



Samuel Lee Peoples

January 18, 1943 - September 7, 2022

On Tuesday morning, September 7, 2022, God called our husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, Samuel Lee Peoples to his eternal rest. Sam was born January 18th 1943 to the late Allie Peoples, Sr., and Sarah Jones Peoples in Norfolk County (Saint Mount Clair), Virginia.

Sam was a 1961 graduate of Crestwood High School where he played football and sang in the school choir. After graduation, he enrolled at Norfolk State University and graduated with a degree in Political Science. His passion for the advancement of people, led him to employment with the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC). During his employment there, a time came when our country needed him; Sam took a two-year leave of absence and joined the military. Now a veteran, at twenty-seven years old, he became the youngest VEC Manager in the state. In 1995, after thirty years of service, he retired from the VEC. In retirement, he worked at Dilliards and at Green Thumb, where he took pride in assisting seniors in finding rewarding employment. Sam proved himself to be an exceptional leader in all areas of his life.

Sam accepted Jesus Christ at an early age of his life. It was common for Sam to be attracted to ministries that fostered leadership. He was led to Grove

Baptist Church, New Light Baptist Church, Revelation Tabernacle and New Life Church. Each ministry was a benefactor of his profound spiritual gifts. As a servant-leader, he valued people and had a passion to see them flourish. A master teacher, his lessons encouraged critical thought and intellectual depth.

Sam was a committed family-oriented person and was immensely proud of his entire family. He will be known for his humor, wit, compassion and his amazing tenor voice. Sam was dearly loved and will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

He leaves to cherish his legacy his loving and devoted wife of fifty-six years, Esther Boyd Peoples; his son, Brian Peoples (Alicia); two loving grandsons, Darren E. Peoples (Germa'Na') and Christopher J. Peoples; and a great grandson, Zurrich Peoples. In 2021 through Brian's marriage to Alicia, Sam gained a granddaughter Aaliyah Phillips and great grandchildren Yani and Yuri Phillips. Sam also leaves behind his grand pup Columbo who brought him immense comfort and joy.

Sam leaves one brother, Allie Peoples, Jr; one sister, Marion Peoples Sykes (Harry); and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. He is predeceased by five siblings: Norman Peoples, Emma Copeland, Mamie Lee Peoples-Taylor, Vernelle Peoples and Sarah Peoples-Copeland.

Cemetery Details

Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road
Suffolk, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Life Church
423 Shell Road
Chesapeake, VA 23323

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Samuel Lee Peoples



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - September 16, 2022 at 06:59 PM



“ Deepest sympathy and prayers to you, Mrs. Peoples and your family in the passing of your husband. May God bless and comfort you during this difficult time.

Estherine J. Harding, NSU Alumna and Retiree



Estherine J. Harding - September 16, 2022 at 04:39 PM



“ We the Howard Family Of St. Mt. Clair, send our hugs, prayers and our sincere condolences to the family...



Laverne Howard - September 15, 2022 at 06:17 PM

LH

“ *Laverne Howard lit a candle in memory of Samuel Lee Peoples*



Laverne Howard - September 15, 2022 at 06:13 PM

RF

“ *Reynolds's Family
May the treasured memories of Sam continue to shine brightly for his devoted family and friends. We pray that God's Almighty Comforter will keep all of you under His protective wings - giving abundant peace, love, joy, and strength during this time of sorrow.*



Reynolds's Family - September 15, 2022 at 11:09 AM



“ *28 files added to the album Life Tributes*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - September 14, 2022 at 02:04 PM

RF

Praying for the family

Rev Joyce Foster - September 15, 2022 at 07:17 PM

JB

Esther my prayers are with you and your family during this time of grief. Cherish your memories

Joyce M. Brown - September 16, 2022 at 12:27 PM

JE

“ I am so sorry to hear about Sam's passing. I have thought about him often since retiring from the VEC. He hired me in Job Bank in 1972 where I started my long career with the VEC. He did a great job managing Job Bank and was so good to his employees. I so enjoyed working with him and all of his Job Bank crew.



Janie Evans

Janie Evans - September 14, 2022 at 06:45 AM

AE

“ I am sorry to hear about the passing of Cousin Samuel Lee Peoples. I knew him as a cousin and as the Director of Financial Aid at Norfolk State University, during the 1960s. He helped keep me focused on paying off my National Direct Student loans. He was a source of pride and inspiration for many young men and women in the Hampton Roads area. May God continue to bless and strengthen his entire family, during this time of loss. (Dr. Archie W. Earl, Sr., Former Faculty Senate and American Association of University Professors President, Norfolk State University)

Archie Earl - September 13, 2022 at 10:52 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Samuel Lee Peoples.*



September 13, 2022 at 09:51 PM



“ *He was always Uncle Sam- always there if you needed him, always smiling. Never once did he not have time to talk to me when I was younger. I loved him so much a -GREAT UNCLE!!!❤️*

Kim Gunn - September 13, 2022 at 06:12 PM



“ *May the light of Christ be peace and strength to the family, friends, and loved ones of Mr. Samuel Lee Peoples. Sending prayers and our sincerest condolences to the family during this time of bereavement. He will ALWAYS be remembered and cherished through the light of the lives of his most cherished living legacy.*



Verrandall and Hope Tucker

Hope - September 13, 2022 at 04:39 PM



“ *Jo Ella Harvey lit a candle in memory of Samuel Lee Peoples*



Jo Ella Harvey - September 13, 2022 at 11:42 AM

WH

“ Dear Esther, Hassie and I were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Sam. I first met Sam in the early seventies where he was Manger of the VEC Job Bank in Norfolk and he selected me as a members of his staff, as a relatively new employee at the agency I was really impressed by his management approach. Over the pursuing years we had the opportunity to travel together on agency matters. I came to know Sam as a dear FRIEND and after our retirement a valued phone BUDDY whom I will surely miss. Please accept our sincere condolences, may God comfort, keep and bless you and your family at such a time as this. PEACE!!

Walker and Hassie Hughes - September 12, 2022 at 08:06 PM

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Walker and Hassie Hughes - September 12, 2022 at 07:28 PM

MS

“ Lorenzo & Edna Sugars offer sincere condolences to Esther Peoples and family. Your husband, Samuel, fought a good fight, has run the race, and now may he RIP.

MR. & MRS. LORENZO SUGARS - September 12, 2022 at 02:56 PM

BP

Thank you for the kind words.

Brian Peoples

Brian Peoples - September 12, 2022 at 04:00 PM

BP

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Brian Peoples - September 12, 2022 at 04:02 PM

MF

“*Maria Teeuwen Fallin offers sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Samuel L Peoples. Sam and I met at the Virginia Employment Commission in the 1970s. We often were assigned to the same office and manager. Sam shared his upbringing and Chesapeake history with me, a newcomer to the ways of " all things Chesapeake". On trecks to the Hickory section of Chesapeake, I pass Peoples Road and wondered if it was named for Sam's family. Again, heartfelt sympathy.*

Maria Teeuwen Fallin - September 11, 2022 at 09:03 AM

BP

It's nice to hear memories of dads VEC days. Thank you for sharing.

Brian Peoples

Brian Peoples - September 12, 2022 at 04:03 PM

HC

“*Dear Esther,
Much love and heartfelt prayers to you and
your family.
Hilda*



Hilda Cassell Cuffee - September 10, 2022 at 11:28 AM

BP

Thank you 🙏

Brian Peoples - September 12, 2022 at 04:04 PM

LT

*Dear Esther,
My family and I are praying for you, your son and extended family during this difficult time. Casting all your cares on HIM...HE cares for you.*

Loretta S. Thompson (former NSU coworker)

Loretta Thompson - September 12, 2022 at 07:53 PM

HC

“ *Hilda Cassell Cuffee sent a virtual gift in memory of Samuel Lee Peoples*



Hilda Cassell Cuffee - September 10, 2022 at 11:25 AM

BP

Thank you

Brian Peoples - September 12, 2022 at 04:05 PM

DG

“ I am so sorry for your lost you are in my deepest thoughts and prayers. I was one nurse taking care of him the last day I took care of him he was doing so well he was talking to me that Sunday night and I was giving him his medication and he looked at me and said I share my drink with you and I replied back to him no thanks I don't want no jevity he said no gin and tonic we laughed that last time I seen him I loved working with him please know you are in my thoughts and prayers 🥹🙏



Doris Givens - September 10, 2022 at 10:54 AM

BP

Ms Doris thank you so much for the care you provided dad. You brought him so much comfort. Thank for being so patient and answering every question. God bless you!!!❤️❤️

Brian Peoples - September 12, 2022 at 04:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Samuel Lee Peoples.



September 09, 2022 at 05:39 PM