



Samuel George

July 7, 1948 - July 1, 2025

Samuel Don George was born on July 7, 1948, in Magnolia, Arkansas to the late S.J. George and Charity Grissom George. He was the fourth child born to this union and quickly became a dynamic and spirited brother, known for his bold nature and genuine care for others. His earthly journey ended on Tuesday, July 1, 2025.

At an early age, Sam accepted Christ and united with New Zion Missionary Baptist Church. As he grew older, his spiritual walk continued as he fellowshiped with both New Zion and Mount Superior Baptist Churches.

Sam graduated from Walker High School in the Class of 1964. He is remembered fondly by classmates and friends for being honest, compassionate, and never one to shy away from telling it like it was—a true straight shooter.

Shortly after high school, Sam enlisted in the United States Air Force. His military service spanned over two decades and included assignments in Beirut, London, the Philippines, and Washington, D.C., where he notably served as part of President Nixon's security detail. He completed his service at his final duty station in Jacksonville, Arkansas, retiring as a Master Sergeant.

In 1968, Sam married the love of his life, Mary Gibbs. Together, they welcomed their son, Sean George. During a time of separation, Sam also welcomed a daughter, Samantha George in 1989, expanding his legacy of love and family.

After retiring from the military, Sam continued to serve his community in various roles including as a Columbia County Sheriff's Deputy, Supervisor at Deltic (now Potlatch), and later with SMI. He also found joy in piloting model airplanes, a hobby he deeply enjoyed.

Sam was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved the outdoors and could often be found casting a line from his boat, whether close to home or across the state. He never missed the annual men's Good Friday fishing trip at First Old River—a time he treasured for both fellowship and fun.

To know Sam was to know someone who loved deeply and spoke truthfully. You could always count on him to tell it like it was. He never held back his thoughts and never hesitated to express how he truly felt.

He was preceded in death by his loving parents; his devoted wife of 46 years, Mary George; one brother, Ralph George; and two sisters, Ruby Faye West and Kathy Foster.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his son, Sean (Martell) George of Magnolia, and his daughter, Samantha George of Haynesville, Louisiana. He is also survived by two sisters, Ruthell McCray and Margie George-Holly, both of Magnolia, Arkansas; five grandchildren, five great grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews, each of whom he lovingly claimed as his "favorite," and countless friends throughout the backwoods and in his Hot Springs community.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, located at 1561 Hwy 19 South, Magnolia, Arkansas 71753. Officiating will be Mr. Eric L. McKinney, with Pastor Dwayne Thompson serving as the Eulogist.

Previous Events

Fellowship

JUL 11. 12:00 AM (CT)

Hot Springs Funeral Home
1017 Central Avenue
Hot Springs, AR 71901
(501) 623-8820
hotspringsfh@sbcglobal.net
<https://hotspringsfh.com/>

Memorial Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM.

New Zion Missionary Baptist Church

Tribute Wall

ST

“ *Obit is spot on, he was a wonderful person who always put a smile on your face! Keep catching them bream Sammy!* ”

Skip Tomlinson - July 14, 2025 at 09:19 PM

ST

“ *Skip Tomlinson lit a candle in memory of Samuel George* ”



Skip Tomlinson - July 14, 2025 at 09:15 PM

MP

“ *Mary S. Pickings lit a candle in memory of Samuel George* ”



Mary S. Pickings - July 12, 2025 at 11:56 PM

LK

“ *Lawrence Keener lit a candle in memory of Samuel George* ”



Lawrence Keener - July 11, 2025 at 10:58 AM

MB

“ Sam you will be deeply missed by Marvin and I here at Southwood. Go Rest High on that Mountain Sam- you earned it!!! We know you are walking the Streets of Glory now!!

Merylann Black - July 10, 2025 at 03:42 PM



“ Mark Johnson lit a candle in memory of Samuel George



Mark Johnson - July 09, 2025 at 07:31 PM

WT

“ Prayers Ruthell, and the for all the family! 🙏



Waynell Tatom - July 09, 2025 at 03:19 PM

SP

“ Sandy Pinnell lit a candle in memory of Samuel George



Sandy Pinnell - July 09, 2025 at 08:43 AM

BW

“ We are praying for the family of Brother Samuel George. He will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him. Much love, Billy and Patricia Williams



Billy and Patricia Williams - July 08, 2025 at 11:29 PM

LB

“ Hey cousin is the greeting we often shared when we called each other or visited. Thanks for all the great and lasting memories. You are truly one of a kind.

Larry Bennett & my entire family bc you blessed us all. Much love



Larry Bennett - July 08, 2025 at 06:06 PM

LH

“ My dear nutty buddie cousin. You were loved and you will be missed. I'm blessed with many memories dating back to childhood. Rest in Peace my dear cousin. you've earned it. Thank you for your service to your country, and the laughter you bought to your family and friends. Family, hang in there we know he knew the Lord so all is well with his soul and should be with yours

Louise Harden - July 08, 2025 at 02:18 AM

SA

“ Praying for the family



Shavone Aubrey - July 08, 2025 at 12:17 AM

AJ

“ Arnette Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Samuel George



Arnette Jefferson - July 07, 2025 at 08:55 PM

RA

“ Sending my condolences to the George family may you rest in peace.
Rev.Dr.Marilyn Allen

Rev.Dr.Marilyn Allen - July 07, 2025 at 03:23 PM

SD

“ Sandra Daniels sent a virtual gift in memory of Samuel George



Sandra Daniels - July 05, 2025 at 02:12 PM

BW

“ My Condolences and Prayers are with the George and Grissom Family. Sammy Don R.I.Pardise big cuz we will miss you dearly, Love BK 🙏💔

Brenda Kaye Washington - July 03, 2025 at 04:12 AM

KI

“ Kelly L Ireland lit a candle in memory of Samuel George



Kelly L Ireland - July 02, 2025 at 07:35 PM

DJ

“ My condolences to the George family, keeping you all in prayer.

Dianne and Levester Ivy Jr. - July 02, 2025 at 04:16 PM

OR

“ Ora Radford lit a candle in memory of Samuel George



Ora Radford - July 02, 2025 at 01:52 PM