



Sammie Barksdale

December 30, 1939 - January 8, 2025

Sammie Barksdale was born on December 30, 1939, in Kosciusko, Mississippi to the late John D. Barksdale and Fannie (Winters) Barksdale and ascended on January 8, 2025. Sammie accepted the Lord at an early age and was baptized at the Mt. Canaan Baptist Church in Kosciusko, MS. Seeking a better life for himself, Sammie left Mississippi and lived in a couple of states (FL., and DE.). During his time in Delaware, he met and married his first wife, Betty J (Law) Barksdale (deceased) and together they relocated to Passaic, NJ in the early seventies (70's). Sammie was employed with Prestone Lock as a Machine Operator until the company closed. After several years as a widower, he married his second wife, Thelma J. (Williams) Barksdale (deceased), where they continued to reside in Passaic. They were married for 27 years. An avid fan of baseball and softball, Sammie was a coach between 1972 - 2024) for several men, women, and youth teams in Passaic, Newark, and Trenton (Stars - Youth Girls Softball, S&B Bobcats, Golden Knights, Passaic All Stars, AAC Women's Softball, Mets, Lady Blazers are a few among the many). When not coaching his teams, he would assist the Rockets with their practices. Sammie and his teams won numerous championships and traveled abroad to play. Passaic Recreation recognized him multiple times as Coach of the Year.

He shall remain in the beloved hearts of children, daughter Melissa King (Kevin Hansford), son Albert Williams, grandchildren Malik Hill-Williams,

Anaya Hansford, and Nehemiah Marsh all of Passaic. Two siblings, Martha Robinson and Marie Mouzone of Passaic, two (2) brothers-in-law, one (1) sister-in-law, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Sam is predeceased by five (5) brothers, Hulene Barksdale, Ray C. McMillian, John D. Barksdale, Jr., Morris (John Boy) Barksdale, and Bon L Barksdale, and one (1) sister Emma Wilkes.

Cemetery Details

East Ridgelawn Cemetery

255 Main Ave
Clifton, NJ 07014

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

The Madonna Funeral Home
109 Howe Ave
Passaic, NJ 07055
(973) 777-6011
madonnafunerals@gmail.com
<http://www.madonnafuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 17. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

JAN 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sammie Barksdale.

January 16, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ Velvit Harvey and Victor Evans-Harvey purchased the *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* for the family of Sammie Barksdale.



Velvit Harvey and Victor Evans-Harvey - January 14, 2025 at 10:53 PM



“ Velvit Harvey and Victor Evans-Harvey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sammie Barksdale.

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