



## Samuel Haydon Copeland

August 28, 2000 - December 9, 2022

Samuel Haydon Copeland, age 22, of Kansas City, MO passed away in his sleep and at his residence on Friday, December 9th, 2022.

Sammy-Haydon was born on August 28th, 2000, in Austin, Texas where he benefitted from a community of free thinkers. At the young age of five, the family relocated to the Kansas City area for an opportunity to be closer to his family. Sammy-Haydon attended the following schools: Briarwood, Stanley, and Arbor Creek Elementaries, Chisholm Trail Middle School, and Olathe South High School, where he graduated with academic honors at every level. After high school he attended the University of Kansas followed by DeVry University where he was currently enrolled.

Some of you knew him as Sam and others met him as Haydon. Sam was called Haydon until the second grade, when he chose to make Sam a permanent transition. He played Ice Hockey, soccer, and Lacrosse and Taekwondo growing up. He tried wrestling, but after his third practice he told his father that he didn't want to continue anymore so dad naturally asked why? His response was classic Sammy-Haydon, "I don't like the pressure." Dad rebuts, "What do you mean Sam? Do you feel like your parents are pressuring you?" Sam simply responded, "No, I don't like the pressure of the bigger kids laying on top of me!" Like I said before, he was most definitely a one-of-a-kind precious jewel! I'm sure if you knew him then you could share a

similar story.

Sammy-Haydon's one-of-a-kind life was just beginning before tragically ending. He was exceptionally intelligent, loving, funny, approachable, and there is no question he was one of the sincerest humans on this planet. Sam would always hold a door open for a stranger, make a witty wise crack to anyone, and take up for those being teased. He would also tell you something you didn't know, be extremely loyal to friends, and set life goals his way. He was an infinite dreamer.

In his adulthood, Sam lived for the moment and wanted to build up a bus to travel the country. Although Sam was working on making his dreams come true, he lost his way due to some mental health challenges and drug addiction. His devoted parents came together and were working diligently with him these past several months to guide him towards success. Unfortunately, Sam's life was cut short before he could benefit from all his hard work.

We love him with everything we have and are completely devastated. It's a tragedy that he was only given a short amount of time on this earth with so much more to give. We are also equally thankful for the 22 years he was here with us. He is now free of pain with safe protection from other fallen loved ones.

Rest in peace our dear son and drive that bus through the Ether into the clouds of Heaven where you will be welcome. We will NEVER stop loving and thinking about you.

Love,

Mom and Dad

A visitation on Friday, December 16, 2022 from 2 - 3PM, with a celebration of life start at 3PM, all at Maple Hill Funeral Home 3300 Shawnee Dr. Kansas

City, Kansas 66106.

In Lieu of flowers the family is asking for memorial contributions to be made to Brian's fund <https://www.briansfund.org/home/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **16**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

## Celebration of Life

DEC **16**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MI

“ Miss you, Sam--my almost birthday twin. Still think about you often.

Michelle - November 04, 2024 at 04:09 AM

RI

“ I love you man. I think about you every day, my brother. We were supposed to travel the world together, I will still be doing it, for you. I don't think you understand how much we really miss you down here, man. You better be standing there waiting for me when the time comes my brother. Love you forever

Riley - December 29, 2023 at 03:40 PM



“ Samuel Haydon Copeland

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM

HO

“ I still think of you sometimes. Your heart was pure and every conversation we had was enjoyable, whether we disagreed or not. I was really looking forward to that bus and I still am.

Hood - August 30, 2023 at 12:49 AM

KA

“ I miss you so much Sam, you are one of the kindest souls I have ever came in contact with. We would talk about so much in private and it made me feel incredibly safe. To the amazing parents, thank you for raising such a spectacular man. He was truly someone any of his friends could rely on, no matter what. We love you Sammy, forever and always

Kaeden - February 23, 2023 at 05:38 PM



“ Hey. I only knew Sam for a short while through DeVry. He made a Discord chat for our class which I was very thankful for. He has helped me through a couple of projects and I am so grateful for his help. Fly High.

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**Tatyana Ramsey** - December 19, 2022 at 11:55 PM

JS

“ Sam was always a dreamer at heart, he did his best to see the world in different colours and lights. He would sometimes play with his camera on his phone simply to see the world in a different way from the one that he was used to. He always told me, "I want to be featured in a magazine with my view of the world!"

*He's featured in my heart as a wonderful man and the best photographer in the world.*

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**Justin Stillman** - December 18, 2022 at 01:15 PM

SH

“ My memory is from a different perspective. (I am Will's grandma). I so remember the stories when all the boy cousins would be together at the Copeland grandparents. I do hope someone kept notes because many of their antics are legendary. Also-don't tell anyone but I think Sam was the favorite. Sally

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**Sally Hillyer.** - December 16, 2022 at 08:49 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Samuel Haydon Copeland.*



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December 15, 2022 at 03:47 PM



“ *Sam was going to pick me up in the van when he got it to road trip the states. We used to just sit on the phone talking for hours in Discord, with his camera turned on so we can look at the view from his window while talking. He was able to talk about anything. From meal prepping to spirituality to the funniest most obscure conversation imaginable. He helped me through some tough times with great advice and other times he was just a comforting person to talk to and forget about things. He was one of a kind.*

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**Patrick** - December 15, 2022 at 10:42 AM



*Uggh that view and his stupid tap mic 😂*

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**Hood** - August 30, 2023 at 12:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Samuel Haydon Copeland.*



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December 14, 2022 at 07:43 PM

MP

“ I never met Sam in person....however when we first met and spent hours sharing music to one another. I felt like I had know him for years. Not a single person that I know that's met him...would say anything negative about the guy. He brightened up lives. And inspired other people as well as myself to follow our dreams because it's possible. He was funny, bright, witty, and the friendliest person I will ever know. He never judged, he always saw the good in every person that crossed his path. I will miss, the hours we sat on a call together. And I will never forget the memories he granted me.

Sam, I hope wherever you are, that you are listening to your favorite music...singing/rapping along to it. And know that every person you shined your light on, will remember you forever.

- Minnie

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**Minnie P.** - December 14, 2022 at 04:05 PM

MP

“ 1 file added to the album Sam



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**Minnie P.** - December 14, 2022 at 04:02 PM



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December 14, 2022 at 01:17 PM

KE

“ I first met Sam when he became “the new kid” at Arbor Creek and then went to school together up until graduating from south. One of my fondest memories was when we would walk home together after grade school, even though it was a short walk for him since he lived across the street from the school. But, I looked forward to meeting up with Sam and having our short conversations. This was so long ago but I remember it for a reason, he showed me kindness at such a young age during a time in my life I needed it the most.

Kenzie - December 14, 2022 at 12:13 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel Haydon Copeland.



December 14, 2022 at 11:10 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Samuel Haydon Copeland.



December 13, 2022 at 02:00 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Samuel Haydon Copeland.



December 13, 2022 at 10:53 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel Haydon Copeland.*



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December 13, 2022 at 10:04 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Samuel Haydon Copeland.*



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December 13, 2022 at 09:32 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel Haydon Copeland.*



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December 13, 2022 at 08:17 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Samuel Haydon Copeland.*



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December 12, 2022 at 11:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Samuel Haydon Copeland.



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December 12, 2022 at 10:05 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Samuel Haydon Copeland.



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December 12, 2022 at 09:30 PM



“ *From Dad: He played Ice Hockey, soccer, and Lacrosse growing up. He tried wrestling, and after his third practice he told his father that he didn't want to continue anymore so dad naturally asked why? His response was classic "Sammy-Haydon". "I don't like the pressure" (Sam) What do you mean Sam? Do you feel like your parents are pressuring you? (Dad) "No, I don't like the pressure of the bigger kids laying on top of me" Sam Like I said before, he was most definitely a one-of-a-kind precious jewel! I'm sure if you knew him then you could share a similar story.*

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**Kenneth Copeland** - December 12, 2022 at 08:50 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel Haydon Copeland.*



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December 12, 2022 at 08:41 PM



“ *Some of my favorite memories ever with Sam we're the ones that we created at Dancefestopia a Camping Music Festival. Sam was more than a friend he is a lifelong brother. Sam was the life of the party when ever you were in a room with him you could feel the positivity that he was radiating. I can recall multiple times Sam would crash at my place and the next morning when I went to go check to see if he was still in the guest room he would have been gone leaving behind the bed made and picked up all the beer cans around the house from the night before. Sam was a gentleman and I'm grateful to have called him my friend. I'll miss you pal*□

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**Peyton** - December 12, 2022 at 07:25 PM



“ *What a sweet sweet boy. We love Sam. Heartbroken. He will be so missed. RIP young man.  
Kim and David Humble.*

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**Kim Humble** - December 12, 2022 at 07:22 PM

LS

“ *Love, Camille, Candy, LaDeanne & Shea purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Samuel Haydon Copeland.*



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**Love, Camille, Candy, LaDeanne & Shea** - December 12, 2022  
at 07:08 PM

EA

“ *My favorite memories of Haydon are from when he was very young and would give THE BEST, most convincing, 'love eyes' to get what he wanted. It worked every time.*

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**Emily Anderson** - December 12, 2022 at 06:16 PM