



*Active Pallbearers*  
Grandsons and Nephews

*Flower Attendants*  
Granddaughters and Nieces



IN TEARS WE SAW YOU SINKING  
WE WATCHED YOU FADE AWAY  
OUR HEARTS WERE BROKEN  
YOU FOUGHT SO HARD TO STAY  
BUT WHEN WE SAW YOU SLEEPING  
SO PEACEFULLY FREE FROM PAIN

WE COULDN'T WISH YOU BACK TO SUFFER THAT AGAIN



*Message of Gratitude*

The Sams Family acknowledges with deep gratitude your kind expressions of sympathy extended during the loss of our loved one. The encouraging and comforting words; the quiet and unspoken concern; the innumerable acts kindness are priceless gems of friendship that warm and lend comfort to our hearts.

- The Family

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HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR

*Mr. Williford Moss Sams*

Sunrise  
March 7, 1943

Sunset  
November 25, 2017



Saturday, December 9, 2017  
11:00 A.M.

PORTERSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH  
3452 Middleground Road  
Waynesboro, Georgia



Reverend James Evans, Pastor  
- Officiating -

# Obituary

IN HEAVEN, WE WILL BE REUNITED WITH LOVED ONES WHO ARE BELIEVERS, RELEASED FROM ALL PAIN AND SUFFERING; REWARDED FOR THEIR FAITHFULNESS ON EARTH . . . WE WILL ENJOY UNBROKEN FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD, AND HE WILL ENJOY US FOR AN UNLIMITED, ENDLESS FOREVER.



**A TIME TO BE BORN:** Williford Moss Sams was born on March 7, 1943, in Augusta, Georgia to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sams on March 7, 1943, in Augusta, Georgia. He spent his childhood in Waynesboro, Georgia, where he attended the local schools. He moved to St. Petersburg, Florida as a young man, where he met and married his wife, Patricia Ann, in 1967.

**A TIME TO EVERY PURPOSE:** Williford Moss Sams was known as “Sam”, “Moss”, and later simply as “Dad”, “Papa”, and “Uncle Moss” by those who knew and loved him. He worked as a drywall specialist until his retirement in 2004, when he decided to moved back to Augusta, Georgia. He enjoyed spending time with his family and was close to his many siblings.

One of his favorites was fishing with his brothers, and he loved cooking on the grill for his friends and family. He also liked old western movies; he could sit and watch them all day. He made several trips between Florida and Georgia throughout the years.

**A TIME TO DIE:** Williford was predeceased by: his parents, Charlie and Rutha Sams; brother, James; and brother-in-law, John.

God called Williford Moss Sams home to rest on Saturday, November 25, 2017, after a brief illness.

**A TIME TO MOURN:** He leaves a vacant spot in the hearts of those who loved and cherished him.

Williford will be lovingly remembered by: his wife, Patricia Ann; children, Darryle (Lisa), Lerry (Gail), Sonya, Ruthie, Lizette Foster (Anthony) and Pamela Harris; seventeen grandchildren, Antoinette, Andreais, Anjanae, Marquel, Marchelle, Marqueia, Treyvon, Alena, Jemond, Darryle Jr., Alerrya, Sharita, Anthony Jr., Malik, Maurice, Marquise and Latonya; seventeen great grandchildren; brothers, Sheridan President, William (Gwen), Robert (Eloise), Charlie (Eloise), Sammy and Leroy; sisters, Betty (James) and Josephine (John); and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.



“LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED: YE BELIEVE IN GOD, BELIEVE ALSO IN ME. IN MY FATHER’S HOUSE ARE MANY MANSIONS: IF IT WERE NOT SO, I WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU. I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU. AND IF I GO AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU, I WILL COME AGAIN, AND RECEIVE YOU UNTO MYSELF; THAT WHERE I AM, THERE YE MAY BE ALSO.”

- JOHN 14:1-3



## The Open Gate

THERE’S AN OPEN GATE AT THE END OF THE ROAD  
THROUGH WHICH EACH MUST GO ALONE;  
AND THERE IS A LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE;  
OUR FATHER CLAIMS HIS OWN.  
BEYOND THE GATE OUR LOVED ONE  
FINDS HAPPINESS AND REST;  
AND THERE IS COMFORT  
IN THE THOUGHT  
THAT A LOVING GOD KNOWS BEST  
AUTHOR UNKNOWN

# Order of Service

Processional | Parting Glance

Selection ..... Kimberly Taylor  
“All Day, All Night” | “Angels Watching Over Me”

Invocation ..... Reverend Gladys Moore

Holy Scriptures ..... Reverend Willie Jackson  
Old and New Testaments

Selection ..... Kimberly Taylor  
“Take Me To The King”

Tribute ..... Javonne Jones

Reflections ..... Deacon Charlie Sams, Brother

Resolutions | Acknowledgements ..... Sis. Bernice Brown

Obituary ..... Read Silently

Selection ..... Kimberly Taylor  
“Walk Around Heaven”

Words of Comfort ..... Reverend Willie Mincey

Closing Prayer | Recessional ..... Reverend Willie Jackson

Interment ..... Portersville Baptist Church Cemetery



NO REPAST