



Samuel "Mop" Barley

January 5, 1950 - March 24, 2018

Samuel Leon "Mop" Barley was the second of five sons born to Frank and Johnnie Mae Barley on January 5, 1950. He was a proud graduate of Armstrong High School, Class of 1968. Mop attended Norfolk State University and while working full-time, earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Averett University in 2008. In 1969, Mop joined the U.S. Army Reserve and continued a long military career until he retired as Tech Sergeant in 2006 from the Virginia Air National Guard where he served as an aircraft fuel systems journeyman. Mop's unit was presented an Air Force Outstanding Unit Award and he received a Bronze Star, several expert ribbons and meritorious service medals. He participated in Operation Noble Eagle in response to the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks. Mop also enjoyed a 17-year career at Virginia Power Company as an estimator. Following his retirement in 1988, he began a new career with Henrico County for 28 years where he celebrated a second retirement in 2015.

Mop was a free spirit who loved life and the joys of everyday living. He loved to travel venturing throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, Europe and the Middle East. Mop was a sharp dresser who liked to party and 'good-time it up' with family and friends. His four brothers were his best buds and everyone who knew them while growing up were clear - don't mess with the Barley boys - or you'll pay a heavy price dealing with Mop. The 'tough one', 'mean one', 'cook one', 'smooth one' was his motto. 'What

You See is What You Get' by the Dramatics was his favorite sound and he lived his life doing what he wanted, saying what he wanted to whomever he wanted, when and how he wanted, period. His rough and tough demeanor gave way as his grandchildren came along showing the softer side as he cherished each one. Being 'Granddad' was very special.

Mop was a fighter, a warrior who would always say "I tried". Ultimately, March 24, 2018, he lost his toughest and most challenging battle of life that no one has ever won.

He leaves to cherish his memory, three sons, Samuel Bryant, Rev. Sean Sr. (Calisa) and Sedric (Scherrie) Barley; three grandchildren, Justyn and Bryce Bryant and Sean Barley, Jr.; four brothers, Franklin Jr. (Debra), Jerome, Reginald (Hattie) and Willie Barley; a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, and many relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *Samuel "Mop" Barley*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Brothers can never be parted
Precious memories never fade, instead they
grow, inspire and comfort
Mop has always been surrounded by his
earthly angels, Frank, Jerome, Reginald and
Willie
May each of you continue to carry his memories bonded by love
forward
Hold tight to each other in hours of sorrow and despair
Seek comfort through prayer
Smile and let memories take control
For each memory represents your brother's love that will always be
a part of you
Although his soul has been set free
He didn't go alone for a part of each of you went with him when the
heavenly Angels carried him home
Celebrate his life
Never ending
Always fulfilling
Fortified by an abundance of brotherly love
Rejoice in the joy of his living*



In love and peace

Verda

V Johnson - March 28, 2018 at 05:28 PM

JB

My brother my friend and my fishing partner

Jerome Barley - April 13 at 10:17 PM

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“ *I am deeply sorry for your family's loss. Samuel spoke his truth as he saw his truth. Memories of his honesty bring a smile to my face. Though I had not seen him for many years, I always wished Samuel the best, the very best. I am grateful for the experience of knowing Samuel and will never forget him.* ”



Patricia Green - March 28, 2018 at 04:07 AM

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“ *Mrs. Eunice, Jackie, Sylvia, Kenneth & Terry purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Samuel "Mop" Barley.* ”



Mrs. Eunice, Jackie, Sylvia, Kenneth & Terry - March 27, 2018 at 10:10 PM

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“ *Phillip Rountree lit a candle in memory of Samuel "Mop" Barley* ”



Phillip Rountree - March 27, 2018 at 09:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Samuel "Mop" Barley.*



March 27, 2018 at 08:52 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - March 25, 2018 at 05:10 PM