



Samuel Adams McWilliams

February 14, 1946 - December 7, 2019

Samuel Adams "Sam" McWilliams was born February 14, 1946, and died December 7, 2019, at the age of 73 years, 9 months, and 24 days.

A native of Niagara Falls, New York, in 1980 he moved to Centerville with his parents, the late Clarence Lester and Marjorie Adams McWilliams to Clarence's home place that was established in the late 1860's.

Mr. McWilliams graduated from Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky in 1968. After he moved to Centerville, he became a Master Carpenter and had his business "McWilliams Woodworking" for several years. Mr. McWilliams was a member of the Centerville United Methodist Church and sang in their Choir for many years, until recently.

Mr. McWilliams was the husband of the late Ada "Betty" Peacock McWilliams.

He is survived by his sister, Molly McWilliams Bates (Douglas III), niece, Sarah Bates King (Brian J.), nephew, Douglas, IV, (Becki) and four great nieces, Anna Cate and Molly King, and Kitty and Tallulah Bates, all of Centerville.

The graveside service will be conducted by Rev. Sherry Ladd, Minister of the Swan Cumberland Presbyterian Church with music provided by Alice Martin

and Daniel Bey.

Cemetery Details

Centerville Cemetery

194 Briggs Street
Centerville, TN 37033

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ *John Blade lit a candle in memory of Samuel Adams McWilliams*



John Blade - December 12, 2019 at 02:06 PM

NJ

“ Sam was a very special person to our family. We shared many lovely meals with Betty and Sam. I remember our playing Trivial Pursuit and being so impressed by his broad knowledge and intelligence. He would usually win the game!

His cabinet and furniture making skills were amazing. We enjoy four tables that he built for us. One table was of the baseboards from Neil's the house where Neil grew up. He built a beautiful cross which hangs at the front of our little church and made the table which sits in front of the podium. We are grateful to have these by which to remember Sam.

We shared a love of music and attended concerts with him. It was always a pleasure to hear him sing in the choir. His passion for his cats and dogs was beautiful. There he was, a big bearded guy, cuddling a little kitten so gently and showing such concern when the animals were sick or passed or were lost.

Sam struggled for many years with addictions, but he was able to have many good years of sobriety. His success was encouraging to Neil who has worked so hard to help people with this problem and was a tribute to the AA program.

We love Sam and will miss him.

Neil and Bea Jobe - December 12, 2019 at 01:39 PM

NJ

“ Neil And Bea Jobe lit a candle in memory of Samuel Adams McWilliams



Neil and Bea Jobe - December 12, 2019 at 11:46 AM

JW

“ *John M Wilson lit a candle in memory of Samuel Adams McWilliams*



John M Wilson - December 10, 2019 at 12:41 PM

CC

“ *Carson Chessor lit a candle in memory of Samuel Adams McWilliams*



Carson Chessor - December 09, 2019 at 05:06 PM

CO

“ *God, grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Sam was a man who had great talents that brought joy to many. And he endured his share -- and then some -- of challenges and sorrows. He was a carpenter, a skilled one in his time, and at his best a veritable artist with his woodworking. I'm betting people coming out of that trade get some breaks in the hereafter, don't they? Kind of "preferred status" arranged by the legendary carpenters Joseph and Jesus? They'll like Sam, I'm sure. So, eternal rest grant unto Sam, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

Chuck Offenburger - December 09, 2019 at 04:56 PM

BB

“ *Bobbie Baird lit a candle in memory of Samuel Adams McWilliams*



Bobbie Baird - December 09, 2019 at 04:04 PM

LG

“ *Lonnie And Marilyn Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Samuel Adams McWilliams*



Lonnie and Marilyn Gilliam - December 09, 2019 at 02:21 PM

PA

“ *Patricia lit a candle in memory of Samuel Adams McWilliams*



Patricia - December 09, 2019 at 12:26 PM