



## Mr. William Eugene Sams Sr.

October 25, 1947 - February 22, 2024

SAMS, Mr. William Sr. - age 78, passed away, Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at Hurley Medical Center.

Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, March 2, 2024, at Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle, 930 E. Myrtle Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11:00, Pastor Stephen Murphy, officiating. Interment Lovedale Memorial Cemetery, G-4175 E. Bristol RD., Burton. MI Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:00 AM Saturday. Mr. Sams will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may Mr. William "Bill" Eugene Sams Sr. was born October 25, 1947 in Washington, Pennsylvania, the son of the late George and Elizabeth Sams. William was a 1966 graduate of Washington High School where he was known for his outstanding skills on the football team by becoming All State for Washington High School and later throughout the years, they were voted All Time Team for Washington High. Not only was he a great athlete, he was also skilled academically with continuing his education at Central Michigan University receiving his Bachelor Degree in Social Work, and completing his education at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor where he received his Master Degree in Social Work.

William was known for his love for the University of Michigan Football Team. He was a season ticket holder for years, and didn't miss a game until he had some challenges with his health. Mr. Sams was employed with the Urban League of Flint and Job Central as a Job Developer. He was also the founder

and proud owner of Sam's Staffing Services. Prior to retirement he worked as a Therapist at Catholic Charities, Common Ground and Ennis Center for Children. Mr. Sams was a member of Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle for over 30 years.

Mr. Sams had a passion for social work, helping others in need brought him great joy. Last year he started a program for the Flint City County Jail where the concentration was in Holistic Rehabilitation. He taught and mentored many inmates and afterwards when some were released, he continued to mentor them.

In his leisure time, Bill enjoyed spending time with family and golfing up until he encountered some health issues. He also had a love for writing. Bill wrote and published three books and was currently in the process of rewriting all of them. The books: an autobiography titled "Buried Love", a therapy training manual, referencing Holistic Rehabilitation, and a book on Job Development. Bill will be truly missed for his endless selflessness and being a true example of Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." because through it all no matter how he felt he always pushed through to obtain the goal at hand.

Mr. William "Bill" Eugene Sams Sr. leaves to cherish his memory: 2 sons, William E. (LaTosha) Sams of Canal Winchester, OH and Daryl (Tina) Williams of Troy, OH; step-daughter, Minister Saleta Johnson of Hanover, MD; grandchildren, William E. Sams III (Brittany), Morgan Sams, Daryl Williams Jr., Bailey Williams, Keiran Williams, Rhyn Williams, Kaitlyn Williams, Cameron DeHart and Caleb DeHart; great-grandchildren, Storm and Raylin Sams; 4 brothers, Duane (Revelie) Sams of Washington, DC, Dr. Frederick (Judy) Sams of Pittsburgh, PA, Ronald Sams of Salisbury, MD and Paul (Patricia) Sams of Aurora, CO; 2 sisters, Ms. Florine Garrison of Los Angeles, CA and Ms. Alfair "Cheech" Simons of Bonney Lake, WA; a host of other relatives and friends including special friends, Hubert Roberts, Rodney Massey, Tony Ennis and former wife & best friend, Marilyn Sams.

Mr. Sams was preceded in death by his son, Damon Williams; parents,

George and Elizabeth Sams; brothers, George Sams Jr., Mayfred Holley and Walter Sams; sisters, Neatha E. Sams and Eleanor J. James; sister-in-law, Susan Sams; and 2 brothers-in-law, Percy James and Andrew Garrison be viewed from 12:00 PM-6:00 PM Friday, with family present to receive friends from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM.

# Cemetery Details

## Lovedale Memorial Cemetery

G-5175 E. Bristol Rd.  
Burton, MI

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAR 1. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-6666  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present

MAR 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
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lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
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## Family hour

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MAR 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle  
930 E. Myrtle Ave.  
Flint, MI 48505

## Funeral Service

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MAR 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle  
930 E. Myrtle Ave.  
Flint, MI 48505

# Tribute Wall

PC

“ *Pearl Coney and family, Sending Prayers to The family.* 🙏🙏




**Pearl Coney** - April 01, 2025 at 08:10 AM

IG

“ *Ira Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Eugene Sams Sr.*



**Ira Gilbert** - March 24, 2024 at 12:03 PM

  
Barbara  
Riley

“ *Condolences and prayers from the Comedy-Riley and Mann Families of Washington, Pa. We went to Washington High School with Bill. RIP.*

**Barbara Riley** - March 03, 2024 at 11:17 PM

JD

“ *Condolences to the family. Bill was a wonderful, kind and helpful person. He will be missed and remembered. RIP, RIH Mr Sams*



**Jesse and Janet Davis** - March 02, 2024 at 06:54 PM

ES

“ Bill and I first met as co-workers at a neighborhood program called "Model Cities". That was almost fifty years ago. He and I remained friends even when we would only talk from different cities by phone. I will miss his bigger-than-life laugh and smile, always honest in his opinions when asked.

"Bill, you have fought a good fight, you finished your course and you kept the faith"

Rest well, my friend.

Eddie Smith

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Eddie L Smith - March 01, 2024 at 07:54 PM

AS

“ My Dear brother Bill, We shall miss you terribly. Your Faith, Strength , your gentle spirit and love for family will never be forgotten. Mom, Dad and our other sisters and brothers are waiting for you. ❤️🙏🙏

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Alfair Simmons( Cheech) a sister - March 01, 2024 at 11:19 AM

AS

“ Alfair Simmons( Cheech) A Sister lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Eugene Sams Sr.



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Alfair Simmons( Cheech) a sister - March 01, 2024 at 11:03 AM



JS

“ *Jacqueline Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Eugene Sams Sr.*



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**Jacqueline Scott** - February 29, 2024 at 10:51 AM

JW

“ *Janice Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Eugene Sams Sr.*



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**Janice Williams** - February 28, 2024 at 11:28 PM

CW

“ *Sympathy and prayers for the Sams family.*



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**Cathy Williams** - February 28, 2024 at 08:01 PM

NW

“ *My condolences to the family of William (Bill) Sams.*  
*Norma West*



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**Norma Wesf** - February 28, 2024 at 01:14 PM

CB

“ *Cassandra Burks lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Eugene Sams Sr.*



**Cassandra Burks** - February 28, 2024 at 12:00 PM

RT

“ *God Bless you Billy R.I.P.*

**Reginald D TUCKER** - February 28, 2024 at 10:02 AM

SH

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family. Keeping your family in our prayers.  
The Haynes Family  
Desoto, Texas*



**Sheila Haynes** - February 28, 2024 at 07:05 AM

MH

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Deotis & Sarah Hunter-Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Eugene Sams Sr.*



**Mr. & Mrs. Deotis & Sarah Hunter-Tucker** - February 27, 2024 at 10:54 PM

JP

“ *Joan Pointer lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Eugene Sams Sr.*



Joan Pointer - February 27, 2024 at 10:30 PM

RS

“ *Ron Gillum Jr. and Monica Sams purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. William Eugene Sams Sr..*



Ron Gillum Jr. and Monica Sams - February 27, 2024 at 09:07 PM

BM

“ *Bertha Moses sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William Eugene Sams Sr.*



Bertha Moses - February 27, 2024 at 08:20 PM

DP

“ *Oh wow!!! I was on this site looking for someone else and saw this. He was my neighbor and I did not know that he transitioned. I am totally shocked. He was a great neighbor and friend. Rest on Mr. Sams.*



Darryl Pettway - February 27, 2024 at 01:36 PM

TI

“ Thank you for the wisdom you shared with me when I was a new social worker in the field. Your expertise will always inspire and help others to be more involved the community! I lit a green candle in honor of your leadership in the profession of social work!



Tiffany - February 27, 2024 at 10:26 AM

IG

“ Ira Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Sams, Sr.



Ira Gilbert - February 27, 2024 at 05:24 AM

JD

“ Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Sams, Sr.



Jean Durrett - February 27, 2024 at 12:17 AM

LW

“ So sorry to learn of the passing of Bill. Shared many meals as a guest at my home. Good times, good conversations. I know you'll be sorely missed. Rest in peace. Lena

lena willis - February 26, 2024 at 10:17 PM

ML

“ MARSHA lockhart lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Sams, Sr.



MARSHA R lockhart - February 26, 2024 at 06:36 PM

PP

“ PJ & Glenda Pointer lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Eugene Sams Sr.



PJ & Glenda Pointer - February 26, 2024 at 04:21 PM

MG

“ Marshall Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Eugene Sams Sr.



Marshall Green - February 26, 2024 at 03:26 PM

GB

“ Continuously Praying for the family..



Gail Bowman-Cuba - February 26, 2024 at 02:42 PM

TT

“ *Tonedia Threlkeld lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Eugene Sams Sr.*



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**Tonedia Threlkeld** - February 26, 2024 at 12:54 PM

WH

“ *Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Eugene Sams Sr.*



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**Wanda Harrison** - February 26, 2024 at 12:50 PM

JP

“ *Joan Pointer lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Eugene Sams Sr.*



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**Joan Pointer** - February 26, 2024 at 12:40 PM

DM

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. May GOD comfort in this season.*

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**Darla Malone** - February 26, 2024 at 10:07 AM

HE

“ *Hakim El-Amin lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Eugene Sams Sr.*



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**Hakim El-Amin** - February 26, 2024 at 07:10 AM

RI

“ *Lynn Richmond and Family*



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**Richmond** - February 25, 2024 at 09:38 AM

DD

“ *Debra Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William Sams, Sr.*



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**Debra Davis** - February 24, 2024 at 01:34 PM

CT

“ *Carolyn Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Eugene Sams Sr.*



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**carolyn Taylor** - February 24, 2024 at 11:20 AM

DP

“ Doretha Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Sams, Sr.



Doretha Phillips - February 24, 2024 at 04:44 AM

DP

“ Doretha Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Sams, Sr.



Doretha Phillips - February 23, 2024 at 06:42 PM

LB

“ LaWanda Blassingame lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Sams, Sr.



LaWanda Blassingame - February 23, 2024 at 05:23 PM

SF

“ Sharon Fleming lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Sams, Sr.



Sharon Fleming - February 23, 2024 at 01:17 PM

AH

“ Anita Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William Sams, Sr.



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Anita Harris - February 23, 2024 at 11:52 AM

BW

“ Betty Wiggins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William Eugene Sams Sr.



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Betty Wiggins - February 23, 2024 at 09:22 AM

CT

“ Cynthia Tipton lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Eugene Sams Sr.



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Cynthia Tipton - February 23, 2024 at 08:11 AM

PS

“ Peggy Stribling lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Eugene Sams Sr.



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Peggy Stribling - February 22, 2024 at 11:35 PM

BW

“ *Bennie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Eugene Sams Sr.*



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**Bennie Williams** - February 22, 2024 at 06:57 PM