



Sam Bailey Ezell

October 4, 1940 - September 24, 2025

Sam Bailey Ezell, age 84, passed away on September 24, 2025, at Maury Regional Medical Center in Columbia, Tennessee. He was born on October 4, 1940, in Chapel Hill, Tennessee, to the late Edward Ezell and the late Ruby O'Kelley Lambert.

A longtime resident of Tennessee, Sam was a member of the Little Lot Church of Christ. He proudly served his country in the United States Army and was stationed in Germany.

Sam had a lifelong passion for raising game fowl, a hobby he began at the age of 12. He was widely known across the United States for his renowned Ezell Kelso bloodline. Over the years, he worked as a feeder pig and livestock buyer and plant worker, eventually dedicating himself full-time to raising his fowl. Two years ago, due to declining health, Sam made the difficult decision to step away from raising chickens, saying he knew Dorothy could not take care of them alone.

He shared 37 loving years with his longtime companion, Dorothy Baker, who was the love of his life and steadfast partner through everything.

Sam is survived by Dorothy Baker; his sister, Betsy Benz; his lifelong friend of over 50 years, Wayne Thompson; Jessica (Dustin) Tidwell and Katie Qualls,

who were like family to him; two half-brothers, Jim Ezell and Adam Ezell; and two half-sisters, Dee Housch and Chris Holton of Chapel Hill.

He was preceded in death by his stepfather, Joe Lambert and stepmother, Betty Ezell, and infant brother, Joseph Ezell.

Burial will be in the Little Lot Cemetery in Lyles, Tennessee, on September 27, 2025, with Bill McDonald officiating.

Cemetery Details

Little Lot Cemetery

6784 Little Lot Cemetery Road
Lyles, TN 37098

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (cst)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County
102 West End Ave.
Centerville, TN 37033
(931) 729-3561

Visitation

SEP **27**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County
102 West End Ave.
Centerville, TN 37033
(931) 729-3561

Funeral Service

SEP **27**. 11:00 AM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

ME

“ *Marty & Jody England sent a virtual gift in memory of Sam Ezell*



Marty & Jody England - September 27, 2025 at 08:47 AM



“ *RIP Uncle Sam...*



Ronnie Benz - September 26, 2025 at 11:49 PM

SS

“ *Sissy and Sam Scroggins lit a candle in memory of Sam Ezell*



Sissy and Sam Scroggins - September 26, 2025 at 08:01 PM

CB

“ *Connie Bowen lit a candle in memory of Sam Ezell*



Connie Bowen - September 26, 2025 at 06:45 PM

JW

“ *Janet Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Sam Ezell*



Janet Wright - September 26, 2025 at 04:28 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



McDonald Funeral Home, Inc - September 26, 2025 at 01:00 PM

SG

“ *Stanley & Judy Gordon lit a candle in memory of Sam Ezell*



Stanley & Judy Gordon - September 26, 2025 at 11:31 AM

RH

“ We're thinking of u .

Ruby & Rex Horner - September 26, 2025 at 11:26 AM

RS

“ We are thinking of u.

Regina & Martha Shelton - September 26, 2025 at 11:25 AM

FM

“ To Sam's family and Wayne I was so sorry to hear about his passing. Just remember all the good memories with him.



Frances (McClearen) McMeen - September 26, 2025 at 11:02 AM

KB

“ I remember Sam when I was a kid and doing stuff with me older brother Bubba. He always liked him as he was nice to be around. Condolences to his family. May he find his eternal peace this his savior Jesus and his Heavenly Father. Ken Baird

ken baird - September 26, 2025 at 10:20 AM

SA

“ Steve A Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Sam Ezell



Steve A Atkinson - September 26, 2025 at 09:28 AM

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Steve A Atkinson - September 26, 2025 at 09:26 AM

RG

“ Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Sam Ezell



Ronald Gammons - September 26, 2025 at 08:43 AM

SH

“ Sherry Scroggins Hutchinson lit a candle in memory of Sam Ezell



Sherry Scroggins Hutchinson - September 26, 2025 at 02:31 AM

MB

“ MICHAEL BATES sent a virtual gift in memory of Sam Bailey Ezell



MICHAEL BATES - September 25, 2025 at 08:19 PM

JM

“ joyce aldrige mcdaniel lit a candle in memory of Sam Ezell



joyce aldrige mcdaniel - September 25, 2025 at 04:49 PM

SL

“ Suzy Lancaster lit a candle in memory of Sam Ezell



Suzy Lancaster - September 25, 2025 at 03:37 PM

RM

“ I was in several classes at HCHS and we all loved Sam. He was a very congenial type student. I am glad he lived a long and happy life. Condolences to his family . RebaMcFarlin

Reba Mcfarlin - September 25, 2025 at 03:18 PM

SA

“ Steve A Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Sam Ezell



Steve A Atkinson - September 25, 2025 at 12:47 PM

FW

“ *Felicia Wilbanks sent a virtual gift in memory of Sam Ezell*



Felicia Wilbanks - September 25, 2025 at 11:59 AM