



## John F Sollers Jr

April 29, 1942 - December 16, 2023

John Ford Sollers Jr was born in Moscow, Idaho on April 29, 1942, to his parents, John Ford Sollers Sr. and Grace Newton Sollers. He died in Lincoln Beach, Oregon on December 16, 2023.

He was educated in Idaho. Upon his graduation from the University of Idaho, he began the first year of a more than fifty-year career as a high school English teacher. His first classroom was at Troy High School in Troy, Idaho, where he taught for two years.

After leaving Troy, he moved to Caldwell, Idaho and taught at Vallivue High School from 1967 to 1985.

From Caldwell, he moved to Oregon and taught at Taft High School and later Career Tech High School in Lincoln City. He taught in Lincoln City from 1985 until his retirement in January of 2022 -- a career spanning more than fifty years of extraordinary teaching.

As one of his former students put it in a thank you letter celebrating John's career, "Because of the impact you have had on thousands of students, you will continue to live forever in the thoughts, words, and deeds of all of us, which I'm pretty sure makes you immortal."

John is survived by his wife, Lynn, his brother, Jim, his son, Phil, and his grandchildren, Warren, Dana, and Jaxson and his niece Heather. He is also survived by the thousands of students he regarded and loved as his own 'kids'. They loved him back and they will celebrate John's life in a memorial being planned for later in the spring.

He was a good man with a tremendous talent for loving his students. The world is a better place because of his work.

John is in the care of Bateman Funeral Home in Newport, Oregon at [www.batemanpacificview.com](http://www.batemanpacificview.com).

A celebration of John's life will be held at Taft High School in Lincoln City on Saturday March 23rd at 1:30 pm

# Previous Events

## Celebration

MAR **23**. 1:30 PM (PT)

Taft High School  
3780 SE Spy Glass Ridge Dr,  
Lincoln City, OR 97367

# Tribute Wall



“ I have fond memories of Mr Sollers, both as my English teacher in the early 1990s and more recently as my neighbor in Lincoln Beach. I remember he'd say that freshman "weren't quite human yet" but he loved us anyway.

*I still use his guidelines for my writing, both personal and professional, and often quote them when teaching classes. "Intro paragraph, tell them what you are going to tell them. Body paragraphs, tell them. Conclusion, tell them what you've told them!"*

*I returned to his English my senior year, which I remember as one of my favorite high school courses. I learned to appreciate and understand literature, and through it all developed "a little basic human decency". Thanks Mr. Sollers. You will be missed.*

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**Nick Clark** - May 21, 2024 at 12:56 PM



“ Mr. Sollers was the best teacher I ever had. I just loved him! My papers would come back red but I was still get an A. He was just making me do better and pushing me to do better. I ended up getting a small scholarship to U of I because of him. I'll never forget his impact on my life! I wish I would have had a chance to thank him. RIP Mr Sollers.

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**Joey Prestwich** - December 30, 2023 at 07:32 PM

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“ *Mr. Sollers was not only a great and interesting teacher, but he was a great and interesting friend. There were few teachers who had the natural ability to teach a subject and make you want to learn. He was one. He helped shape me into a student who sought more education. He fed my love of learning. I'm so grateful to have known him and to have been positively influenced by him. I also had the pleasure of babysitting Phillip when I was a high school senior, too, and I could tell he came from parents who were very vested in him. He was such an intelligent little guy! My sympathies to your family.*  
*Connie Johnson Freckleton*  
*Vallivue High School class of 1978*

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**Connie Freckleton** - December 29, 2023 at 04:10 PM

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“ *Laura Norton lit a candle in memory of John Sollers*



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**Laura Norton** - December 29, 2023 at 11:35 AM

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“ John Ford Sollers (I could never think of him in any other way) was one of my high school English teachers and the faculty advisor to a high school quiz team when I was a sophomore at Vallivue in Caldwell. His impact on my life as a student and then an educator was immeasurable. After nearly 50 years I reconnected with him just after his retirement from Career Tech. We immediately jumped back into discussing literature and enjoyed time together in our 2-man Book Club. As always, he managed to lead me into books I would never have picked up on my own, beginning with "The Road" by Cormac McCarthy. I was blessed by our time together and all the books we managed to share in an all too brief span of time. I miss him and will remember him always.

Joseph Eugene Youren - December 28, 2023 at 03:04 PM

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Same here, I have a shelf of Cormac McCarthy books too.

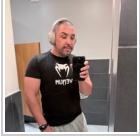
allenbaldridge - January 05, 2024 at 04:30 PM

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“ Mr Sollers was one of the most loved by everyone who came in contact with. For me he gave me the love of books and reading. He introduced me to the love of Shakespeare and the romance of theater. He kept his students always aware of the importance of always keeping learning from every thing they did in life. Thank you for being a part of my life.  
My condolences to his family you are in my thoughts and prsyers.



LeAnn (James) Ringma - December 27, 2023 at 06:36 PM



“ Mr. Sollers was always quick to remind everyone of his disposition with the ever famous "I love you all!" It was especially profound after a solid scolding centered on our ability to not relegate ourselves to mediocrity, rather, reach for the stars. He always told me at the end of the year, he'd let me know if I owed him a new red pen (which I'm sure he never intended on collecting). Well, I'm pretty sure anyways. So many lives touched, so much mentorship, and a life spent as a servant leader. He is dearly missed by the masses and he will live on forever in the life that we live and in turn instill in our children. I leave a hoo da hoo da and a whatsa whatsa in your memory sir. Thanks for everything!

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**Joel Klaar** - December 23, 2023 at 01:13 AM

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“ John was an incredible man and a wonderful friend. I was privileged to get to know him the last ten years of his life. His humor and optimism were a delight.  
You are missed. Renae

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**Renae Richmond** - December 22, 2023 at 09:39 PM

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**Renae Richmond** - December 22, 2023 at 09:36 PM