



## Samuel Franklin Britton

July 30, 1956 - October 16, 2023

Sam Britton passed from this life into the arms of Jesus, Monday, October 16, 2023, at his home surrounded by his loving family after a long battle with cancer. He was 67 years old. Sam was born on July 30, 1956, in Waynesboro, Mississippi, to Sytilee Waites Britton and Ellis Creight Britton, Sr.

He attended Jones Junior College in 1974 after graduating Waynesboro High School. He enjoyed living on campus, was active in clubs and organizations, and was elected Class Favorite.

In the fall of 1974 at JC, he met the love of his life who became his wife, Robin Robinson. Sam enjoyed introducing Robin as his Miss America.

He graduated from Jones County Junior College in 1976 before attending the University of Southern Mississippi where he completed a business degree.

After college, Sam worked with his uncle in the pipeline construction business. Then in the early 1980's Sam returned to USM and completed a degree in accounting. He then began and completed requirements to become a CPA.

After working with the offices of the State Auditor and the State Tax Commission, Sam began his own accounting firm. From his CPA practice, Sam moved into Investment Banking.

Along with his thirty years of experience in the financial and accounting sectors, Sam also held the following certifications: Business Valuation, Valuation Analyst, Financial Forensics, and Personal Financial Specialist. Sam was recognized in 2014 as a "Mississippi Leader in Finance."

Sam understood the ideals of community, of faith, and of service because they defined his life.

Sam was an active member of First United Methodist Church of Laurel and served as the Lay Leader and served as chairman of the Church Council. Sam was also a Lay Member to Annual Conference and served on the Annual Conference Committee on Finance and Administration.

He was elected and served as Public Service Commissioner of the Southern District of Mississippi. As Public Service Commissioner, Sam's number one goal was to be fair and transparent and protect the ratepayers. He was successful in these efforts.

He tackled very tough issues, and under Sam's leadership, he got them done.

He completed several marathons including the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., the New York City Marathon, and the San Francisco Marathon, which he completed on his 50th birthday.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents, Ellis and Sytilee Britton.

Sam is survived by his loving wife, Robin Robinson, sister, Katherine Britton Barker, brothers, Ellis C. Britton, Jr. (Evelyn), Fred Britton (Angela), and Eulon Britton (Shelia), and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

Sam impacted so many people in his brief 67 years on this earth through his Christian testimony, financial knowledge, political office, and his smile that would light up a room.

On Sunday, October 22, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., there will be a visitation at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel, Mississippi.

On Monday, October 23, 2023, at Laurel First United Methodist Church, there will be visitation from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The funeral service will begin at 2:00 p.m. with interment to follow at Pleasant Grove Church, 1710 Dyess Bridge Road, Waynesboro, Mississippi.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sam Britton Scholarship, JCJC Foundation, Inc. 900 South Court Street, Ellisville, MS 39437.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapel Laurel.com](http://www.memorychapel Laurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Grove Church Cemetery

1710 Dyess Bridge Road  
Waynesboro, MS 39367

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **22**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
3100 Audubon Drive  
P. O. Box 674  
Laurel, MS 39440  
(601) 428-5235  
memorychapel@comcast.net  
<https://www.memorychapel-laurel.com/>

## Visitation

OCT **23**. 12:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
420 N 5th Avenue  
Laurel, MS 39440

## Service

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OCT **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
420 N 5th Avenue  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Julie Shoemake lit a candle in memory of Samuel Franklin Britton*



Julie Shoemake - October 23, 2023 at 06:49 PM

SH

“ *I've known Sam Britton for several years from attending church at United Methodist Church in Laurel & when he ran for Public Service Commissioner of Southern District! He was the friendliest & most respectful person whom everyone who knew him liked him! RIP Sam! I know you are in Heaven with Jesus & the Saints!* 🙏❤️  
*Stella M Hall*

Stella M Hall - October 22, 2023 at 08:57 PM

BC

“ *So sorry to learn in Sam's death. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.*

Betty Carter - October 22, 2023 at 08:04 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Samuel Franklin Britton.*



October 21, 2023 at 11:15 AM

SB

“ Susan and Bob purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Samuel Franklin Britton.



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**Susan and Bob** - October 21, 2023 at 10:55 AM

LB

“ Sam was a fine man in every respect. Mary and I hold you in our hearts, Robin, and all those Sam helped and who loved him.

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**Len and Mary Blackwell** - October 20, 2023 at 06:50 PM

LP

“ Deepest Sympathy Extended to Robin and Family in the Loss of Sam.  
Many prayers for peace and comfort.

Sincerely  
Linda Patterson

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**Linda Patterson** - October 20, 2023 at 01:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Samuel Franklin Britton.

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October 20, 2023 at 11:45 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Samuel Franklin Britton.*



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October 20, 2023 at 11:45 AM



“ *Robin, so sorry to hear of Sam's passing. Praying for God to give you strength during this time and the days ahead. Our deepest sympathy to you and the family, David & Angela Rudolph and Nell Gieger*

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**Angela Rudolph** - October 20, 2023 at 10:15 AM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Samuel Franklin Britton.*



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October 19, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ *I am so sorry to read this today...I roomed with him at the end of my time at USM and of course Eulon was my best friend since 7th grade. I am sending love and prayers from the Carter's to the Britton's tonight. I feel such sorrow for my life long friends. Scott and Sue Ellen Carter in Flora, Mom Betty and sister Melody Carter Griffith in Gulfport*

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**Scott Carter** - October 18, 2023 at 10:12 PM

VJ

“ I'm very sorry to see that your husband has passed and knowing you lost your father (our wonderful teacher) not too long ago. Praying a special prayer for you during this difficult time. Virginia Bazor Jones



Virginia Jones - October 18, 2023 at 06:29 PM

DR

“ Sam was one of the best business minds I have ever been associated with. Also a very good man and a great friend. Best wishes to the family from David Reynolds.

David Reynolds - October 18, 2023 at 06:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Samuel Franklin Britton.

October 18, 2023 at 04:38 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Samuel Franklin Britton.



October 18, 2023 at 04:38 PM

MP

“ I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Sam Britton. Losing a loved one is always a sad experience and hurts the family and loved ones deeply. I'm praying for Family that God will bless you and strengthen your faith as you deal with this time of deepest sadness and grief.

*Max Phillips*

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**Max Phillips** - October 18, 2023 at 12:29 PM

WW

“ Sorry to hear about Sammy's passing. Condolences to the family. He will be greatly missed.

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**Willie L Wells** - October 18, 2023 at 11:37 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Samuel Franklin Britton.



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October 18, 2023 at 10:58 AM

LS

“ Love, Rebekah Staples planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel Franklin Britton.

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**Love, Rebekah Staples** - October 17, 2023 at 10:12 PM

LS

“ Love, Rebekah Staples purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Samuel Franklin Britton.



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**Love, Rebekah Staples** - October 17, 2023 at 10:12 PM

TM

“ Sam had a smile that could light up a city. What a memory. Thanks for a life of faith in God and in your fellow man. You will really be missed. Tappy Murray

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**Tappy Murray** - October 17, 2023 at 05:56 PM

MT

*Robin, Terrell and I were saddened to hear of Sam's death. What a fine man he was! Terrell's poor health prevents us from attending the service. Please accept our sincere and heartfelt sympathy. You were both outstanding JCJC alums. Love, Martha Tisdale*

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**Martha and Terrell Tisdale** - October 22, 2023 at 05:52 PM