



Samuel Lee "Sam" Ward Jr.

March 20, 1946 - December 25, 2021

Samuel Lee "Sam" Ward Jr., age 75, of Kankakee passed away Saturday, December 25, 2021 at AMITA St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee. He was born March 20, 1946 in Chicago, the son of Samuel Lee Sr. & Claudia Ward. Sam married Charlotte Brown on July 22, 1964 in Chicago and remained in Holy Matrimony for 57 years.

Sam received his Associate In Arts Social Service, on August 7, 1976. He worked in the construction field and was a member of Laborer's Union Local 5. He was an accomplished self-taught musician, his primary instrument being the "Guitar". He could fix anything and was considered a "jack of all trades". Sam was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, who enjoyed cooking, loved to fish, and enjoyed the outdoors.

Surviving him: his beloved wife, Charlotte Ward of Kankakee, IL; his children, Sarah Mack of Kingsbury, TX, LaTonya Byars (Clarence Peterson) of Pearland, TX; Samuel Lee Ward III (Cynthia) of Henderson, NV; Lydia Marie Robertson of Chicago, IL; and Lisa Renee Anderson of Lexington, SC; beloved sister, Elaine L. Lee of Streator, IL; eighteen grandchildren, twenty-one great grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Samuel was preceded in death by his parents and daughter, La Verne L. Blasingame, PhD.

Visitation and Funeral Services will be held Sunday, January 2, 2022 from 12 to 2 p.m. at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Kankakee, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to MD Anderson Cancer Center in

Houston, TX.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

JAN 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sending our love and prayers to our beloved family members. Uncle Sammy was a jewel in our family and will be greatly missed.

Teamer Family - January 02, 2022 at 01:06 PM

VF

“ Valerie Frederick lit a candle in memory of Samuel Lee "Sam" Ward Jr.



Valerie Frederick - January 01, 2022 at 10:50 PM

WE

“ To Auntie Charlotte, your sister sends her love and regards to you and your family. We love you all. 💖🙏



Washington Elizabeth - December 31, 2021 at 02:56 PM

DW

“ Deonesha Williams lit a candle in memory of Samuel Lee "Sam" Ward Jr.



Deonesha Williams - December 30, 2021 at 09:37 PM

JF

“ JOANN FORD-BOX lit a candle in memory of Samuel Lee "Sam" Ward Jr.



JOANN FORD-BOX - December 30, 2021 at 09:49 AM

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“ My Daddy loved his family, and would do anything for them!!



Lydia Robertson - December 29, 2021 at 08:13 PM

CB

“ Claudia Bender lit a candle in memory of Samuel Lee "Sam" Ward Jr.



Claudia Bender - December 29, 2021 at 11:02 AM