



## Samuel D. Adwell

February 8, 1945 - January 28, 2012

A celebration of life service for Samuel D. Adwell, 66, of Kankakee, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Open Bible Center in Kankakee. Pastor Andy Hansen will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family wishes. He died Jan. 28, 2012, at his home. Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Adwell was a Kankakee firefighter, retiring Jan. 1, 2001, after 30 years of service. He was born Feb. 8, 1945, in Chicago, the son of Howard "Buck" and Nellie Painter Adwell. He was a member of Open Bible Center and the Men's Ministry. He participated in competitive walking. He loved woodworking and playing "time capsule." He enjoyed talking and reminiscing with his fellow firefighters.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mandy Golding, of Kankakee, whom he married June 22, 1985, at Faith Reformed Church, Kankakee; one son and daughter-in-law, Tony and Clada Parker, of Rochester; one daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Denny Cripe, of Lowell, Ind.; three grandchildren, Mason, Quinton and Annabella Cripe; and one sister, Brenda Adwell, of Bradley.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Danny Adwell.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

Open Bible Center  
410 S. Small Ave.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
<http://www.openbiblecenter.org>

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ Mandy, Your Sammy always had a smile on his face and loved you so much! He talked to me with such enthusiasm. He was such a wonderful person. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Colleen and Ed Benoit*

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**Colleen Benoit** - February 17, 2012 at 03:46 PM

LB

“ MANDY, I'm deeply sorry to hear of Sam's passing. Sam was a wonderful person. During my time on the department Sam was always someone I could count on to teach me and guide me when needed. I enjoyed his stories and appreciated his friendship. He will be missed. Sam will always be remembered in my heart and well as many others.



*Lee Barrett*

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**Lee Barrett** - February 15, 2012 at 10:44 PM

MP

“ Marla Pietruszka lit a candle in memory of Samuel D. Adwell



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**Marla Pietruszka** - February 15, 2012 at 09:46 PM

MP

“ Mandy, you do not know me but I am a friend of Sam's sister, Brenda, and knew Sam many years ago. Sam was a generous, loving and caring person. He will always be remembered with kindness and respect. We share in your sorrow. With warm grace to his family, Marla and Tom Pietruszka

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**Marla Pietruszka** - February 15, 2012 at 09:45 PM

JB

“ Mandy & Family, Our Thoughts & Prayers are with all of you in the loss of Sam. He was a generous and kind person. I will never forget the day at Station 6, where I shaved his head along with Dan Arseneau. He would go out of his way to make sure he built something out of wood for you. He made me a wooden Fire helmet with my name that sits on my shelf with other Fire collections. Rest in peace my Friend & God Bless Always.



*Jeff & Trina Bruno & Family*

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**Jeff H. Bruno** - February 15, 2012 at 05:09 PM

PL

“ Mandy, although we have only known Sam (and you) a relatively short time, we feel blessed to have been (and be) your friends. You will be in our prayers and thoughts.

*Paul & Julie Laue*

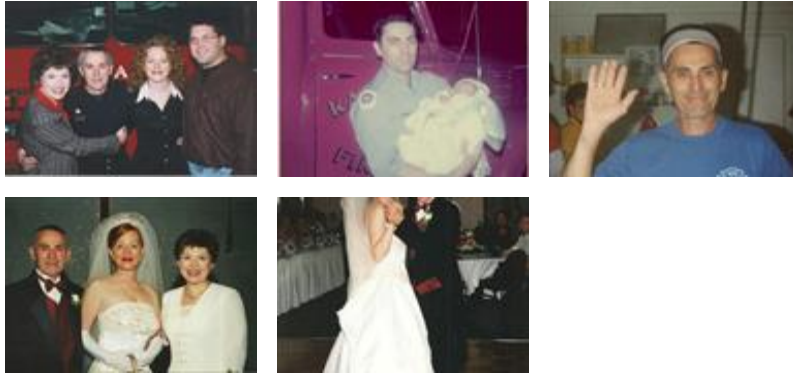


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**Paul Laue** - February 15, 2012 at 10:27 AM

KA

“ 5 files added to the album *New Album Name*



**Kelly Adwell-Cripe** - February 09, 2012 at 07:18 PM

DF

*I was with K3 P.D. 70-79. I remember Sam well. He was a man that left an impression on me. He had a great heart.*

**Don Freigo** - February 16, 2012 at 08:35 PM

TW

“ *Mandy, I just learned of Sam's passing. I am so sorry for your loss and will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Teri (Menard) Worth and Family*

**Teri Worth** - February 06, 2012 at 05:15 PM



DP

“ *Sam and I attended Manteno Schools together. Manteno was very small back then, so of course everyone knew everyone else. I saw him once in the 70's when he helped at the cemetery.*

*My sincere sympathy to the family at this most difficult time. Dorothy Posing*

**Dorothy Tucker Cox Posing** - February 04, 2012 at 11:14 AM



“ I remember working at Rogers Supply and they hired this new man named Sam. I could tell from the first time I met SAM that we had a lot in common. After long conversations with Sam I found out that he was a firefighter also and there were a few fires we both were on together. On October 16th of that year I remember Sam coming into work with that big 'ol smile of his and he said "I heard today was your birthday..." I said matter of fact it is. He reached into his pocket and pulled out this firefighters knife that he wrapped for me. I started to tear up and he said, "This is for you brother! God loves you and so do !!!" Then about a year ago I walked into Open Bible Church and Sam came running up to greet me! He is a man who would do anything for you without hesitation!! Sam I love you and will miss you but I will not forget you!!!!  
I pray God will comfort Mandy and family through this BIG loss!!!!



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**Dan Vaughn** - February 02, 2012 at 11:06 AM

PJ

Mandy, we were saddened to hear of Sam's death. He is the first classmate we have lost in many years and he will be missed at our next reunion. Sam always had a smile on his face whenever you saw him.....that will be one of his legacy's. Just wanted to let you know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Pam (Rogers) Johnson & Fred Johnson Class of 1963 & 1961*

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**Pamela S Johnson** - February 02, 2012 at 03:46 PM

MC

“ Mandy, I was so sad to hear about Sam even after our conversation. I would love to be able to come to the wake but can't because of my current condition.

*I hate seeing people loose people but as my sister in Christ I have seen how much you really love the Lord and it encouraged me.*

*I love ya like Christ sister.*

*Matt Cuprys*

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**matt cuprys** - February 01, 2012 at 06:22 PM

DM

“ Darrel Monnette lit a candle in memory of Samuel D. Adwell



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**Darrel Monnette** - February 01, 2012 at 10:33 AM

SW

*the family of James & Sharon West send their thoughts and prayers . We are So sorry for your loss, God Bless*

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**Sharon & James West** - February 04, 2012 at 10:36 AM