



## Deacon Samuel Seridan Young, Sr.

January 17, 1943 - April 30, 2013

The Legacy of Samuel Sheridan Young, Sr.

“God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.”

Psalms 46:1

Samuel Sheridan Young of Richmond, Virginia was born January 17, 1943 in Martinsville, Virginia to the late George and Mary Young. He went to be with the Lord on Tuesday morning, April 30, 2013. He was preceded in death by four brothers, John Vernon, George Daniel, Albert, Edward, and one sister, Dorothy “Dot” Wall.

Samuel gave his life to the Lord at an early age and became united with High Street Baptist Church in Martinsville.

Upon graduating from Albert Harris High School in Martinsville, he attended Virginia State College where he received a B.A. degree in Industrial Arts Education. Samuel later earned a Masters degree in Industrial Education.

While at Virginia State College, he met and married the love of his life, Sonja Purdie. They married in November 1966, and were blessed with two amazing children, Sammy, Jr., and Stacy.

After moving from Danville to Richmond, Samuel and Sonja joined Fourth Baptist Church where he served faithfully for many years as a Sunday School teacher and deacon. He worked in the Richmond Public Schools at John F. Kennedy High School, John Marshall High School, and Henderson Middle School. After retiring, he often substituted at the Richmond Technical Center.

Being the active and energetic person that he was, Samuel served in the capacity of assisting others whenever needed. He had such a big heart. He was a very loving, giving, and helpful person who touched many lives through his amicable personality, warm smile, his wit and charm. He was truly a servant. Because he had a heart for the youth, Samuel served as the Area Director for Richmond Young Life for approximately 25 years.

He could easily engage in conversation with anyone that he met. Being the jokester that he was, he was always able to make others laugh. His Purdie in-laws loved and adored him. He was very family oriented and enjoyed spending time with his loved ones. He especially enjoyed going to his grandchildren's sporting events.

Being reared in a Christian home, Samuel always had faith in God and delighted in discussing His Word. He and Sonja participated in a small group Bible Study with close friends for many years.

Left to cherish his memory in their hearts are his loving and devoted wife, Sonja; one son, Samuel, Jr. (Nikki), of Chester; one daughter, Stacy, of Glen Allen; two grandchildren, Trey and Tyler, of Chester; one brother, Posey Young (Rhonda) of Richmond; three sisters, Sue Gill, Marion Preston (Louis) of Martinsville, and Mattilene of Roanoke; three sisters in-law, Jacqueline Lewis (Bland) of Hampton, Lorraine Dawkins (Nolan) of Alexandria, Beverly (Kirby) of Ivor; one brother, L. V. Purdie of Ivor; two devoted friends, Colonel

McKee and Sam Mills, and a host of nieces and nephews, relatives and friends.

### The Last Request

Please don't say that I gave up, just say that I gave in. Don't say I lost the battle it was God's war to lose or win. Please don't say how good I was but that I did my best. Just say I tried to do what's right to give the most no less. Don't be concerned about me now, I'm well with God, I made it home. Don't talk about what I could have been; for it's over and it's done. Just see to all my families needs. When you draw me as a saint, I've done some good and some wrong so use up all your paint--not just bright and light tones; use some gray and use some dark. In fact, don't put me down on canvas, just paint me in your heart. Do not just remember the good times; some were happy and some sad. But if you must do something, then I have just one request. Forgive me for the wrongs I've done and with all the love that's left.

Thank God for my soul is resting.

Thank God for I've been blessed.

Know that I love you . . . Samuel

Your husband, father, grandfather and friend

Samuel was a man that was kind, loving, very caring, compassionate and a supportive person who loved having fun. He cared deeply for his family and all of his loved ones to a great extent.

Samuel was the backbone, the strength, and the light of his family. He gave love to everyone around him.

Samuel touched so many in so many ways and will be truly missed by all, however don't fret. She will always be with us deep in the recesses of our

mind and in our hearts until we too die and meet her in the afterlife. We will never allow the light to flicker and continue to carry her torch to eternity.

We personally, want to thank each and every one of you who are here today, attending his Homegoing Celebration Service. While he may no longer be with us physically, just remember that he will always be with us in both spirit and memory.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAY 3. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Family Hour

MAY 3. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23222  
(804) 321-4200  
info@marchfh.com  
<https://www.marchfuneralhomevirginia.com/>

## Service

MAY 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

Fourth Baptist Church  
2800 P Street  
Richmond, VA 23223



# Tribute Wall



“ *Deacon Samuel Seridan Young, Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To the Young Family: May the memories of Mr. Young help to ease your pain of sorrow. The Bible speaks of a time when there will be no more sickness, pain, tears, sorrow & even death; (Revelation 21:3 & 4). When Jesus was on the earth he healed the sick & raised the dead; this was a preview of the future. Jesus even promised at John 5:28 & 29 that he will resurrect our dead loved ones. John 5:28 & 29 states, " Marvel not at this because the hour is coming in which all those in the graves will hear Jesus voice & come out. Yes, we can see our dead loved ones again, right here on this earth but under different conditions (Psalms 37:9,10,11 & 29). I hope the words can bring you a measure of comfort until the fulfillment of them.. Love,*

Mamie A. Boyd - May 04, 2013 at 07:21 AM



“ *The Richmond Metro Alumni Chapter of Virginia State University wishes to extend our condolences to the family. May God bless and keep you in His prayer.  
Fred Green, president*

VSU Richmond Metro Alumni Chapter - May 03, 2013 at 09:04 PM

AW

“ A. Winston lit a candle in memory of Deacon Samuel Seridan Young, Sr.



A. Winston - May 03, 2013 at 04:49 PM

RM

“ Rene' Stokes And Kawka McClain lit a candle in memory of Deacon Samuel Seridan Young, Sr.



Rene' Stokes and Kawka McClain - May 03, 2013 at 01:47 PM

AR

“ April Pleasants, Charles D. StokesIII, R lit a candle in memory of Deacon Samuel Seridan Young, Sr.



April Pleasants, Charles D. StokesIII, R - May 03, 2013 at 01:45 PM

AS

“ Arletha D. Stokes lit a candle in memory of Deacon Samuel Seridan Young, Sr.



Arletha D. Stokes - May 03, 2013 at 01:43 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - May 02, 2013 at 12:09 PM

VH

*I remember fondly the days and times shared at Virginia State College. My prayers are with Sonja, the children and grandchildren, Posey and the entire Young Family. Take Psalm 23 with you. The Lord is truly your shepherd.*

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**Verna L Holoman** - May 02, 2013 at 12:50 PM

GB

*To the Family of Sam Young,  
May God continue to be your strength and peace through these times. Sonya, I will always remember and cherish that beautiful smile of Sam and never forget how you all bought me through the tough times with Eric. I learned a lot from your kindness and support always. I hope and pray that my sons will have the special type of humbleness as he did. Please call me anytime and I will be there..but most of all....God is there with you and He will NEVER leave you! I will continue to pray for you all.....*

*Gail and Quennon Beatty*

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**Gail Beatty** - May 03, 2013 at 10:31 AM

WB

*To the family: I had the good fortune of meeting your loved one two years ago as I would substitute at the Richmond Technical Center. He was a joy to work with. He demonstrated in word and deed his love for God, his family, and mankind. I pray that you will lend on the Lord for strength until the memories of Samuel bring joy instead of tears. Believe as he believed, and we shall see him again!*

*Wanda S. Barham*

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**Wanda Barham** - May 03, 2013 at 10:53 AM

AS

*To the Family of Deacon Samuel Young:  
Words cannot adequately express my heartfelt sympathy as you celebrate the homegoing of your loved one and my friend, Sam Young. I appreciate the time spent with him at church. I will always remember the precious times that he shared with my children as they navigated their way through the teenage years. " Young" Life and Sam Young meant so much to my daughter, April and my niece. Thank you Sonya, Stacy and (April's first heartthrob) Sammy, Jr. for sharing your husband and father with us. Thank you, Sonya and Stacy, for the way you touched my life. We are truly better because of Sam's love for God and for us.. May God richly bless all of you. I lo you all so much. I am continually praying for each of you. Love, Arletha Stokes*

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**Arletha D. Stokes** - May 03, 2013 at 01:41 PM

AS

*To the Family of Deacin Samuel Young;  
Words cannot adequately express my heartfelt sympathy as you celebrate the homegoing of your loved one and my friend. I am honored to have known him and spent time in his company. I appreciate the value of his friendship and Christian knowledge. "Young Life and "Sam Young" meant so much to my daughter, April. I will always appreciate him for the times he spent helping my children navigate through the teenage years. Even though he had children of his own, he always had time for other children. Thank you so much Sonya, Stacy, and (Aptil's first heartthrob), Sammy, Jr. for sharing your husband and father with me and the children. Samuel Young was a special person in all of their lives. Sam will be missed here on earth, but the memories will sustain us all forever.*

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**Arletha D. Stokes** - May 03, 2013 at 02:10 PM

CG

*Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family. We are praying for you and with you.*

*John and Connie Galloway*

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**Connie Galloway** - May 03, 2013 at 02:50 PM