



## Samella Locke

August 22, 1952 - July 16, 2021

Samella Locke began her eternal rest, lovingly surrounded by her husband and children, on Friday, July 16, 2021.

A visitation will be held from 10:00 - 11:00 AM with Funeral Services beginning at 11:00 AM Friday, July 30, 2021, at Maple Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Maple Hill Cemetery. A Repass will be held following services at the Merriam Community Center.

Born Samella Parker, she graced this world August 22, 1952. She was the youngest of ten children born to Samella Shepard and Frank Parker in Kansas City, MO. When she was very young, the family moved to Kansas City, KS and her mother remarried to Columbus Johnson. They raised Samella and her siblings who remained at home. She graduated from Wyandotte High School in 1971. Samella worked at the Greater KC Epileptic League, Forum Cafe, Sirloin Stockade, and the JC Penney distribution center. She began working at Deluxe Check Printers in 1979 and stayed 32 years, until her retirement in 2011.

On April 18, 1970, Samella married Arthur Locke, Jr. Their 51 year union is a beautiful testament to LOVE, commitment, and true companionship. Together they raised three children, Tshombe, Arlise, and Desmond.

Samella loved gathering with family, for any and all occasions, or just

because. Everything she cooked was delicious. No matter how many times she made a pineapple upside-down cake or a raisin cream pie, it was always a delight. She also loved to travel. She and Arthur enjoyed many trips together, often with other family members, and a good time was always had. We will miss her upbeat giving spirit and how she always taught with love... and the way she sure would let you know what's on her mind.

Samella's parents, three brothers, Tommy, George, and Harry; half brother Gary; and two sisters Geraldine and MC - Maria Cecelia; have passed on before her.

Samella is survived by her husband and children, as well as four grandchildren, Tanea, Naisha, Nilah, and JeVon. Grandma's girls brought her so much joy, and she loved it when she finally got a grandson. Samella also leaves a brother, Frank; three sisters, Lula, Helen, and Jeffrey; three half sisters, Annette Bly, Patricia Clark, and Cheryl Parker; brother in law, Robert Godfrey Womack; and six sisters in law, Brenda, Linda, Joyce, Audrey, Patricia, and Mary. Auntie Samella / Aunt Sam has dozens of adoring nieces and nephews, many who will remember her Bag of Magic — she'd say "reach in and get you one, don't look though". Samella will also be missed by so many other relatives and friends who love her dearly.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home  
3300 Shawnee Dr  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
(913) 831-3345  
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com  
<https://maplehillfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

JUL **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Repass

JUL **30** (CT)

Merriam Community Center  
6040 Slater St  
Merriam, KS 66202

# Tribute Wall



“ *Samella Locke*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Samella Locke*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Samella was a kind soul and a good neighbor. I will miss her humor and positive outlook on life. We'll be praying God's love and healing mercy for the family.*

**Mary Webb** - July 30, 2021 at 09:59 AM



“ *78 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery** - July 29, 2021 at 10:43 AM

RS

“ I worked with Samella at Deluxe Check printers. She was a wonderful lady, beautiful inside and out. RIP Samella, love and prayers for her family 🙏🙏

rebecca shockley - July 28, 2021 at 10:57 AM

LL

“ Linda Locke lit a candle in memory of Samella Locke



Linda Locke - July 27, 2021 at 07:18 PM



“ Aunt Sam, was amazingly beautiful inside and out. Her smile would light up the whole room. Her heart was made of Gold. I love you Aunt Sam!!

R. I. P.... LOVE ALWAYS, Rovena

Rovena Nave - July 24, 2021 at 10:26 PM

LL

My sister in law Samella was very passionate about Family, Food and Fussing you out if you needed it. All in the name of LOVE. She couldn't resist stating her opinion. Scolding all and I quote I,m just saying. After which she would give whomever a big HUG, feed you and enjoy your company. She will be missed dearly by so many. And Auntie Samella shared her love with all her nieces and nephews. Blessed with no more doctors, treatments or Pain. Love you Sister in law. REST IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD, S PARADISE. RIP. 🙏🌹🙏🙏

Linda Locke - July 27, 2021 at 04:34 PM

MP

*Sam was "our baby" sister, we go way back. I remember giving her permission to go on a date with Art (the love of her life) when she was just a teenager. My heart is broken at the thought of having to say goodbye. Love you forever "baby" girl. Mary*

**Mary Parker** - July 29, 2021 at 02:08 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samella Locke.*



July 24, 2021 at 09:33 PM



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July 24, 2021 at 06:56 PM