



## Samuel "Laker Sam" Carter

February 21, 1959 - April 16, 2020

CARTER, Mr. Samuel "Laker Sam" - age 60, passed away, Thursday, April 16, 2020 at his residence. Family hour 10:00AM Friday, April 24, 2020 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N. Perry Street, with funeral commencing immediately at 11:00 AM Pastor Al James Terrell, Officiating. Interment Perry Mount Park Cemetery, 878 N. Perry Street. Friends and Pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:00 AM Friday. Mr. Carter will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from Noon-6:00PM Thursday.

Mr. Carter leaves to cherish his memory, wife, Diana Carter; children, Tameckia (Shawn) Howard, Katea' Carter and Samuel Taylor-Carter; grandchild, Makaylaia Howard; mother, Naomi Jackson; father-in-law, Willie (Jacqueline) Taylor, Sr.; sisters-in-law, Ester Kennedy, Musette Hill and Denise (Damian) Harvey; brothers-in-law, Willie (Jeanetta) Taylor Sr., Thomas James (Susie) Taylor and Rev. Christopher (Donna) Taylor; siblings, Glenda Jackson, Quentin (Lawanda) Jackson and Maurice (Doniele) Jackson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends including best friend, Al Jones.

At Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, we value the safety and health of our customers, staff and the general public. Therefore, we will adhere to EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2020-11 issued by our Governor Gretchen Whitmer,

regarding assemblages in the wake of the unprecedented health challenge our state and nation is facing. The Executive Order is as follows: Acting under the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, I order the following: 1. Beginning on April 10, 2020 at 9:00 am, and continuing through May 1, 2020 at 5:00 pm, all assemblages of more than 10 people in a single indoor shared space and all events of more than 50 people are prohibited in this state. A single indoor shared space includes but is not limited to a room, hall, cafeteria, auditorium, theater, or gallery. The prohibition on assemblages set forth in this section does not apply to: We do understand that this may pose a challenge to you and your family, but our dedicated staff is here to help guide you towards making the best decisions in memorializing your loved one.

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# Cemetery Details

## Perry Mount Park Cemetery

878 N. Perry St.  
Pontiac, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **23**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Family Hour

APR **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Samuel "Laker Sam" Carter*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - April 23, 2020 at 12:08 PM

ST

*Gone but will never be forgotten....Rest in Peace "Laker" Sam*

Susanne Taylor - April 23, 2020 at 12:46 PM

FF

*My heart is with you! MY God comfort you at this difficult time!!*

Felicia Conley and family - April 23, 2020 at 12:52 PM

J)

*You know the relationship we had. I will treasure our time. Knowing you can't smile from the sunny skies as we see I cannot imagine what you are seeing. Rest in Jesus arms. Love you always Aunt Julia*

Julia Magee. ( Aunt ) - April 23, 2020 at 12:54 PM

DT

*Rest In Peace Uncle Sam. Remembering all the good times watching you dad, Uncle Chris, and Uncle Man play in those Gus Mackers. It pushed me to playing ball. You were an amazing uncle to me. You were one of you those people who had that ability to make thing comfortable. We would go some time not talking and then when we got together it was like I saw you the day before. You will be missed by so many people. Love you. Dawon*

Dawon Taylor - April 23, 2020 at 01:06 PM



 *May he REST IN PARADISE*

**Erica Magee** - April 23, 2020 at 01:15 PM



*Our sincere condolences from Texas! We're truly saddened by the passing of our cousin Sam Carter praying for his wife, children, family and friends strength during this time.*

**Anthony Magee "Cousin Tony"** - April 23, 2020 at 02:44 PM



*My uncle my man I love you my dude*

*Love Marcus*

**Marcus Taylor** - April 23, 2020 at 02:56 PM



*I will never forget the family reunions in Michigan, you showing me your hats, and colognes...so many memories growing up! One of the smoothest cats I ever met! Rest in heaven..We love you cousin*

**Shane Golden** - April 23, 2020 at 05:14 PM



*Hey brotha Sam,  
I know it's been a while since you last seen me, but it wouldn't be right if i didn't share just a small portion of how you impacted my life growing up. You were amazing, you were like another father whenever my dad couldn't be present at my games, picking me up from school, watching me at practice. Enrolling Katea' and I in the Gus smacker games, taking us to the state fair every year. The many things you did were a reflection of how great of a man you were. Thank you for giving me my Bestfriend since 5 (Katea') I got her from here and thank you for simply being you all these years. Job well done, may heaven continue to smile upon you as they welcome you home.*

*-Lazetta*

**Lazetta Powell** - April 23, 2020 at 06:36 PM



*I love you Uncle Sam you will always be missed and in my heart. Aunt Diane, Sam Sam and Katea' we love you so much and praying for you each day.*

**Desarae Bailey** - April 24, 2020 at 10:44 AM

JH

*Love you man always made me feel like i was apart of whatever was going on always went out your way to talk to me i'll never forget that. strong spirit even stronger presence always admired you. you'll be missed big homie!*

*Love you auntie sam sam and katea ❤️*

**Json Hunt** - April 24, 2020 at 11:13 AM

KG

*Piano player was too loud. Hard to hear persons speaking.*

**Kathryn Goodwin** - April 24, 2020 at 11:34 AM

TM

*Mr. Carter,  
I'll never forget when i ran into you at the corner store and i was just so focused on trying to get in and get out the store. A guy that looked to be the same age as you or my father tried hitting on me and you came out of no where and told the man to leave me alone and that I was one of your daughter's friends. You stood there until i finished paying for my items, asked me how i was doing, and made sure I got to my car safely. I was so grateful for you that day. It's heart breaking to know that you are no longer here and that one of my closet friends have lost her father who I know she loves dearly. I pray that you rest peacefully and for a peace of mind for all those you love.*

*with love,  
Taylor Moore*

**Taylor Moore** - April 24, 2020 at 11:46 AM

TT

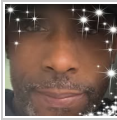
*I have known Sam since I was 12 years old from his sister Glenda and I were and still are best friends until this day... Sam was always nice to me and treated me like I was his little sister too... Whenever I would see him he was always smiling and happy... As long as I can remember he was always the Lakers biggest fan... Rest In Heaven Sam. You will be truly missed... To the Jackson and Carter Families I send condolences...  
From Tracey Taylor and Family*

Tracey Taylor - April 24, 2020 at 03:43 PM

DR

*Praying for family may God kept your in his arm. Sorrow only last for while but joy come in morning. God Bless.*

Dorothy Rollins - April 24, 2020 at 10:21 PM



*May your soul rest in Paradise Sam Carter, from Donald Turner aka... (Cricket) Hp4Life.*

Donald Turner - April 28, 2020 at 08:07 AM

PC

*“ I so enjoyed working with Sam. I loved his laugh and his generous spirit. He will be missed.*

Penny Coughlin - May 02, 2020 at 01:29 PM

MR

*I'm really gonna miss you Sam. You were a hard worker. You were fun to be around. And you made our long days short. Rest-In-Peace my Friend. You will truly be missed.*

Maxine Rivers - May 03, 2020 at 02:52 AM



“ *JDenisejustbecuz Tillman lit a candle in memory of Samuel "Laker Sam" Carter*



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**JDenisejustbecuz Tillman** - April 25, 2020 at 03:26 PM

DC

“ *To My Gentle giant of a cousin Sam. I will always remember and cherish the times you shared with me growing up. The wonderful times you took me under your wings when I came to Detroit. I know we are all blessed by God to have known you. May your wife and children be comforted with God's peace that passes all understanding. You have fought the good fight and god has called you home to Rest and Rejoice! Love Always*

*Dewayne Crowell*

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**Dewayne E. Crowell** - April 24, 2020 at 12:33 PM

DB

“ *To Diana and Children* ♡♡

*Sam and I got close in 1988. We were in Chicago for the funeral of uncle Selmans wife aunt Corine. We hit it off and have stayed in touch every since. Sam has a beautiful spirit and a heart of Gold, always willing to help make situations better. I will really miss him and surely cherish memories of good times we shared. I can hear his voice in my mind right now saying “What’s up Homes”. We are with you in the spirit of Love, I know the Spirit of Love never dies it Stays with us long after the Body wears out. We will be in touch.*

*Love Darryl and Trina*



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**Darryl Lyndon Johnson Bey** - April 24, 2020 at 12:04 PM

  
Yolanda  
Patton

“ *Diane and family please know that our family has lifted you up in prayer for such a time as this. May God grant you peace and provide an overflow of comfort to soothe your aching heart. Love Frances Burry & family*



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**Yolanda Patton** - April 24, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ *Diana and family, I pray for God's peace and strength to rest upon you now and the days to come. Sam wasn't only a friend but he was like a brother. Living next door to him, as children we spend hours playing and talking about the things we wanted to do when we grew up. Even as a child Sam was funny, laidback and wise beyond his years. I will always cherish the memories we shared. RIH my brother. Your sister Joy*



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**Joy Meighan-Trammell** - April 24, 2020 at 08:37 AM



“ *Condolences to the Family of Samuel (Sam) Carter. May God grant you His strength, peace and love during this stressful time. Sam was such a remarkable and likeable young man as I remember him being my next door neighbor. Again, I wish continued blessings and love to the family in the name of Jesus. Ms. Goodwin*

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**Kathryn Goodwin** - April 24, 2020 at 08:20 AM



“ *My Prayers are with the Carter family and all of Sam's loved ones and friends. May the love of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you.*

*Sam I'll always remember our days of balling out at the old high school gym and at Palmer. We'll always be HP4Life and Lakers4Life. God Bless and R.I.P - Lee Rob*

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**Lee Robinson** - April 24, 2020 at 12:39 AM

CC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Cortland crew** - April 23, 2020 at 11:33 PM

SB

“ *Brother*

*You gave no one a last Farewell, Nor ever said good-bye. You were gone before we knew it, and only God knows why. A million times we will cry. If love alone could have saved you, You never would have died. In life we loved you dearly. In death we love you still. In our hearts you hold a place no one else can fill. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone, for part of us went with you the day God took you home. We will meet again someday I know in a better place. I thank God he made you our brother. While you were here on earth.*

*Love Always,  
Glenda, Quentin & Maurice*

**Sister & Brothers** - April 23, 2020 at 11:24 PM

MJ

“ 1 file added to the album Sam



**Maurice S Jackson** - April 23, 2020 at 11:16 PM



“ *Naomi Jackson "mother" I love and miss you but I will see you again love you always.*

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**Naomi Jackson** - April 23, 2020 at 10:39 PM

DH

“ *My Big Brother I'm going to Truly Truly Miss You!💔💔💔*



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**Denise Harvey** - April 23, 2020 at 09:43 PM

VB

“ *Thank You "Sam"*  
*Thank you! For always choosing me first on your team as kids.*  
*Thank you! For cheering the loudest when I hit my first home run the long way on the play ground when I was too shy to cheer.*  
*Thank you! For telling me after being Cut from JV baseball they made a mistake because you can play Varsity. My number 1 Fan.*  
*Thanks for Prom night letting me borrow your prized Blue Regal.*  
*I can go on and on...I will miss umpiring who was the best in baseball between you and Al Jones, Sorry Al....LOVE YOU MY BROTHER!!!*

*Vance Belland*

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**Vance Belland** - April 23, 2020 at 09:20 PM

LP

“ Hey brotha Sam,  
I know it's been a while since you last seen me, but it wouldn't be right if i didn't share just a small portion of how you impacted my life growing up. You were amazing, you were like another father whenever my dad couldn't be present at my games, picking me up from school, watching me at practice. Enrolling Katea' and I in the Gus smacker games, taking us to the state fair every year. The many things you did were a reflection of how great of a man you were. Thank you for giving me my Bestfriend since 5 (Katea') I got her from here and thank you for simply being you all these years. Job well done, may heaven continue to smile upon you as they welcome you home.

-Lazetta

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**Lazetta Powell** - April 23, 2020 at 06:41 PM

JD

“ Jerry & Carol Donald sent a virtual gift in memory of Samuel "Laker Sam" Carter



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**Jerry & Carol Donald** - April 23, 2020 at 05:55 PM

JD

“ Jerry & Carol Donald lit a candle in memory of Samuel "Laker Sam" Carter



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**Jerry & Carol Donald** - April 23, 2020 at 05:46 PM

JD

*Diana Carter & Family, Jerry and I sends are deepest Sympathy. We will continue to keep you lifted up with Prayers! R.I.Hi. Sam  
Jerry & Carol Donald*

**Jerry & Carol Donald** - April 23, 2020 at 05:51 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel "Laker Sam" Carter.*



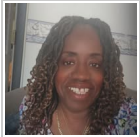
April 23, 2020 at 05:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Samuel "Laker Sam" Carter.*



April 23, 2020 at 04:56 PM



“ *We love you all and pray your continued strength! Samuel Carter Sr was one in a million! He will surly be missed! The Golden's!*



**Betty Golden** - April 23, 2020 at 04:53 PM



“ To my dearest cousin Diana Carter & kids  
I'm so sorry for your loss Sam was an  
awesome husband and father he will truly be  
missed  
I love you guys



Taylor Lisa - April 23, 2020 at 02:59 PM

Alicia  
Jones

The family of Albert and Theria Jones send our sincerest condolences  
at the passing of our son and brother. Please know we have asked the  
Prince of Peace to comfort your hearts and minds. In the name of  
Jesus. Thank you for always being the best. Love always.

Alicia Jones - April 23, 2020 at 05:28 PM

MM

“ Mr. And Mrs. Nate McCann lit a candle in  
memory of Samuel "Laker Sam" Carter



Mr. and Mrs. Nate McCann - April 23, 2020 at 01:49 PM

CR

“ Carter family will be in our prayers. Much love Crystal and Stephon  
Rodgers

Crystal Rodgers - April 23, 2020 at 01:15 PM

MF

“ Michael Poe and Family purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Samuel "Laker Sam"  
Carter.



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**Michael Poe and Family** - April 23, 2020 at 01:06 PM

ST

“ Susanne Taylor lit a candle in memory of  
Samuel "Laker Sam" Carter



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**Susanne Taylor** - April 23, 2020 at 12:44 PM

TF

“ The Slaton Family purchased the Serene Retreat  
for the family of Samuel "Laker Sam" Carter.



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**The Slaton Family** - April 23, 2020 at 10:00 AM



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the family of Samuel "Laker Sam" Carter.



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April 23, 2020 at 12:16 AM

MR

“ *Marcia Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Samuel "Laker Sam" Carter*



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**Marcia Rodgers** - April 22, 2020 at 11:28 PM

MR

*May your loving memory of Mr. Carter continue to be cherished as God heal your grieving heart. The family of Stephon Rodgers will continue to lift each you in prayer.and love.*

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**Marcia Rodgers** - April 22, 2020 at 11:33 PM



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April 22, 2020 at 10:22 PM

CW

“ *Carter family you have my deepest sympathy. May it comfort you to know that so many share your grief and mourn your loss. May the Lord give you peace & comfort and keep your memories close. Sam loved his family very much.*

*Carolyn Winton*

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**CAROLYN WINTON** - April 22, 2020 at 07:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Samuel "Laker Sam" Carter.



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April 22, 2020 at 10:15 AM



“ I remember when Diane started talking about Sam to me. She said: “ He seems nice.” When I met you I thought, he does seem nice. That “seems nice” turned into “He is such a nice guy.” Always laid back, with a wonderful smile. I have enjoyed hanging with Sam and Diane off and on over the years. They always came and supported my shows. I will miss seeing and hanging with Sam.... and him rubbing that towel on his head. 🤔 Lol!



Rest well Sam Love you all. 😞

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Gayelynn Mckinney - April 21, 2020 at 02:35 PM



“ Sam's smile will be missed don't think he ever had a bad day except when the Lakers lost to the Pistons. You will be missed my brother.

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Shawn Smith - April 21, 2020 at 01:47 PM

SR

“ Keeping you lifted up in prayer. God bless you.



Sharron Robinson - April 21, 2020 at 01:02 PM

YB

“ Our hearts are broken - Sam was our brother from another mother (as we would say back in the days). One of the best baseball pitchers in the world during his younger days... He will truly be missed. The Belland Family



Yvette Belland - April 21, 2020 at 12:56 PM

ST

“ The memories that comes to my mind is when Sam and his family come visit us in Florida. Sam would always have a white cloth with him telling us.....I quote: Man it's to hot down here,but let's go and get some food.....Rest in Piece Sam...gine but will never be forgotten...🙏🙏🙏🙏

Susanne Taylor - April 20, 2020 at 05:37 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel "Laker Sam" Carter.



April 20, 2020 at 05:32 PM

BL

“ Sending my condolences to the Carter family. I met Sam at church, and knew right away he was a cool guy. After reading the comments about Sam, I know that they are spot on. He will truly be missed.

Bill Luke - April 20, 2020 at 03:34 PM

DA

“ Prayers for Sams family in this difficult time. He will be greatly missed. Jim and Danielle



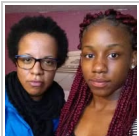
danielle - April 20, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel "Laker Sam" Carter.



April 20, 2020 at 01:47 PM



“ A beautiful smile from a beautiful soul.

Diamond Nosnhoj - April 19, 2020 at 08:17 PM

HA

“ Harrison lit a candle in memory of Samuel  
"Laker Sam" Carter



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Harrison - April 19, 2020 at 06:58 PM

WJ

“ To my sister Diane and Family,

*May GOD strengthen you all doing this most difficult time. We all loved Sam, but GOD loved him more. Our favorite past time of course was, visiting local high schools and watching the basketball games. He will be truly missed!*

*Love,  
Your Brother - Willie, Jr.*



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Willie Taylor, Jr. - April 19, 2020 at 06:04 PM

LM

“ Love, Michiko and Michael Mosbe purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Samuel "Laker Sam" Carter.



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Love, Michiko and Michael Mosbe - April 19, 2020 at 03:39 PM



“ Alicia Jones lit a candle in memory of Samuel "Laker Sam" Carter



Alicia Jones - April 19, 2020 at 03:50 AM



Our prayers and condolences to the entire Carter family from Shelby and Alicia Jones.

Alicia Jones - April 19, 2020 at 03:54 AM



Sending prayers and our deepest condolences to the Carter family. R.I.H. Sam. Love Michiko (Taylor) Mosbe and Michael Mosbe

Michiko Mosbe - April 19, 2020 at 03:28 PM



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April 18, 2020 at 11:02 PM



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April 18, 2020 at 09:46 PM

EL

“ I send my deepest condolences to the Carter family!! Sam was a great guy who adored & loved & enjoyed conversing about his wife, children, mother, traveling, chicken, jazz music & of course his LAKERS!! It was truly an honor to meet him when I worked at Kmart Pharmacy & later began working with him at the Stamping Plant. He always had a bright smile and a word of encouragement for me!! He will TRULY be MISSED!!



Elmeisha - April 18, 2020 at 09:30 PM

TG

“ My jazz buddy is in heaven now. I could always count on Sam to give me the update on the upcoming shows. If there is a one word definition in the dictionary for happily married family man, Sams picture would be underneath. All he talked was sports and family, not necessarily in that order. I'm gonna miss you my friend. I'm gonna miss that breakfast that you, me and Nate, never got to have. When a light shines at Pontiac Metal Fab, I will think of that hearty laugh that I will only hear in my heart. Sit back, and mellow out with the angels, my friend. God wanted you beside him, for the next show.

Thomas Guyton - April 18, 2020 at 08:20 PM

HT

“ Sam was an amazing guy that I feel honored to have known... Mrs. Carter Sam absolutely adored you!!! He always talked about how much he loved spending time with you. I remember how his eyes would light up whenever he spoke of you..... Sam was one of the best 🥹🥹🥹🙏  
🙏🙏🙏 R.I.P.



Hank Thomas - April 18, 2020 at 05:57 PM



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April 18, 2020 at 05:33 PM



“ *To my sister Diane, my god children Katea' and Samuel, Tameckia and the entire Carter family. We send our condolences. We were, and still are saddened to hear about Sam's passing. Sam was truly the definition of a man. He worked hard and took care of his family. He loved his wife, his children, and his family. Most of all Sam knew and loved the Lord. He always had a smile and a kind word when you saw him. He will truly be missed. RIH Sam.*

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**Rosie Jordan** - April 18, 2020 at 05:00 PM



*Although no words can help ease the loss and pain you are feeling right now, just know you and your family are in everyone's thoughts and prayers who knew Sam. His magnetic energy will be genuinely missed but never forgotten. Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding you in God's grace 🙏*

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**Lisa Rojas** - April 18, 2020 at 07:42 PM



*Diane, May God hold you and your family in the palm of his hand. You have our deepest sympathy.*

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**Annie B & Jay Davenport** - April 22, 2020 at 08:52 PM

WT

*Diane, Katea" Samuel,  
No One can tell you now that you will get pass this difficult time, but with your faith in God, you will. Sam was a character, he could make a cool comment that would go right over your head, and then you would think about it later and say... oh! that's what he meant.  
He was a wonderful and respectful son in law. He never met a stranger. If there was a category for men, he would have been Mr. Congeniality  
we will miss him, and we will think of him whenever we hear or see the Lakers. " God's got him" !!!!*

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**Willie and Jackie Taylor** - April 23, 2020 at 05:47 PM

TT

*To my sister Diane, Tia and Samuel may God hold you and ease the pain of your loss. I know that Sam truly love all of you. With his smile from ear to ear as he looked at you guys. He will be missed by me also. RIP my brother Laker Sam...🙏🙏🙏*

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**Thomas Taylor** - April 23, 2020 at 05:49 PM