



Samuel L. "Sam" Berry, Jr.

January 7, 1939 - November 26, 2012

Samuel L. "Sam" Berry, Jr., 73, of Laurel, died Monday, November 26, 2012 at South Central Regional Medical Center in Laurel.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, November 30, 2012 at Memory Chapel Funeral Home with burial to follow at Memorial Gardens in Jones County. Revs. David Hagan, Kenny McMinn and Bo Burroughs will officiate.

Mr. Berry was a self-employed business owner who owned Sam's Pawn and Trade in Heidelberg and Hattiesburg, and Sam's Fifth Avenue Shell. He was a member of Life Church, veteran of the U. S. Air Force, Mason at Lodge 414, Shriner, past president of MS Pawn Brokers Association, and a member of Dixie Golf Club, where he was a long-time member and avid golfer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel L. Berry, Sr. and Bertie Ruth Lightsey Berry and by his sister, Nell Brashier.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Cherry Frederick Berry of Laurel; son, Randall Samuel "Randy" Berry and wife Leah of Laurel; daughter, Dianna Ruth Berry Mosley and husband Lamar of Laurel; eleven grandchildren who were the lights of his life, Brennan Mosley, Kayla Mosley, Samantha Leanna Mosley, Ali Berry, Julia Berry, Jake Berry, Ava Berry, Abby Berry, Laekin Ellzie, Sara Ellzie and Joshua Ellzie; brother, Wayne H. Berry and wife Frances of Laurel; sister, Mary Ann Loper of Laurel; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Eric Berry, Wilson Windham, Tom Napier, Weston Windham, Jamey Cooley, Heath Morris, Joey Burroughs, Donald Morris, Brennan Mosley, Jake Berry, and Joshua Ellzie.

Visitation will be held from 5 until 8 p.m. Thursday, November 29, 2012 at Memory Chapel of Laurel which is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

GC

“ *Cherry and family. Please accept my deepest sympathies for the passing of Sam. I worked for Sam at Berry's Shell a long time ago. I always thought the world of him and have thought of him often through the years. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. May God give you peace and comfort. Sincerely, Greg Coker*

Greg Coker - December 05, 2012 at 04:58 PM

JA

“ *Randy and Berry family. I was so sorry to hear about the passing Mr. Sam. I found out about it too late to attend the service but send my heartfelt condolences.*

Jeff Allen - December 01, 2012 at 06:20 PM

BB

“ *Cherry and Family We are so sorry about the loss of Sam. He was always so much fun to be around. We so enjoyed riding motorcycles with you and those great funnel cakes. Many treasured memories. He will be missed. You and the family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Bob & Angela Bethea - December 01, 2012 at 03:26 PM

DL

“ *Samuel L. "Sam" Berry, Jr.*

Doug and Claudette Landrum - November 30, 2012 at 07:11 PM

MA

“ We are praying for all of you at this time. we love ya'll
Mary, Jerry, and Randall Armbrust
Terri and Gene Hudson

Mary Armbrust - November 30, 2012 at 12:06 PM

PL

“ Our sincere condolences on the loss of Sam. He will be missed.

Pat & Claudette Lightsey - November 30, 2012 at 11:50 AM

MH

“ Cherry, Diana, Randy and Family, Keeping you in our prayers.

Mr & Mrs Terry Holifield - November 29, 2012 at 07:19 PM

JO

“ Cherry, Mary and I are very sorry to hear of Sam's death. We used to love visiting with you and Sam many years ago. We will always remember Sam's wit and entertaining style. We will keep him, and you, in our prayers.

John & Mary Overmeyer - November 29, 2012 at 05:17 PM

TW

“ I will never forget, in order to get to "drive" mama's car, she would let me take it to Sam Berry Shell to get gas. I think it was two business owners giving each other their business. Sam ate at Tammy's & mama got all her gas at Sam's. Oh, what great memories! I will miss you, Sam. You were a treasure!

Tammy Perdue Wells - November 28, 2012 at 12:34 PM

BH

“Cherry, I am so sorry to hear of Sam's passing. I have known him since he ran the 5th Avenue Shell and have always known him to be a very fine person. Please accept my deepest sympathy.

Butch Holifield - November 27, 2012 at 06:59 PM