



Rev. Samuel Oscar "Sam" Cleare

May 2, 1925 - June 29, 2020

Rev. Samuel Oscar "Sam" Cleare, age 95, of Bourbonnais passed away Monday, June 29, 2020 at his home. He was born May 2, 1925 in Guyana, Bagotstown, the son of Claude S. & Mildred (Sutherland) Cleare. Samuel married Mertle Allicock on June 3, 1967 in Bradley.

Sam received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Biochemistry from Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais. He worked as a chemist at Armour Pharmaceutical. Sam served as Pastor at the Wildwood Church of the Nazarene in Kankakee. He enjoyed gardening and ministering.

Sam was a member of College Church of the Nazarene in Bourbonnais.

Surviving are his wife, Mertle Cleare of Bourbonnais; two sons and two daughters-in-law, Samuel F. & LaCol Cleare of Atlanta, GA and Stephen A. & Jennifer Cleare of Los Angeles, CA; one daughter, Carmalita R. Young of Bourbonnais; seven grandchildren, Samuel F. Cleare III, Shanice M. Cleare, Lontario P. Collier, Loren S. Nicholson, Malcolm B. Cleare, Zechariah A. Young, and John T. Cleare; and three great-grandchildren, Kahlina Collier, Layla Nicholson, and Cynii Nicholson.

Samuel was preceded in death by his parents.

A public visitation will be held from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, July 3, 2020 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A private funeral service will be held at the College Church of the Nazarene in Bourbonnais. Private burial will follow at Mound Grove Gardens in Kankakee. Per CDC guidelines, masks and social distancing are recommended.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-6726

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
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Tribute Wall

Mary
Morgan

“ *Mary Morgan lit a candle in memory of Rev. Samuel Oscar "Sam" Cleare*



Mary Morgan - July 08, 2020 at 07:33 PM

PH

“ *It was a pleasure and opportunity to care for Reverend Cleare as a physician for several years prior to my retirement. He was a wonderful Christian man who shared a great story of his life and his faith. He will be missed by many who had the good fortune to meet and interact with him. God is good...all the time.*

Philip Hays - July 06, 2020 at 04:04 PM

MC

“ *We love the Cleare family! Such wonderful memories of Sam that we cherish in our hearts. Our deepest love and condolences to the entire family. Manny and Almeda Chavier*

Manny (JR) & Almeda Chavier - July 03, 2020 at 05:09 PM

TY

“ *We first met Sam back in the late 1960's when he was our Sunday school teacher at the Bradley Church of the Nazarene. In all the years since then, he remained a friend. Thanks, Sam, for the example of consistent Christian love that you were to us. You were the "real deal." See you soon. -- Ted and Pat Young*

Ted and Pat Young - July 03, 2020 at 10:06 AM

DS

“ David , Celia , Richard and Sophia purchased the Condolence Snacks for the family of Rev. Samuel Oscar "Sam" Cleare.



David , Celia , Richard and Sophia - July 02, 2020 at 08:29 PM



“ Hugs and prayers at this sad time. Sam was such a dear man and will be missed.

Mary and John



Mary Quiroz Thomson - July 02, 2020 at 02:53 PM

PT

“ Sam was such a Great neighbor! A truly one of a kind Nice man! We enjoyed and will miss our many backyard conversations! Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mertle and all the family. We hope happy memories will help you all through this very sad time.
Patty and Denny Taylor

Patty and Denny Taylor - July 02, 2020 at 11:13 AM



“ 94 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - July 02, 2020 at 10:23 AM

RT

“ *What a special man right here! He and Ms Mert were definitely precious folks. Always helping others. We had many a conversation and more laughs. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

rhonda tatom - July 01, 2020 at 11:43 PM

DD

“ *Sam you were an INSPIRATION in my life. God allowed you and Mertyle to come in to my life at the lowest point. I will always cherish the times we had together. Goodbye my buddy till we meet again*

Donna Downs - July 01, 2020 at 12:48 PM

Sharon
Perkins

“ *It was always a pleasure to see Sam and Myrtle when they came into Dr Long's office. They always brought a smile. May God give Myrtle and the family strength at this time*

Sharon Perkins - July 01, 2020 at 12:12 PM

SE

So many memories! Loved you both. So sorry to hear of Sam's passing.

Sheila Dilworth Eckhoff - July 02, 2020 at 07:26 PM