



Mr. Samuel Zirkle

October 4, 1934 - June 7, 2012

East Stone Gap, VA

Samuel "Sam" Melvin Zirkle, Sr., 77, went to be with the Lord on Thursday (June 7, 2012) at Lonesome Pine Hospital.

On Wednesday evening, Samuel was surrounded by his wife, his pastor and a host of family and friends. Early Thursday morning, he passed away peacefully with his wife of almost 58 years by his side.

Sam and Sylvia lived in East Stone Gap where they raised a loving and beautiful family. This was their greatest accomplishment. Sam's family was his pride and joy and continues to be so for Sylvia today.

Sam was preceded in death by two infant children, Stanley McNeil Zirkle and Steven Gilmer Zirkle; his mother and father, Bonnie (Burton) and George Zirkle; and granddaughter, Chastity Givens Taylor.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sylvia Fletcher Zirkle; his children, daughter, Sheila and Hassan Adldoost, son, Sammy, Jr. and Debbie Zirkle, daughter, Sonia Sutphin Vandergriff and Jesse Vandergriff, daughter, Sherry and Stanley Trinkle and son, Stan and Susan Zirkle; his brother, Earl and Lannis Zirkle; sisters, Janice and Jim Willis and Brenda Givens; his grandchildren, Todd and Nikki Zirkle, Brook and Tommy Justus, Cody Zirkle, Crystal and Rodney Evans, Misty and Sam Jackson, Brett and Melissa Trinkle, and Brandon and Whitney Trinkle; his great grandchildren, Sam and Diana Givens, Braxton, Haley and Camden Zirkle, Brady Thomas Justus, Juliana, Desha, Elija and Quinn Evans, Brooklyn White, Sammy and Houston Jackson, Tatum Trinkle and Haley Williams. In addition, he is survived by a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday at Holding Funeral Home (17 E. 3rd St., N.) in Big Stone Gap, VA.

The funeral service will be conducted at 7 p.m. on Saturday in the funeral home chapel with Pastor James Ray Holcomb officiating.

Committal services will be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens. The family and friends will meet at the funeral home by 10:30 a.m. on Sunday to go in procession.

Pallbearers will be: Todd and Cody Zirkle, Brett and Brandon Trinkle, Tommy Justus and Rodney Evans. Honorary pallbearers will be: Stanley Trinkle and Jesse Vandergriff.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 207 N. Boone Street, Suite 1500, Johnson City, TN 37604.

To view the obituary and sign the guest registry, please visit www.holdingfuneralhome.com.

Holding Funeral Home is honored to serve the Zirkle family.

Tribute Wall

SQ

“ *Alot of childhood memories. Love you all*

Sheila (Adams) Qualls - December 10, 2013 at 08:11 AM

BG

“ *I am so sorry, Sherry. The loss of a parent is always so very hard. Please give your Mother my regards and y'all are in my thoughts and prayers. Barbara*

Barbara Gibson - December 10, 2013 at 08:11 AM

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“ *My sympathy to you all. I can remember going to school with the kids and I know it is hard to lose a loved one;pecially a dad. My prayers are with you all.*

Leila (Gollaway)Reinersman - December 10, 2013 at 08:11 AM

MH

“ *Dear Sonia - Susan and I are so sorry for your loss. As we hold you in our hearts, we are sending our thoughts and prayers for you and your entire family.*

*Blessings always,
Michael and Susan Hayter*

Michael Hayter - December 10, 2013 at 08:11 AM

JC

“ *Our deepest condolences Brook and Tommy for your loss. We pray for peace and comfort for the entire family. Love, Jim & Pauline*

Jim & Pauline Clevinger - December 10, 2013 at 08:11 AM

FW

“ *Sylvia, Our deepest condolence to you and family for the loss of your Sammy. With our love.*

Fred & Jenny N. Watkins

Fred Watkind - December 10, 2013 at 08:11 AM

JH

“ Proxy ,I am so sorry to hear of Sammy's passing,Tiny would have love to be with you in your time of sorrow,I lost my husband new years eve 2010 so I can relate to what you are going thru, it never goes away ,but it does get easier especially when you have children and grand children to help you get thru thank God for them, God Bless you love
Jewell

Jewell Harrell - December 10, 2013 at 08:11 AM

CH

“ Sylvia & Family, physical distance is all that keeps us away as you lay Sam to rest. We wish we could be there to share loving memories of Sam along with other family and friends; to share a hug and dry each others tears as we say goodbye. We cannot. But we are all never more than a prayer apart, in this world and the next. Know we hold Sam and all the family in our hearts and prayers today and always. Lay a rose on Sam's gravesite with our love. God Bless Sam with eternal peace. God Bless you all. Virgie, Chris, & Greg

Sylvia, our friend Rosie who thinks of you so fondly, sends her sympathy and prayers as well.

Chris Hach - December 10, 2013 at 08:11 AM

BI

“ Our deepest condolences go out to all of you for your loss. May God be with you during these times and the times ahead of you. Although your loss will always be missed time and love of family will take care of itself.

B.K., Layne, and B.K. III

B.K./Layne Walker, Jr. & Son B.K. III - December 10, 2013 at 08:11 AM

AC

“ Zirkle Family,
Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Anne Cubine

Anne Cubine - December 10, 2013 at 08:11 AM