



Samuel Y. Harkless

February 3, 1933 - January 15, 2018

The Universe welcomed the presence of SAMUEL YOUNG HARKLESS on February 3, 1933 in

Florence, South Carolina, and was given to loving parents, the late Sam Williams and Ada Harkless.

He was the last of 7, three sisters and three brothers preceded him in death. Samuel, affectionately called "Sammie" and "Unk", received his education in the South Carolina

Public Schools, graduating from Wilson High School in 1951.

He joined the United States Army in 1953 and served for 4 years. While in the Army he married the love

of his life, the late Mabel Grier in 1956. To this union were brought forth eight children: Alma Lou (now deceased), Mildred, Betty, Sammie Jr. I (John), Debbie, Earl, Earnest and Sammie Jr. II (Nikki).

Sammie worked for Chesapeake Paper Company for over twenty years and retired from there as a Master Machine Mechanic.

Unk was a loving father and husband who loved the Lord with ALL of his heart. He served the

Lord with gladness as he joined Bethel A.M.E. Church in the 1990's and became an Usher. Unk

was found every Sunday on his post, ushering in the children of God and

making room for them
to hear the Word of God. This brought him much joy and he did it well until his
health failed. He

retired as a Senior Usher at Bethel AME Church.

An all-around man was he; a puzzle solver, a jokester, a chef, a barber, a
sharp dresser, a lover

of music (Toni Braxton could sing to him anytime), loved sports (Orioles and
Ravens especially),

imagine him playing basketball, and he was Mr. Fix-it, you name it he could fix
it. He was a sum

of all these and more.

Unk was a reader of the Word and a teacher of the Word for he was divinely
inspired by the Word

of God. He would often call and tell his nieces and nephews to read certain
scriptures. They did

and the scriptures would be just the ones they needed for their situation. His
daily practice of

studying the Word was known to all. You knew not to call him from 9:00 a.m.
to 10:00 a.m. for

that was his time to commune with the Lord.

Yes Unk, we shall never forget your smile that lit up the room when you
greeted us; nor shall we forget

your tender words of encouragement and instructions on becoming a good
person. We shall always

remember your love you shared and imparted to each of us how you wanted
us to love each other.

A Kind man, a Wise man, a Good man, a Spiritual man was he that loved
people and they loved

him, but God loved him best. Sammie had many friends for he was a friend to
all. Unk will be

sincerely missed by all who loved and knew him.

On January 15, 2018, God saw His son getting tired and He lifted him up in his loving arms and carried him to His heavenly home. "WELL DONE THY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT, TAKE YOUR REST. WELL DONE"!!!!!!!

He leaves to cherish his memory: three daughters, Mildred Rose, Betty Morcelo and Debbie

Harkless; four sons, Sammie Jr. I (John), Earl, Earnest and Sammie Jr. II (Nikki); grandchildren,

great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews; and a

host of other relatives, church family and friends.

Previous Events

viewing

JAN **24.** 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

JAN **24.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

JAN **25.** 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church
1300 Druid Hill Avenue
Balto., MD 21217

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Samuel Y. Harkless*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Happy Valentines day granddaddy! I miss you and love you. I feel your presence each and every single day. I wish I could just see you for a quick minute, feel your arms around me, say my name, reiterate how much you love us... There's nothing I would't do just to feel that one more time. Your guidance speaks volumes though and ensures me that you are doing all of that from up above. I think about you all the time and will never stop working to be a reflection of you and all the good you have done in this world.*



Your Grandbaby,

Sepporah Lynn

Roxy Dinero - February 14, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ Granddaddy,

Only God knows how much I've been missing you. It's been so hard since you've left us but today I could feel you wrap your loving arms around me and tell me that everything is going to be okay. I can hear your sweet, soft voice reading me comforting scriptures, telling me to follow God and he will see me though. I will do just that, Granddaddy. I love you so much and while I wish you could be here with us, I know you are doing us much more justice guiding us from up above. You planted seeds of love, grace and resilience in me and I promise to never fail you.

Your Grandbaby,

Sepporah Lynn

Roxy Dinero - January 29, 2018 at 12:39 PM



“ *Strength and Wisdom Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Samuel Y. Harkless.*



January 23, 2018 at 09:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Samuel Y. Harkless.*



January 21, 2018 at 06:35 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 - January 20, 2018 at 09:28 AM