



## John Sanford

December 14, 1919 - December 14, 2005

"John Sanford"

KINGSFORD - John R. Sanford, 86, of 600 Withworth, Ave. East Kingsford, died Dec. 14, 2005, at ManorCare Health Care Services in Kingsford.

John was born May 17, 1919, in Milbank, S. D. He was the son of the late Charles and Verna (Ronne) Sanford. He received advanced training in the medical field and went on to serve over three years during WWII under General Patton with the 3rd Army, at the famous 12th Field Hospital. From D-Day to the end of the war he served in the European Theatre of Operations and was awarded five battle stars, the Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Medal.

John married the former Eleanor "Grace" Trudgeon on April 25, 1953, in Wakefield. He worked at the Iron Mountain VA Medical Center as a nursing assistant for over 30 years.

John was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and in his earlier years enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping with his family.

John is survived by his wife, Grace; his sons, Ronald Sanford of Norway and Paul Sanford of Escanaba; his daughters, JoAnn Sanford of Kingsford and Joyce (Eli) Asem of West Lafayette, Ind.; a sister, Evelyn Hamm of Iron Mountain; seven grandchildren, Angela (Brian) Londree, Jessica Sanford, Adam Sanford, Paul II (Carrie) Sanford, Lee Sanford, Michael and Judith Asem; five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, George and James Sanford, a half

brother, Lewis Sanford, two sisters, Jennie Capan and Luella Schloe and a half sister, Sylvia Bills.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Rev. Dr. Meredith Rupe will officiate.

Burial will be in Dickinson County Memorial Gardens.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of John Sanford online at [www.e rnashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.e rnashfuneralhomes.com).

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Sanford Family,

*I am sorry to hear of your loss. It was your father who took my mother to the site where my brother was burned. I don't know what she would have done without you. You will always have an imprint on my childhood memories. Take good care of yourselves during this sensitive time.*

*Much Love & prayer,*

*Lois*

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**Lois Mainville** - December 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of John. Our prayers of comfort are with all of you during this time of loss.

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**Dennis Cain and family** - December 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ To JoAnn:

*My prayers are with you and yours. His work here is done, but God has more for you to do. May your faith be strengthened and renewed in knowing God's will continues to be carried out through you. I will be in contact again after the start of the new year. God Bless!!*

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**Rodney Lawver** - December 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM