



Mr. Samuel "Sam" Russell

October 7, 1948 - December 11, 2015

Samuel "Sam" Russell, age 67, of McCalla passed away on Friday, December 11, 2015. Sam was very active with Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church serving in many capacities as Sunday School Teacher, Personnel Board, Trustee, Boy Scout Leader and choir member during his entire life. He was retired from the State of Alabama as the District Attorney for the Bessemer Cut-Off Division after 20 years of service. Sam was an avid deer hunter and loved spending time with his family and friends at the Pioneer Hunting Club. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Betty Russell and his brother, Larry Russell.

Sam is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Dawn Russell; daughters, Kelli Underwood (John) and Robin Davis (Shane); grandchildren, Sam Harless, Olivia Harless, Isaiah Davis, Lydia Davis and Gavin Goodwin and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral service will be on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 11:00 AM at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church with burial to follow in the adjoining cemetery. The family will receive friends on Sunday, December 13, 2015 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM and on Monday, December 14, 2015 from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the church.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Hill United Methodist Chruch Cemetery

4809 Bell Hill Road
Bessemer, AL 35022

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church
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Bessemer, AL 35022

Visitation

DEC 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pleasant Hill United Methodist Chruch Cemetery
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Funeral Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GM

“ Mrs. Russell, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. It's been such a long time, you may not see this. I came across Mr. Russell's obituary this morning and it saddened me. I'll always remembered his gentle spirit. He was a man of integrity and he had a kind heart. I hope you and your daughters/family are at peace and bring comforted by the scripture, "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord". God bless and keep you.

Gina Morgan - September 26, 2016 at 07:49 AM

LN

“ Dawn, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Mike & Linda (Smith) Nabors--Valley Creek Baptist Church

Linda Nabors - December 18, 2015 at 08:07 AM

ES

“ I was Sam's band director for four years, along with Larry. Betty sd more snow cones that I could count. I belonged to the same church during my years at McAdory. What a great family! Hard to believe that my band kids have passed away. I haven't seen Sam almost 50 years, but I will miss him and the Russell family, but we will see them again!

Eric Sizemore - December 15, 2015 at 08:55 PM

RA

“ So sorry to hear about Sam.
My association with Sam was "in the good old days" back in the late 50s when he and I were members of Troop 84. He was always one of "the good guys" to have as part of your team.
May all good memories comfort y'all.

Ricky Ammons - December 14, 2015 at 01:16 PM

EB

“ I've known Sam since the first grade. Sam was as kind and genuine person that I have ever known. Sam was a first class person. My regards to Dawn and the rest of his family.

Edward Bullard

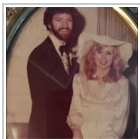
Edward Bullard - December 14, 2015 at 07:01 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Mr. Samuel "Sam" Russell.



December 13, 2015 at 12:34 PM



“ I have a lot of good memories of Sam and his family. We were members of the same church. We went to high school together and were in the band together. Wonderful family. Sam used to give some of us younger band members a ride to the store after school to get a snack before band practice. I was amazed at how he put peanuts in his coke. Lots of memories. Great man, great family..
Wanda Riley Williams

Wanda Williams - December 12, 2015 at 09:17 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Samuel "Sam" Russell.



December 12, 2015 at 05:40 PM