



# JOHN DEERE

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## John Deere Pavilion and Store Welcome Two-Millionth Guest

**(Moline, IL, May 31, 2007)** – The John Deere Pavilion and Store celebrated the arrival of the Pavilion's two-millionth guest on Sunday, May 27th when Robert Stanley, of St. Charles, Illinois, walked through the door for a visit with his family. Stanley, who once worked at a John Deere dealership in Elbum, Illinois, thought he was surprising his family with an overnight stay in the area after attending a graduation nearby. But when he walked through the door as the two-millionth guest, he was the one surprised.

When the family entered the Pavilion, they were greeted by Pavilion staff and welcomed with a gift basket from the John Deere Store. According to LuAnn Haydon, Manager of the John Deere Pavilion, "Mr. Stanley was very happy to be our honored guest, but he admitted he thought that was how we greeted everybody!"

Stanley visited with his wife, Dorene, and daughters Amelia and Hollyann. According to Pavilion staff, nine-year-old Hollyann, a self-proclaimed John Deere fan, was responsible for urging the family inside before taking photos on the outdoor patio. "Hollyann's arm pulling was definitely what brought them in the door at the right time," said Haydon.

Sunday's visit was the Stanley family's second trip to the John Deere Pavilion since it opened nearly ten years ago and they plan to keep coming!

Located along the shores of the Mississippi River near the company's original plow factory, the John Deere Pavilion has attracted guests from around the world and all 50 states since it opened in August of 1997. The 14,000-square foot, glass- and steel-enclosed, barn-shaped structure and 12,000-square foot exterior patio features a wide variety of exhibits celebrating the legacy of the company and the heritage of the heartland. The John Deere Pavilion offers free admission and is open to the public year-round. For more information about the Pavilion, call 309-765-1000 or log on to [www.johndeereattractions.com](http://www.johndeereattractions.com).



Robert Stanley, left, of St. Charles, Illinois, was the John Deere Pavilion's two-millionth guest on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. He is pictured here with his family (from left), daughter Amelia, wife Dorene and daughter Hollyann.