



Samuel Drue Aikin

October 31, 1948 - September 11, 2024

Samuel Aikin passed away on Wednesday September 11, 2024 at home in Marietta, GA. Samuel was the third son of Travis and Gladys Aikin of Texarkana, Texas. He graduated from Texas A&M University in Commerce. Samuel moved to Portland, Oregon and attended Oregon State University and achieved an MBA degree from the University of Portland. Samuel started his career working in the State of Oregon's Executive Budget Division and on the staff of a Portland, Oregon City Commissioner. Samuel was appointed to a state board by the Governor of Oregon (Bob Straub). Samuel joined IBM in 1981 in Portland, Oregon working as a Large Systems Engineer, software sales and manager, retiring in 2018.

Samuel met his wife Marline in 1986, who was also employed at IBM, at the Colony Square building in downtown Atlanta. It was love at first sight. They married in 1988 and sojourned to Dallas and Ft. Lauderdale, returning to Atlanta twice during their IBM careers (Marline 33 years and Samuel 37 years). They gave birth to a son (Drue) in 1994 while in Atlanta. Marline and Samuel attributed the success of their marriage to their Christian faith.

Samuel's life was guided by his Christian faith and he worked toward fulfilling the demands placed on all Christian denoted in Matthew 25:31- 46. Samuel was a servant and involved himself in many Christian enterprises. Samuel was a Deacon overseeing the Haiti Mission at the East Cobb Church of Christ,

traveling to Haiti on several occasions. Samuel's faith led him to securing funding to build an orphanage in Ranquitte, Haiti which today houses 57 orphans. He also secured funding and support as he led a major initiative to ship items to Haiti during the 2010 earthquake. Samuel attended a "Walk to Emmaus" weekend and began participating in the Kairos Prison Ministry, leading a team of men in conducting a Kairos weekend inside of Phillips State Prison in Buford, GA. Samuel participated in Bible Study Fellowship International for 20+ years. Samuel participated in the Seven Bridges Ministry to help rescue brothers and sisters off the streets. After retirement, Samuel accepted the role of an Elder at the East Cobb Church of Christ and was involved in the process of searching for a new senior minister.

Samuel was actively involved in the community during his travels with IBM. Samuel served on the Board of Directors for the Urban League, Cities and Schools and Winterfest in Fort Lauderdale, Fl. Samuel was elected to the City Council of Adair Village, Oregon. Samuel served on the Board of Directors of the YMCA in Portland, Oregon. Samuel served on the Homeowners Association board for the Inverness subdivision in Roswell, GA.

Samuel and his wife Marline traveled the world extensively. He enjoyed gardening and fishing in Canada with his brother, Lewis. Samuel kept in great shape by working out at the gym and walking several times each week.

Samuel was dearly loved and will be missed by many. He is survived by his wife, Marline; son, Drue (Olivia); and brother, Lewis (Lera) and sister-in-law, Shirley (Travis). He was preceded in death by his father, Travis Sr; mother, Gladys and brothers, Travis Jr. and Reuben.

The Celebration Of Life Service will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at 11:00 AM at East Cobb Church of Christ. 5240 Roswell Rd. Marietta, Ga. 30062.

Rather than sending flowers, please direct your support to Samuel's favorite ministries:

Please make checks payable to: Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc.

Kairos of Georgia State Treasurer

P.O. Box 5743 Forsyth, GA 31029 Phone 478.719.0734

Please make checks payable to East Cobb Church of Christ, in memo, please write Haiti Mission

East Cobb Church of Christ

Haiti Mission Donation

5240 Roswell Rd.

Marietta, GA 30062

770-587-5999

If your gift is in memory of or honor of someone, please include the name of the person you are honoring and the name and address of the person to be notified of

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery & Mausoleum

950 Mansell Rd
Roswell, GA 30076

Tribute Wall

CE

“ I was mentored by Mr. Aikin in Atlanta Georgia. I lost contact because I moved to Washington DC; my heart is saddened to hear of his passing. Mr. Aikin offered to help me during a tough time in my life. Mr. Samuel Aikin modeled what a Christian should look like. God Bless You Mr. Aikin!!

Cedric - May 27, 2025 at 07:26 PM

FB

“ Sam and I were high school friends and maintained our friendship through college, our careers and life. He will always be remembered for his kindness, loving ways and “good looks”. I commend him for his determination to master the challenges and do well. He will always be loved and missed.

Faye Price Banton

faye banton - September 21, 2024 at 11:17 AM

MA

*thank you Faye, for your kind words. I was blessed by having 36 years with him and he will surely be missed.
I think you have my number. I hope we can stay in touch.
God Bless
Marline*

Marline Aikin - September 23, 2024 at 10:14 PM

DJ

“ Sam was a fellow IBMer and and fellow East Texan. He was truly a trailblazer in what he did in attending East Texas State, now Texas A&M Commerce, during a time when we were not as welcome as we are now. He persevered, graduated and went on to a marvelous career in a number of ways. I met Sam later in both our IBM careers and we instantly connected because of our similar backgrounds. I'm thankful our paths crossed when they did. I offer my sincere condolences and blessing to his family. May he rest in peace and I know his legacy will continue through the work he did.

Don Johnson - September 21, 2024 at 08:23 AM

MA

Thank you so much Don.

Marline Aikin - September 23, 2024 at 10:15 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Samuel Drue Aikin.



September 20, 2024 at 04:22 PM

TF

“ The Pepperdine Family purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Samuel Drue Aikin.



The Pepperdine Family - September 20, 2024 at 12:20 PM



“ *Blue & White Mixed Half Casket Cover was purchased for the family of Samuel Drue Aikin.*



September 17, 2024 at 05:56 PM



“ *Sam Aikin was a huge blessing to my family. He would always call to check on us and asked if we needed anything to let him know. He was a great mentor to my sons. He will be missed greatly. His work and legacy at East Cobb Church of Christ will always be remembered. Our thoughts and prayers are with Marline and Drue. May our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, comfort and console Sam's entire family.*

Rita Shoneye - September 16, 2024 at 01:46 PM



*Marline and Drew, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Sam our cousin will be missed. Sincere Condolences to the entire family.
The Aikin-Lomax Family
Albuquerque, New Mexico*

Linda Aikin-Lomax - September 16, 2024 at 07:56 PM



*Marline & Drew, we have been blessed beyond measure to have known Sam. The depth of his commitment to our Lord was evident in his love and service of others. His work as a Deacon with his guidance of the Haitian congregations, as a humble man serving as an Elder, while continuing his work with the prison ministry have eternal impact. A beautiful example to all of a Godly man.
He hears the Master say, Matthew 25:21 "Well done good and faithful servant".
Love,
Ancel and Judy Buchanan*

Ancel and Judy Buchanan - September 20, 2024 at 11:53 AM