



Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller

October 13, 1954 - May 16, 2014

Mr. Sam Junior Waller lovingly known as "Waddell", was called home to be with the Lord on Friday, May 16, 2014 in Kalamazoo, MI. He was born October 13, 1954 in Kalamazoo Michigan, to Vearnell Waller and Sammie Gaston. Sam attended Kalamazoo Public Schools and graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School. He later moved to Long Beach, California and resided there for 10 years. In 1997, he returned to Kalamazoo to care for his mother and was united in marriage to Crystal Hicks, the love of his life. He was employed at Professional Service Industries, Inc. as a Senior Field Technician. He confessed a hope in Christ at an early age, was baptized and became a member of Second Baptist Church in Kalamazoo. He later chose Christian Life Center as his place of worship.

Sam was particular about his appearance and loved to dress sharp! He enjoyed listening to Jazz music and watching classic movies on channel 74. He was an avid sports enthusiast who enjoyed following different sports teams on TV, to keeping up with his grandchildren who are involved with playing sports. He was known as a leader in his family among his siblings. His family and friends were important to him and he loved them all very much. Sam will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Vearnell Waller and Sammie Gaston; brothers, Mose Gaston, Jimmy Gaston and Jason Waller; sisters,

Virginia Smith and Penny Smith.

He leaves not to mourn but to cherish his memories: his wife, Crystal Hicks-Waller; sons, Sammeon and Brice Waller of Pomona, CA; stepson, Timothy (Marilyn) McPherson of Kalamazoo, MI; daughters, Chamice Steele, Nikkea and Sahmiea Waller all of Kalamazoo, MI; 9 grandchildren, De'Ontate, Daquan, Azshia, Navahni, Navieyah, Hykea, Maiya, Eddie and Tiesha. Sisters: Ruby Dean Burns of Long Beach, CA and MaryNell (Essick) Mays of Jacksonville, FL; Rosemary Smith of Washington, D.C. brothers, Steven Paul Waller of Huntsville, AL, Mark (Cynthia) Waller of Atlanta, GA; Mannix (Tawnya) Waller of Kalamazoo; and Lester Gaston of Long Beach, CA; uncle, Isaiah Slaughter; aunts, Lossie (Louis) McPherson; Mary Redmond and Mary Kate Gibson all of Kalamazoo, MI; a special niece, Sonya Mills; special friends, Kevin Ford, Charles Moore and Larry Ollie. Also, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Road
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 26. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

A Homegoing Celebration

MAY 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

Christian Life Center-Kalamazoo
1225 W. Paterson Street
Kalamazoo, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller



Harper Funeral Home - May 25, 2014 at 12:38 PM



“ Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Jonni Cummins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller



jonni cummins - May 27, 2014 at 06:47 PM

CB

“ Charles Bean lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller



Charles Bean - May 27, 2014 at 03:54 PM

TF

“ TANYA ABBOTT & FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller



TANYA ABBOTT & FAMILY - May 27, 2014 at 11:13 AM

BM

“ Rest in peace my brother, will always remember you.

Bernard. Martin - May 25, 2014 at 04:33 PM

DG

“ Donald & Ruby Barbee Douglasville, Ga lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller



Donald & Ruby Barbee Douglasville, Ga - May 25, 2014 at 03:40 PM

VB

“ Vicky Burns lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller



vicky burns - May 25, 2014 at 03:10 PM

RL

“ Praying for the family and may the Lord hold you all close in his arms. Waddell was a loving and sweet person, I will never forget his words of encouragement nor his smile. God bless you all.

Ramona Lumpkin - May 25, 2014 at 01:00 AM

RM

“ Ramona Lumpkin George McMillon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller



Ramona Lumpkin George McMillon - May 25, 2014 at 12:48 AM

LP

“ Sam was reliable and dependable, was careful, and was a hard worker. His contagious laughter would cause you to laugh and smile with him, and would also brighten your day. He was a friend. He will be missed by me and those that worked with him and knew him from his time working at PSI. God bless you Sam. I offer my condolences to Crystal, and to Sam's family as well.

Lyle Peplinski - May 24, 2014 at 12:34 PM

LP

“ Lyle Peplinski lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller



Lyle Peplinski - May 24, 2014 at 12:15 PM

CS

“ My fondest memories of Waddell...he would always provide me uplifting pep talks. He kept my spirit lifted and my self esteem high. I also have a love for jazz...when I would visit..he'd hit me with a CD from his collection.."Sam's Place" Our summer parties and picnics won't be the same without my sharp dressed cousin. I'm going to miss you so much. Love Carmen Steward

Carmen Steward - May 24, 2014 at 09:20 AM

RF

“ Renaford Owens Jr & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller



Renaford Owens Jr & Family - May 23, 2014 at 10:36 PM

CF

“ Charlene Harkness & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller



Charlene Harkness & family - May 23, 2014 at 09:41 AM

MF

“ *McPherson-Phillips Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller*



McPherson-Phillips family - May 23, 2014 at 05:34 AM

CD

“ *Crystal, and family...we're so sorry to learn of your loss..May God cover you with his love. Charles & Ann Dunigan*

Charles & Ann Dunigan - May 22, 2014 at 08:37 PM

GA

“ *God Bless You Doris Abbott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller*



God Bless you Doris Abbott - May 22, 2014 at 03:17 PM

GA

“ *God Bless You Doris Abbott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller*



God Bless you Doris Abbott - May 22, 2014 at 03:16 PM

GA

“ *God Bless Doris Abbott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller*



God Bless Doris Abbott - May 22, 2014 at 03:14 PM

TF

“ *The Abbott's And The Walker Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller*



The Abbott's and the Walker family - May 22, 2014 at 02:35 PM

AB

“ *Arlene Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller*



Arlene Buchanan - May 21, 2014 at 07:09 PM

MF

“ *Mr.lee Love & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller*



mr.lee love & family - May 21, 2014 at 04:52 PM

EF

“ Earline Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller



Earline Fields and Family - May 21, 2014 at 03:36 PM

SF

“ Scurry Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller



Scurry Family - May 21, 2014 at 03:28 PM

MW

“ Min. Flo Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller



Min. Flo Walker - May 21, 2014 at 01:49 PM

CH

“ Charisse lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller



Charisse - May 21, 2014 at 10:36 AM

CH

Prayers are with you all.. We had a lot of great times as a family. You we're always trying to make sure everyone had a great time. You will be greatly missed.. Mr. Wadell

Charisse - May 21, 2014 at 10:37 AM

CG

“ *Cordell & Brenda Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller*



Cordell & Brenda Gardner - May 20, 2014 at 07:10 PM

FO

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Fred Oaks - May 20, 2014 at 11:44 AM

PF

“ *Patterson Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam "Waddell" Junior Waller*



Patterson Family - May 20, 2014 at 10:57 AM

CL

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Waller Family. Please stay encouraged and, "Trust in the Lord with all thine Heart, lean not to your own understanding, in ALL thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path." Proverbs 3:5-6

We are here with open arms waiting to receive and support you through this difficult time.

*Love
Carla & Claude Little
Kalamazoo*

Carla Little - May 20, 2014 at 12:01 PM



Our Prayers are with the Waller family during this hour of Bereavement .1Pe 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Bishop George Moore

George Moore Sr. - May 24, 2014 at 10:37 AM

BH

to the Waller Family look to the Lord where you can draw strength from Him. He is a strong tower. Brenda Hill and Family

brenda hill - May 28, 2014 at 10:12 AM