



Mr. Sammy Bright

August 16, 1947 - September 2, 2024

Sammy Bright was born August 16, 1947, to Charlie Lee and Idella Bright in Tunica County rural precinct Dundee, in the state of Mississippi. His early years were spent living on the family farm taking care of the cattle, pigs, and chickens and looking after the crops.

After high school Sammy spent three years in the US Army receiving the rank of Radar Team Leader with a national defense service metal, marksman M-14 prior to his honorable discharge in June 1970.

Sammy went on to further his education, receiving a bachelor's degree in political science from Memphis State University in 1974, a master's degree in public administration from Memphis State University in 1975, and a master's degree in business administration from Atlanta University in 1984.

After college, Sammy spent much of his working life in service organizations. He was Program Director for the Boys Club of Memphis, TN, and both manager and director of the Regional Food Stamp Program for the Tennessee Department of Human Services in Chattanooga. He worked as the manager of Steak & Ale, a casual and fine dining steakhouse that complemented his love for cooking and cuisine.

In 1984, Sammy started his own service business, Bright Services, which grew to \$1.5 million in annual revenue. The company provided custodial services for over 50 local companies throughout the Atlanta area.

Sammy also loved to learn and teach in the technology field earning certifications in Netware, Novell and Microsoft engineering. He used his technical expertise to teach at several colleges and training centers including Draughons College, Interactive College of Technology, New Horizons Learning Center, Carroll State Technical College, and Georgia State University.

Sammy married the love of his life Yvonne on September 2nd, 2000, at their house in Snellville, Georgia.

As anyone who would listen to him for more than a few minutes, Sammy's proudest achievement was the blessing of his son—Justin—born in December 2000. Sammy dedicated the remainder of his life to raising Justin and ensuring he had everything he needed to grow into the fine young man he has become.

Sammy became a member of New Bethel AME Church in Lithonia, GA and served in several capacities including the Men's Ministry and as a Class leader.

Sammy Bright passed away on September 2, 2024, at the age of 77 after succumbing to an autoimmune disease (polymyositis) that was diagnosed in the early 1980s. Sammy fought the good fight against polymyositis for over 40 years. Sammy was predeceased by his mother, Idella Bright, mother of eight sons: Clarence (Ford) Bright, Jimmy Bright and deceased brothers Arthur Bright, Earnest Bright, Albert Bright, L.C. Bright, and Freddie Bright.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of over 24 years, Yvonne Bright, his son Justin Bright, and a host of loving family members and friends.

"In lieu of flowers please visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z2PA/campaign/C-1534R> to donate to the Sammy Bright Memorial Building fund at New Bethel AME Church"

Celebration of Life Services for Mr. Sammy Bright will be held on Tuesday, September 10 at 1:00 PM. These services will be recorded and streamed live. If the event is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire event will be uploaded and available to view later in the day. Please copy and paste the link to share, or simply click on the link to view the event.

<https://vimeo.com/event/4556340>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **9**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home - Lawrenceville Location
914 Scenic Highway South
Lawrenceville, GA 30045-6353

Celebration of Life Service - Live Streamed

SEP **10**. 1:00 PM (ET)

New Bethel AME Church
8350 Rockbridge Road
Lithonia, GA 30058
<http://www.newbethelame.org>

Tribute Wall

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“ i met sammy bright 1n 1963 in high school and we were friend since. we participated in shool activities together, worked naacp, roomed together when we moved to memphis to go to college, were drafted into the army together, roomed together after military, i could go on and on. we kept in touch with one another until his death. i loved sam as abrother, i will miss him sorely. may God bless his falily whome he loved soo much ,especially his wife and son. mayGod comfort and keep you. love percy shorter classof 1966 rosa fort high school tunica mississippi

percy I Shorter - October 12, 2024 at 09:22 AM

YV

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yvonne - September 16, 2024 at 12:18 AM

JW

“ Sammy was a great guy. He would do anything and go out of his way to help someone. Sammy, you will be greatly missed. R I P my friend.

John Whiting - September 13, 2024 at 01:44 PM

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“ On behalf of Emory University's Office of Sustainability Initiatives, we are so honored to work with Mr. Bright's son, Justin Bright, who brings so much to our office and daily lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Ciannat Howett

Ciannat M. Howett - September 09, 2024 at 12:23 PM

JB

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Justin Bright - September 07, 2024 at 09:23 PM

LB

“ My strong uncle that I loved dearly we will miss you uncle Sammy take your rest and I'll always love you 🥺



Lashaundra Bright - September 05, 2024 at 12:03 AM

BF

Our condolences to you and your family on your list of your wonderful husband our prayers are with you and family 🙏🙌🌸

Babb family - September 05, 2024 at 03:00 PM