verna as the wonderful people who lived across the street from me.*

*I hope your knowing that John was loved by so many has been of some help to you, Verna, and to all of his family.*

*John O'Banion*

John O'Banion - December 27, 2021 at 10:17 AM



“ *Verna and family, so sorry to hear that John passed. I will always remember what a wonderful man he was as a friend & co-worker to my mom, Marilyn Vinson. I know you shared lots of fun times on the river together! Now they can both cheer on the Cubs together again! God Bless. Debbie Wilhelmi*

Debbie Wilhelmi - April 13, 2021 at 10:36 AM

JS

*Thanks for your kind words ..Go Cubs ❤️*

**John Verna Sagmoe** - April 19, 2021 at 06:01 PM

MS

“ *Verna, Terri, & John,  
John was a class act with an outstanding family. I always enjoyed  
his company.  
RIP-Mike Santos & and the Santos Family.*

**Mike Santos** - April 13, 2021 at 08:12 AM

JS

*Thank you so much Mike 🙏*

**John Verna Sagmoe** - April 19, 2021 at 06:02 PM

RJ

“ *We are deeply sorry to hear about John's passing. He touched so  
many lives in a good way. He will be missed. Our thoughts are with  
you and your family at this difficult time.  
Jim and Rosemary Johnson*

**Rosemary Johnson** - April 12, 2021 at 09:21 AM

JS

*Thank you so much Rosemary and Jim for your kind thoughts ❤️*

**John Verna Sagmoe** - April 19, 2021 at 06:04 PM

RB

“ Verna and Family,

*Janice and I were so sorry to learn of John's passing. John was one of the three Deans there when I was selected as President of SVCC and he and I worked together the longest of the three. I was always fond of John personally and professionally. He was honest with me and told it to me straight and I always respected that. And he had worked at Sauk for so long that he would fill me in on its history/background so my decision-making was easier. And, Verna, when you retired one year, I knew John would retire the next-- even before he told me. And that was good for both of you and I'm sure you had many fine experiences and fond memories of those retirement years together.*

*We hope your joyous life with him will sustain all of you at this sad time.*

*Richard and Janice Behrendt*

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**Richard L. Behrendt** - April 11, 2021 at 02:23 PM

JS

*Thank you for your kind words ❤️*

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**John Verna Sagmoe** - April 19, 2021 at 06:06 PM

GV

“ John joined our intrepid little band of Sauk Valley College faculty and staff a couple of years after Sauk’s beginning. He fit beautifully into our focus on helping students get a quality college education at a modest cost. As part of the new community college movement in Illinois our staff worked together to help students. John proved to be a great role model and a kind and approachable counselor. He worked with faculty and staff to put the welfare of students first. Over 28 years he helped thousands of Sauk students and supported Sauk faculty and staff who did the same. It was a privilege to know and work with John over 28 years. My sympathy to his family and friends.

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**George Vrhel** - April 11, 2021 at 02:10 PM

JS

*Thank you George..John always praised the working relationship he had with you* ❤️

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**John Verna Sagmoe** - April 19, 2021 at 06:09 PM