



## Sam David Brown Jr.

March 8, 1926 - January 9, 2025

Sam David Brown Jr., 98, passed away Thursday January 9, 2025, at Norton's Women and Children Hospital.

Sam was born on March 8, 1926, to the late Sam Sr. and Nettie (Neeley) Brown of Luretha, KY. He was a WWII Army Veteran. Sam was the owner of Sam's Car Wash for 30 years.

Preceded in death by his parents, loving wife Flora (Hutchinson) Brown, children Dianne Bates and Tami Brown; brothers Claude, Becham, Charlie, Floyd, Starlin, Bob, Roy Brown; sisters Hattie Heaton, Zelma Carrigan, Ethel Brown, Chloe Brown, and Beulah Lewis.

Survived by his companion Betty Burkhead; children Beverly Gover (Roger), Michael David Brown Sr. (Christie) and Vickie Thieneman; grandchildren Douglas Elliott (Lisa), Julie Carter (Jarrod), Michael Brown Jr. (Kara), Scott Thieneman and T.J. Thieneman, Bryan Bates (Jen); great grandchildren Gabrielle Baker, Alex Elliott, Kierstin Elliott, Miya Elliott, Avery Carter, Emerie Carter, Saylor Brown; sister-in-law Melinda Hutchison, a host of family and friends that loved him.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to New Salem Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 5402 Hwy 1275 N., Monticello, Kentucky 42633.

Graveside service will be Friday January 17, 2025, at 1:00pm New Salem

Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 4:00-8:00pm at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway.

# Cemetery Details

**New Salem Baptist Church Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JAN 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

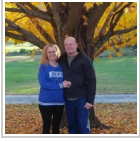
Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway  
5317 Dixie Highway  
Louisville, KY 40216  
(502) 447-2600  
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

### Graveside Service

JAN 17. 1:00 PM.

New Salem Baptist Church Cemetery

# Tribute Wall



“ *This man was an amazing person. No relation to me at all, but when Cole was a baby he would pick us up in the morning, take Cole to the babysitter and I would work at Sam's Car Wash for 8 hours, after that he would take me to college for me to become a MA. He thought of me as one of his kids, and I thought of him as my adopted grandpa. I can not say enough about him, I'm truly heartbroken that he has passed, but he had one hell of a run, RIP Sam Brown, you will be missed by so many. Today has not been a good day for me or my kids.*

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**Angie Woods** - January 16, 2025 at 06:34 PM

DP

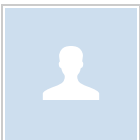
“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I went to visit him at Brownsboro Park two weeks ago. He seemed to be doing well in his new home. Did he ever get to eat his fruitcake? What happened?*

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**Diana Price** - January 16, 2025 at 11:42 AM

LC

“ *With our deepest sympathy for your loss.  
From Larry and Monica Case. Chattanooga Tn*

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**Larry Case** - January 16, 2025 at 10:59 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sam David Brown Jr..*



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January 16, 2025 at 09:12 AM

BR

“ Sam Brown was *THE* man of the neighborhood. We lived next door for many years. You could always count on Sam. He was a very special person. No matter when you saw him you received a big smile and hug. Sad to lose this man but what a life he lived. Love to all the Brown family. ❤️



Becky Ashley Rennirt - January 16, 2025 at 08:15 AM

DS

“ I worked for Sam when I was 13. Never met a nicer man sorry for your lost prayers to the family

Don seibert - January 15, 2025 at 04:19 PM

WL

“ With Love, Matt, Casey, Quinn, Sam & Leo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sam David Brown Jr..

With Love, Matt, Casey, Quinn, Sam & Leo - January 15, 2025 at 12:40 PM

WL

“ With Love, Matt, Casey, Quinn, Sam & Leo purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Sam David Brown Jr..



With Love, Matt, Casey, Quinn, Sam & Leo - January 15, 2025 at 12:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sam David Brown Jr..

January 15, 2025 at 11:00 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Sam David Brown Jr..



January 15, 2025 at 11:00 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sam David Brown Jr..

January 15, 2025 at 12:54 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Sam David Brown Jr..



January 15, 2025 at 12:54 AM



“ *Stan and Kelly McCoy purchased the Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of Sam David Brown Jr..



**Stan and Kelly McCoy** - January 13, 2025 at 05:05 PM



“ Sam started seeing my mom (Betty) in the mid 1970s. I lost my father when I was 8 yrs. old. So Sam was definitely someone I looked up to. I can remember going on trips to rough river, king’s island, reds baseball games and staying at the hotel and watching Tammy and Vickie throw ice off the balcony wondering what the heck kind of trouble did I get myself into. Then in high school I got to know Mike started working at Sam’s car wash. Got to ride back and forth to work with Mike in his cool orange VW bug. When me and Lisa bought our first house Sam came over helped with getting our yard in shape. Needless to say we had the best looking yard in the neighborhood. Our kids Kelly and Corey adored Sam as well. He was at every special event Lots of great times all because of you Sam Brown. Love you Sam you will definitely be missed. Lisa and I want to send our thoughts and prayers to Sam’s family. RIP Sam we will meet again and talk about old times.

*Craig Burkhead*

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**Lisa Taylor Burkhead** - January 13, 2025 at 09:50 AM

VT

*Craig he loved you all as his own. BTW it was Tami not me throwing the ice off the balcony. :)*

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**Vickie Thieneman** - January 13, 2025 at 10:02 AM



“ Lisa Taylor Burkhead lit a candle in memory of Sam David Brown Jr.



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**Lisa Taylor Burkhead** - January 13, 2025 at 09:50 AM

TF

“ *The Laughrey Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Sam David Brown Jr..*



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**The Laughrey Family** - January 13, 2025 at 08:25 AM

JM

“ *Over 50 years ago my family became neighbors with the Browns. Sam was my best friend's dad and over time we evolved into a blended family, including a third family on the same street, That's where our story of this trio began and the strong bond still exist today. We slept on Sam Brown's living room floor most weekends, we camped in his backyard, I had breakfast with him at Jerry's on Dixie highway before going to work at Sam's car wash, I drove his Cadillac (without his permission). We celebrated events of the families together and shared in the sorrows as well. Sam was a very strong father figure presence in our lives, giving us advice and attempting to keep us on the right path. He will always hold a special place in my heart. He loved us and accepted us as family. RIP daddy Sam until we see you again ❤️* **Jonna**

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**Jonna meyer** - January 12, 2025 at 06:10 PM

VT

*So True Jonna he was daddy to us all along with Ms Byrd as our momma looking out for us kids. He loved you all as his own up until he passed. We were a blended family for sure. Love you sister Jonna*

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**Vickie Thieneman** - January 12, 2025 at 07:33 PM

MN

*Prayers and Blessings to the Brown Family. I met Sam Brown After moving to Louisville KY from California. We had a nice chat and told me all about Louisville and gave me directions. He was a very nice man. Little did I know a couple years later that he was my son's Grandfather. I remarried here in Louisville and my son Bryan was one of Sams Grandsons. He was always loving and kind and gave back to the community. Being a WWII Vet I know your heart and soul Sam was truly devoted to this country. You will be sorrowfully missed by all who knew you. RIP my friend. Blessings Marylea Nicolas-Bates*

**Marylea Nicolas-Bates** - January 12, 2025 at 11:36 PM



“ Really going to miss this man.



**Tonja Byrd** - January 12, 2025 at 04:34 PM

VT

*Love it Sister! He loved you dearly!*

**Vickie Thieneman** - January 12, 2025 at 07:35 PM

CB

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*Craig Burkhead*

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**Craig Burkhead** - January 13, 2025 at 04:03 AM

SC

“*Mike and I became buddy's in the 6th grade so I was always hanging at there hose with the big dad , and the nice and pretty mother . Of having 4 cute didn't hurt . Sam never Ran me off and I even worked at 2 car washes with them And stayed over night at 3 or 4 houses they moved too. Sam was always positive with and still think about that .*

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**Steve Cundiff** - January 11, 2025 at 06:53 AM

DB

*Our prayers are with Sam's family. He will be remembered as a great dad. Mike worshipped the ground he walked on. Sam will be missed and leaves behind so many memories for his family and friends who knew and loved him.*

*David and Gaye Baumgardner*

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**David BAUMGARDNER** - January 12, 2025 at 09:54 AM

JF

*My Uncle Sam was very, very special to me and I am so blessed to have had him in my life. He was the youngest of 13 children. My Mom, Beulah was the 12th (three years older) so they were very close growing up. She talked about him often and I am certain with their fun they broke some rules along the way. Uncle Sam held the Highest Ranking at our Brown Family Reunions. Nancy said it best - He was the family Patriarch! I loved to hear his stories of when he was growing up. He talked about having nothing, but always having enough of everything they needed. So thankful that I recorded some of these conversations so I can still hear his voice talking of those days long, long ago. He experienced more family loss than most could ever endure yet he continued to stay strong and push through life keeping his family close, guarded and safe. I will deeply miss our 15 second phone conversations that happened every couple weeks. "Hello Joyce, this is your Uncle Sam. Just wanted to call and tell you I love ya. Bye." Uncle Sam was so loved and respected by all who were privileged to know him. The family was so blessed to have had him for so many years. He fulfilled his goal of being the longest living Brown. He will deeply be missed. Love You Uncle Sam!!*

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**Joyce Frahm** - January 15, 2025 at 02:31 AM