



Mr. Samuel Raymond Armstrong Jr.

March 10, 1942 - December 5, 2023

In Loving Memory Of

Samuel Raymond Armstrong Jr. was born on March 10, 1942 in Suffolk, Virginia to the late Daisy Mae and Samuel Raymond Armstrong Sr.

At an early age Sam developed a genuine interest and love for Suffolk, Virginia and his southern upbringing. He loved sharing that he was from the “home” of Planters Peanuts, as it was also one of his favorite snacks. As a young boy, he also developed a love for wildlife, nature, fishing, carpentry, and country music. He enjoyed simple, scenic views including any body of water, even the marshland, also known as “the swamp.” This love followed him throughout his lifetime. In fact, in later years traveling back to his hometown became one of his family's fondest memories. As the Virginia state line was approached, he wanted the windows rolled down because he wanted to fully take in the “aroma” of nature. He would request GPS be turned off and there was no need for maps because he wanted to direct the rest of the way. It was common to hear him say, “I smell a bear” and to excitedly announce that we had entered Ocon territory of the Occaneechi Indians. He spoke of the Occaneechi tribe so fondly that many family members jokingly attached themselves to this tribe even believing they had a “special language.” It's an ongoing family memory, now a treasure, that will bring laughter for years to come.

Sam was known to exemplify extraordinary patience. He was generous in all his dealings with others. If he had it and you were in need, it was yours! He

spoke fondly and endearingly of those he loved and was a firm believer in “knowing your folks.” He never met a stranger and adopted many as his own. In 1962, Sam made the most important decision of his life, dedicating himself to Jehovah. Shortly after, he married the love of his life. Amy Louise Wilder, who he remained married to until her death in 2005. He moved to Detroit, MI in search of a better life for his young family, initiating the voyage of many family members from the South. Over the years he gained many crafts and trades. However, he supported his family by means of his long-term employment with Chrysler from which he retired after 35 years of service. Together, they built a life of love, memorable family dinners, and became a revolving door for those needing a home throughout the generations. On Tuesday, December 5, 2023, Sam fell asleep in death after battling a terminal diagnosis for a year. He is preceded in death by his eldest son, Trent Armstrong Sr., daughter, Tamara Armstrong, and his eldest sister, Algrace Watkins. He is survived by his children: Del Armstrong Sr., Brent Armstrong Sr. (Rochelle), Enid Young (James), Angela Lewis (a special daughter by heart), his brothers: Eddie Armstrong, Timothy Armstrong (Melinda), sisters: Glezell Armstrong, and Bathsheba Gresham. He also leaves to cherish his memory fifteen grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, an aunt, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. We will miss hearing his catchy phrases and him spontaneously breaking into songs such as How Sweet it is to be Loved by You and Kiss An Angel Good Morning! They will forever live in our hearts and minds “til the last wind blow...”

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Dec. **15**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Saturday, Dec. **16**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses
3605 Blue Hill St.
Detroit, MI 48224

Memorial Service

Saturday, Dec. **16**. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.* ”



Clarice Sanders - December 15, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ *White Poinsettia was purchased for the family of Mr. Samuel Raymond Armstrong Jr..* ”



December 15, 2023 at 02:45 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Samuel Raymond Armstrong Jr..* ”



December 12, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Samuel Raymond Armstrong Jr..* ”



December 12, 2023 at 11:15 AM