



Sam H. Loughmiller, III

August 15, 1949 - October 24, 2022

Sam Houston Loughmiller III was born on August 15, 1949 in Parsons, Kansas and peacefully died on October 24, 2022 in his home at Merriam, Kansas. He is preceded in death by his parents, Sam Houston, Jr. and Elizabeth Loughmiller as well as one brother Quinby Loughmiller. He is survived by Glenna Loughmiller, his wife of 51 years; his children Barry Loughmiller, and wife Jamie, of Eudora, Kansas and Natalie Thomas and husband Mark, of Alexandria, Virginia; Grandchildren Adrian, Tabitha, Owen, Brady, and Eli; and his siblings; Judy Monroe, Tom Loughmiller, Jerry Loughmiller, and Jane Loughmiller.

If the measure of a man is how many lives he touched, Sam was a huge success. He was a devoted Husband, Father, Grandfather, Uncle, Boy Scout, Teacher, and Friend. He never met a stranger and would talk to anyone and everyone. He selflessly donated his time to his church, mentoring recently released prison inmates, educating people on organ donation and helping anyone in need. He strove to make a difference in the world by helping to ease the pain of others with honor, compassion, and understanding. He spent his teenage and college years working with boy scouts and continued that work with both his son and grandsons. He religiously attended every one of his daughter's track and cross country events, both in high school and college. He was known and loved by the entire racing team. He had an amazing and silly sense of humor that he shared with his grandchildren. His strong faith was a guide in his life and the impact on those he knew and loved cannot be

overstated.

Sam taught in the public school system for 38 years as an Industrial Arts teacher after receiving his Bachelor's and Master's degree from Pittsburg State University and was a finalist for the Kansas state Teacher of the Year. His former students sometimes came to the house and asked for help and he always did what he could for them.

Sam had many interests that kept him active and involved with life. He was actively involved with Oak Grove Christian Church, serving as an Elder, singing in Choir, as well as taking charge of maintenance and building issues. He was a member of the East Hill Singers, a choir that sang with mentored prison inmates. Some inmates, after release, kept in touch with Sam and counted on him as a friend.

As a kidney donor recipient, Sam felt strongly about organ donation and was a strong advocate for Gift of Life, speaking at local schools and even making a YouTube video on Gift of Life that can be found on the world wide web.

Sam loved to travel and toured extensively in the continental United States, visiting all 50 states. He spent several weeks in Hawaii with his Sister-in-Law Deanna and her husband Bob. One of his most loved travels was hiking to the bottom of the Grand Canyon with his good friend Don Huffman. His trips also included a cruise to Alaska and a recent trip to Europe with his wife to celebrate their 50 years together.

He was a recreational shooter, hunter, and outdoorsman. He was a railroad fan and very proud of his son, Barry, a train engineer.

Sam's life seemed to revolve around building projects sparked by his Industrial Arts background. Along with countless renovations, repairs, and jobs he did for other people, he built his own house as well as a house for his son.

This short written celebration of Sam's life and work clearly indicates the high esteem in which he was held and how much he will be missed by all who knew him.

A visitation will be held from 4:00-6:00 PM Friday, October 28, 2022, with a celebration of life following. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to Gift of Life, (6405 Metcalf Avenue Building #3 Suite 109, Overland Park, KS 66202).

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Sam H. Loughmiller, III*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - October 27, 2022 at 04:30 PM



“ *Sam H. Loughmiller, III*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM

SB

“ My family and I met Sam at Oak Grove Christian Church in 1991, a few months after we arrived to the U.S. from the Philippines. When we first attended the Congregation, we didn't know anybody and we didn't know what to expect.

Sam was one of the Elders who approached us and introduced himself. With his smiling face, genuine and kind gentle words, he made me and my family felt so welcome. And from that moment on, we became a member of the Oak Grove Church family and all through these years Sam has always been there for my family in good times and hard times. Growing up at our small Church, our children looked up to him.

Sam is truly one of the kindness, caring and loving friend anybody could ever have. He had a big heart and always has a big smile on his face. He will be dearly missed.

Sam, I will miss singing next to you during Choir. Rest In Heavenly Peace dear friend!

Love from Shirley Balecotcha and family.

Shirley Balecotcha - October 29, 2022 at 07:39 AM

RW

“ I had the privilege to serve at Camp Wilderness Boy Scout camp in the late 60s with Sam and his brother Tom. Sam was always smiling and a wonderful example. He was an angel on earth.

Roger Wood - October 29, 2022 at 06:39 AM

GM

“ Sam, you taught me how to be a godly man, not just in words, but in your loving actions lived daily. Week after week you prepared Sunday School lessons knowing I was going to be the only one in class. You taught me God’s Word. I can’t express how much you mean to me and the impact you have had on my life. I look forward to seeing you again soon, Sam! All my best to Glenna, Natalie, Barry and family. George “Randy” McGrew, Oak Grove Christian Church

George “Randy” McGrew - October 28, 2022 at 08:07 PM

JE

“ There just isn't room enough here to post all the wonderful memories I have of Sam. He was like a big brother to us younger cousins. His smile and enthusiasm were infectious, and I was just happy to be around him. We had many deep philosophical talks when we were older. Just a rare individual. Chip Eisler

James Eisler - October 28, 2022 at 12:41 PM

CE

“ Chip, Joyce, and Andy Eisler purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Sam H. Loughmiller, III.



Chip, Joyce, and Andy Eisler - October 28, 2022 at 12:21 PM

FS

“ Sam, you are now singing with the angels!

Frank R. East Hill singer - October 28, 2022 at 11:46 AM

JW

“ Some of my earliest memories as a class mate at Washington elementary school (and fellow member of the "three musketeers") are of Sam Houston Loughmiller the third. At one of our high school class reunions, we had a laugh about our our grade school escapades and I was so impressed by his infectious smile and positive presence. We will miss you Sammy! My heartfelt condolences to all your family and friends who you so graciously inspired. John Winslow

John Winslow - October 28, 2022 at 09:55 AM

TB

“ I met Sam through scouting many years ago, though as time exists it was only brief, I have never forgotten the character of this blessed soul. The first thing was that captivating smile that lured you into his fold like a giant welcome sign. Then you feel the warmth of the creature that only God alone could ordain. Tho I didn't remain close through the years to say he had an impact on me is an understatement. I thought of him often. Clearly the world he leaves will be darker but yet so much of him remains. Blessings on you all. M. T. Bringle

Tom Bringle - October 28, 2022 at 07:38 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sam H. Loughmiller, III.



October 28, 2022 at 07:13 AM

CJ

“ Jerry and Janie and all; condolences at Sam's departure. Peace to all.

Charlie Joslin - October 28, 2022 at 03:07 AM

SM

“ I had Mr. Loughmiller as my shop teacher in '84-'85 and I remember him working on the train Christmas lights. I've loved seeing them go up every year since.

When I had my braces removed, he made a silly joke and teased me but he was the only teacher to notice. He was a great teacher and a wonderful man.

My sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Sarah (Cooper) Miller - October 27, 2022 at 09:36 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sam H. Loughmiller, III.



October 27, 2022 at 07:06 PM

MW

“ Sam and I taught together for many years. When I retired a number of us went to lunch to celebrate. Sam brought his antique car, an ancient Ford, I think. He referred to it as a "chick magnet" with a laugh as he gave us a ride. He was a person with integrity, a wicked sense of humor and deep faith. He has left this world far too soon. His goodness will be sorely missed. Thinking of you, Glenna.

Mary Winslow

Mary Winslow - October 27, 2022 at 04:50 PM



“ 254 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - October 27, 2022 at 04:11 PM

PM

“ *Sam was a PHS classmate of mine. He was such a nice person and had such a great smile. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. The world lost one of the good guys!*

Peggy Malicoat-Gentry - October 26, 2022 at 10:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sam H. Loughmiller, III.*



October 26, 2022 at 09:13 PM

KH

“ *A kind soul. A kind heart. A man of service, a man of character we should all be grateful that Sam was a part of our lives, I know I am. I will miss him.*

With a heavy heart...Kim Harbur

Kim Harbur - October 26, 2022 at 08:23 PM

WH

I had him in high school as a teacher and he was a great teacher and yes will be sadly missed by all that knew him. R.I.P. Sam.

Willie Harmon - October 27, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sam H. Loughmiller, III.*



October 26, 2022 at 03:34 PM

SW

“ *It is with a sad heart I will not ever get to travel to Lansing with Sam again. I enjoyed our conversations and his overwhelming warmth that he exuded constantly. His ever present smile and true concern of his fellow human was intoxicating.*

I hope to meet you again dear friend.

Shawn Wyckoff - October 26, 2022 at 02:13 PM

DB

Sam and I came to the Turner School District in the year 1971 and retired in 2009. He was a master teacher and friend. I enjoyed numerous fishing and hunting trips with him. I have not known a better man in my life. I know Sam rest with the angels in heaven.

Don Bachtel - October 26, 2022 at 09:42 PM

RC

“ He was a great man, I will always rate him as my favorite teacher of all my school years in Highland Jr High where I attended he was always kind caring and loved his students after I was out of school I would see him at different times being married to my wife Kathy he was always the same man of God who had that smile and would talk of his church. I was blessed in my life time to have had him a part of my life.

Rev. Dale Carter - October 26, 2022 at 01:56 PM

TL

“ My granddaughter Ava Loughmiller had a birth defect called aniridia... no iris in her eyes. Thus she has gone to children's Mercy hospital in Kansas City for the past 14 years every 3 months both for her check ups and her 14 eye operations. And since Sam and Glenna we're just around the corner from the hospital (well 10 minutes in KC travel time talk) We tried to make it a point to stop by and visit them and Ava LOVED Sam. His backyard was set up for kids...including him...trampoline, Zip line, huge treehouse, goldfish pond etc. Ava loved it & she also remembered getting a boo-boo while playing in the treehouse and she remembered that Sam took her inside and cleaned it up & put a Band-Aid on her small cut or scrape. And whenever I called Sam he always asked first about Avas' eyes & when I told him that her left eye had to be removed this spring I could hear his voice crying for her. It was the little things he did for her & her brother Cannon that made him their favorite uncle. All of his & my grandkids loved him because he was just 'one big ole kid at heart' & they loved it !!



Tom Loughmiller - October 26, 2022 at 11:19 AM

TB

“ I brought my toddler daughter for an after school visit. Sam came by my room and my daughter, who had never met Sam, ran to him and kissed him on the lips. Both Sam and I had a good laugh about this for years to come.

Sam always showed interest in others and asked me questions about myself and was always pleasant to talk to. He also spent lots of time laughing. Sam, thanks for making a difference with a multitude of people. You will be missed. Sincerely, Tom Balas

Tom Balas - October 26, 2022 at 10:02 AM

DH

“ My friend, Sam. On one of our trips hiking the Grand Canyon, we took a little side trail. We sit on some rocks talking and enjoying our time together. As we were leaving our spot, some ladies sitting near us wanted to know if we were brothers. They said they sat listening to our conversation for twenty minutes or so being entertained.

We've always enjoyed our times together. So yes we were brothers, working, playing, hiking and enjoying each other. I will always miss my friend Sam. God bless you, Sam, see you down the trail. Don

Don Lorene Huffman - October 26, 2022 at 09:56 AM

WW

“ with love, Hattie & Chris Wiley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sam H. Loughmiller, III.



with love, Hattie & Chris Wiley - October 26, 2022 at 08:44 AM

AG

“ *Mr. Loughmiller was a great man. As a colleague of his, I learned a lot from him in the education field during my tenure in Turner. His dedication to the Lord was awesome and he demonstrated it daily. Blessings to the family during this time. Rest easy my friend in the arms of Jesus.*

Annette Gaitan - October 26, 2022 at 04:13 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sam H. Loughmiller, III.*



October 25, 2022 at 11:12 PM

CC

“ *Sam always had a smile and warm welcome anytime we went to the house to visit. He was easy to talk to always made you feel like you mattered. My deepest condolences to you all!*

Carrie Cox - October 25, 2022 at 10:59 PM

NW

Sam was our friend that always there when we needed him. He and my husband were co-workers on many, many projects for years. I could write a book about Sam. Anyone who has ever met him will remember him always as a loving friend who loved God, his family and friends.

Niza Webber - October 26, 2022 at 02:23 PM

PW

Glenna: Sam was such an amazing sweet person. I'm sure he was greeted with open arms by our Lord and Savior. Maybe he's being reunited with Glen:)

Paula Weber

Paula Weber - October 26, 2022 at 09:11 PM

RC

Sam was a person full of grace. The light and love of God easily moved through him to touch countless hearts. Thanks be to God.

Rob Carr - October 27, 2022 at 08:07 AM

JW

Mr. Loughmiller was my shop teacher in the mid 80's. He got me into the model rocket hobby which I enjoyed for years with my Dad. Our class also built our tool shed that still stands today. He was a great teacher and friend.

Jesse Williams - October 27, 2022 at 04:37 PM

PL

I'm so sorry for your loss. Sam was a great man! My condolences to all!

Peggy Loughmiller

Peggy Loughmiller - October 27, 2022 at 06:53 PM

NH

Sam was a man of GOD! Sam was a friend. Sam was a man you could depend on. Sam was a kind, considerate and compassionate friend. When my late husband and I joined Oak Grove Christian church, it was late fall. At Christmas time at our church they had a large nativity scene set up close to the baptistery. We were in line for our Wednesday evening gathering for dinner. As I was viewing the scene, one thing caught my eye. I mentioned it to Sam. From that time on it was a standing joke between us, All because I

Thought Joseph was on the wrong side of the cradle,

Most of us at church would have a special story of Sam.

I'm sure I'm not the only one who will miss his Christmas song, "Mary Did You Know"

I would also say for those of you who missed the service, it was one of the most memorable goodbyes I've experienced. Absolutely perfect.

Many laughs with all story's of Sam.

Thanks Sam for being part of my life. I'm a better person for having had you a part of my life.

Nancy Hilgardner - October 28, 2022 at 10:07 PM

CW

A bright and beautiful light has left our earth - Sam. How Sam was loved by all who ever knew him! My husband felt Sam was one of his best friends - and Sam spoke at Ron's funeral and presided at Ron's burial. I remember when Sam first came to Oak Grove Christian Church; he and Glenna were just about newlyweds, if I remember right. So many years ago; and neither stopped serving the Lord. Sam was a wonderful man and just an angel in waiting. He now has his wings and using his beautiful singing voice in Heaven. Thank you, Lord, for sharing this sweet man with all of us.

Connie Watkins - October 29, 2022 at 05:54 PM

CY

There will never be a man as special as Sam. He was a loving friend to every person he ever met His smile lit up a room and he was a great Christian man who radiated Christian love. You knew that if you needed anything, Sam would help if he could. Everyone loved Sam and he will be greatly missed. Sam shared with me that our oldest son, who has passed away in a terrible auto accident several years ago, was in the first class he taught. His wonderful voice will be missed in our church choir and just singing in the congregation. I know Sam is now in heaven and an important member of our Lord's choir. I feel so very blessed to have Sam's friendship these many years. Charlene Yulich

Charlene Yulich - October 31, 2022 at 07:23 PM