



## Samuel S. Creel, Jr.

January 17, 1947 - June 4, 2022

Surrounded by his loving family, Samuel S. Creel, Jr., peacefully transitioned to his heavenly home on Saturday, June 4, 2022.

Born in Jackson, MS, on January 17, 1947, Sam was the eldest son of Samuel S. Creel, Sr., and Julia Lorise Abernathy Creel. A member of the 1965 graduating class of Collins High School, Sam would then serve in the Mississippi National Guard while continuing his education at Jones Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi, earning both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in History.

Following a brief career in education as a history teacher in Hattiesburg, MS, and Pensacola, FL, and principal at Oak Grove High School, Sam would later pursue his law degree, completing his education by earning his Juris Doctorate from Mississippi College in 1981. Sam would go on to practice law in the state of Mississippi for more than 40 years. Upon his retirement, Sam would once again return to his original passion for education by teaching history at Southeastern Baptist College.

A faithful member of St. John's Episcopal Church for more than 25 years and member of the church vestry, Sam was a devout Christian with an encyclopedic knowledge of scripture and biblical history. He had a nearly unquenchable thirst for knowledge – especially relating to historical events –

and loved developing creative and thought-provoking ways to share that knowledge with others.

Sam was quick-witted and even quicker to kindness. He was a master storyteller who loved to laugh while making others laugh even harder. He brought a great sense of comfort and compassion for those who loved him, and was a considerable resource for thoughtful advice to those who sought it.

Sam was a devoted husband and father, and each of his grandchildren brought him unending delight in his later years. He loved his family dearly, and consistently sought opportunities to make them aware of that fact.

Sam is preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, Jim Richardson. He is survived by his wife, Sandi Creel; sister, Blanche Richardson; brother Austin Creel (Veronica Gibson); children Sean Creel (Amii Peri), Shannon Creel Garaudy (James Garaudy), Marcus Creel (Chelsea Porché), Cheryl Cornacchione, Nicole Cornacchione; and grandchildren Mason Garaudy, Connor Garaudy, Ethan Estess and Addison Estess.

Visitation and a memorial service will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Laurel, MS on Monday, June 20, 2022, with visitation beginning at 11 a.m. and the memorial service at 12 p.m., followed by interment at the church. Honorary Pall Bearers for the ceremony are Sean Creel, Marcus Creel, James Garaudy, Lee Creel, Bobby Yerks, Keith Rushing and George Jackson.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Episcopal Church  
540 N 5th Avenue  
Laurel, MS 39440

## Memorial Service

JUN **20**. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. John's Episcopal Church  
540 N 5th Avenue  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Samuel S. Creel, Jr..*



June 17, 2022 at 02:25 PM



“ *I worked with Mrs. Creel several years in the Laurel School system and no matter what Mrs. Creel and I were discussing, Sam's name would come up. Sam was a joy to be around and brought laughter into every situation. May God's promises give you comfort.*

**larry rayburn** - June 13, 2022 at 09:19 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Samuel S. Creel, Jr..*



June 11, 2022 at 12:00 PM



“ *The Glenn Miller and Dan Snyder families purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Samuel S. Creel, Jr..*



**The Glenn Miller and Dan Snyder families** - June 11, 2022 at 09:40 AM

NC

“ Always a gentleman. He loved Sandi, who he called "his Bride". He will be missed so much.

Nedra Carter - June 10, 2022 at 07:16 PM

TC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tami Creel - June 10, 2022 at 02:50 PM

PT

“ Love you Sammy, so glad I talked to you just the other day while you were enjoying your ice cream, hearing your laughter and telling you I loved you one more time. Praying Sandi, may the peace that passes all understanding be with you, the children, Blanche and Austin. I love you all, from Pam Thomas, aunt Emma's daughter

Pamela Hughes Thomas - June 10, 2022 at 02:49 PM

LP

I love the Creel family. Lorise was my favorite .beauty shop client and friend. I got to know all of the Creel's thru many many talks at beauty shop. Then Blanche took over my heart when Lorise was gone, she kept me caught up on the family. To all of of you my heart and prayers are with you always

Louise Pipitone - June 11, 2022 at 10:09 AM



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June 10, 2022 at 02:11 PM