



## Sam B. Cecil Sr.

April 29, 1938 - May 23, 2019

Sam B. Cecil, Sr. was born in Pennington Gap, Virginia on April 29, 1938, and passed away on May 23, 2019 at Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport, Tennessee. He was preceded in death by his parents, Helen Shelburne Cecil, and Charles Cecil. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Louise Roop Cecil, one sister Parthena Cecil Croom of Newport News, Virginia, one daughter Samantha Cecil Poe (Donnie) of Roanoke, Virginia, one son Samuel Cecil, Jr. of Pennington Gap, Virginia, five grandchildren Micah Edgar, Caleb Poe, Jordan Poe, Clarke Cecil, Isabella Cecil, and his best friends Dave (Carol) Willis.

He was a 1957 graduate of Pennington High School, a 1961 graduate of Milligan College, and a 1963 graduate of the College of William and Mary. Sam served his country in Fort Benning, Georgia, where he was an army medic. Sam and Louise later taught school until moving back to Virginia in the late 1960's.

Sam had an infectious sense of humor, and always enjoyed sharing a good joke and making people laugh. He always tried to help people any way that he could.

He was an active member of the First Christian Church in Pennington Gap where he had served as a deacon and as a member of the church board.

He was a charter board member of Farmers and Miners Bank, where he served on the bank board from 1979 until his death. He worked as Senior Vice President, loan officer and branch manager for the Rose Hill branch from 1982 until his retirement. He served on the Farmers and Miners Board of Directors for 40 years.

A funeral service will be held at First Christian Church in Pennington Gap at 3:00pm on Sunday May 26th, 2019. No formal visitation will be held. Burial will follow at Lee Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the First Christian Church in Pennington Gap.

# Cemetery Details

## Lee Memorial Gardens

1986 Hickory Cir Rd  
Pennington Gap, VA 24277  
(276) 546-2523

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

**MAY 26.** 3:00 PM (ET)

First Christian Church of Pennington Gap  
41481 W. Morgan Ave.  
Pennington Gap, VA 24277

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sam B. Cecil Sr.*

October 05, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ *My name is James R. Torrence, and I was fortunate to have Mr. Cecil as my 5th grade instructor at Faith Intermediate in Fort Benning, Ga . Good sense of humor and always fair, great teacher. If memory serves me correct he was a student of karate and inspired me in my participation in Judo. Just good memories of Mr. Cecil and his wife Louise who I never had the pleasure to actually meet but I believe I saw her when our school met President Lyndon B. Johnson. Only good memories of Mr. Cecil. To the Cecil Family my sincerest condolences please be safe.*

**James R. Torrence** - August 31, 2020 at 06:32 PM



“ *We are praying for all of you. So sorry we were unable to attend the service.*

**Tim and Jacqui Marion Hobbs and Family** - June 11, 2019 at 10:07 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your whole family. ❤️*

*Alane Elkins Barker*



**Alane Barker** - June 03, 2019 at 01:46 PM

JE

“ Sorry. Really liked Sam. Still love Louise. Jim "Jingles" Eckard.

James C. Eckard - June 02, 2019 at 12:43 AM

BO

“ So sorry for your loss!

benda ownbey - May 29, 2019 at 08:47 PM

BH

“ Thinking of you,



Bob and Sammie Horton - May 27, 2019 at 09:13 PM

CH

“ Claudia Howard lit a candle in memory of Sam B. Cecil Sr.



Claudia Howard - May 27, 2019 at 01:27 PM

BM

“ Beth Kirk Moore lit a candle in memory of Sam B. Cecil Sr.



Beth Kirk Moore - May 27, 2019 at 09:22 AM

MA

“ I have always enjoyed his sense of humor and positive spirit. MD

MD and Wanda Anderson - May 27, 2019 at 07:53 AM

CC

“ So sorry for your loss. I always thought the world of Sam. He was such a wonderful man and a great person to be around. We will keep your family in our prayers.

Christina Cope - May 26, 2019 at 10:28 PM

JK

“ David and Judy King



Judy King - May 26, 2019 at 01:39 PM

PB

“ So sorry to hear about Sam's passing. He will truly be missed by many.



Patsy Brimelow - May 26, 2019 at 01:22 PM

CH

“ *Carmen Huff lit a candle in memory of Sam B. Cecil Sr.*



Carmen Huff - May 26, 2019 at 11:57 AM

CH

*So sorry to hear of Sam's passing. I worked for Sam years ago and found it easy to work for him. His family is in my prayers.*

Carmen Huff - May 26, 2019 at 12:01 PM

LK

“ *So sorry for your loss. Sam was a kind soul. He will be sadly missed. I Remember walking into the bank, always spoke n greeted those that came in, if he wasn't with a customer.*



Linda Kinser - May 26, 2019 at 11:40 AM



“ *Sam was a great friend and he will be missed by all. Thanks for always sharing your memories of my mother and of me when I was born. RIP my dear friend.*

Linda Dinsmore - May 26, 2019 at 09:11 AM

JG

“ *Jan And Sandy Garrett lit a candle in memory of Sam B. Cecil Sr.*



Jan and Sandy Garrett - May 26, 2019 at 08:42 AM

VS

“ *We are so sorry to hear about Sam your family is in our hearts and prayers. Love Valerie and Louis Smith*



Valerie Smith - May 26, 2019 at 08:38 AM

JC

“ *J. Bruce Catron lit a candle in memory of Sam B. Cecil Sr.*



J. Bruce Catron - May 26, 2019 at 08:21 AM

FT

“ *Faye & Bill Thomas lit a candle in memory of Sam B. Cecil Sr.*



Faye & Bill Thomas - May 26, 2019 at 08:11 AM

RH

“ *Robin & Jr Hall lit a candle in memory of Sam B. Cecil Sr.*



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**Robin & Jr Hall** - May 26, 2019 at 08:01 AM

BC

“ *We are so sorry. Sam was a fine man and loved by all. Please know that each of you are in on our hearts and in our prayers. God. Omfirt uoi during the sad days ahead.*



*Deepest Sympathies,*

*Jerry and Betty (Hines) Crusenberry*

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**Betty Hines Crusenberry** - May 26, 2019 at 08:00 AM

PL

“ *To the Cecil Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Sam and his family were a part of our lives growing up in the First Christian Church. He was a kind man who always wanted to make you laugh. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Peanut and Donna Lewis*

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**Peanut and Donna Lewis** - May 26, 2019 at 03:03 AM

LF

“ *Linda Fee lit a candle in memory of Sam B. Cecil Sr.*



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**Linda Fee** - May 25, 2019 at 11:11 PM

EW

“ *To the Cecils, I am truly sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace and comfort for the family. Jim & Ernestine Wright*



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**Ernestine Wright** - May 25, 2019 at 11:08 PM

JG

“ *Jeremy Garrett lit a candle in memory of Sam B. Cecil Sr.*



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**Jeremy Garrett** - May 25, 2019 at 10:47 PM

CS

“ *Louise,  
We are so sad to hear about Sam's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Sam owns a special place in my mother's heart, as well as mine. Nell Stewart and daughter, Carol Herron Keokee, Va.*



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**Carol Herron, Nell Stewart** - May 25, 2019 at 10:11 PM



*I was very sorry to hear of Sam's passing. He was a dear friend since I first met him in 1996. I last saw him just a couple of weeks ago and like always he put his hand on my shoulder and said, "Here, listen to this..." as he proceeded to tell a joke. Sam will be greatly missed.*

Mitch Ewing - May 26, 2019 at 01:20 AM

RF

“ So sorry for your loss, Sam was a remarkable man, he will be missed by so many. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers



Ronnie and Nyoka Fortner - May 25, 2019 at 10:10 PM

RH

“ So sorry for your loss. I have known you and Sam since our college years at Milligan. Prayers for you, Louise and your family.

Reba Hand - May 25, 2019 at 09:35 PM

DM

“ Prayers for peace and comfort for family and friends.

Debra Musick - May 25, 2019 at 09:34 PM

JE

“ Cecil Family,  
We were saddened to hear of Sam's passing. The entire family will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Joe and Tracy Ely - May 25, 2019 at 09:23 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. May God comfort you and give you peace in the upcoming days.



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**Connie Domoe** - May 25, 2019 at 09:15 PM



“ Louise and family, we are so sorry to hear of the passing of this fine man. Love and prayers are being sent your way.

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**Doris and Larry Presley** - May 25, 2019 at 07:46 PM



“ So sorry for your loss and my prayers for peace and faith for the entire family!!!  
*Eleanor chadwell*

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**eleanor chadwell** - May 25, 2019 at 07:18 PM



“ work with Sam when he was over Head Start was great boss I always remember his remark the day I went into his office and told him I was pregnant I thought he would tell me to quit but instead he look at me with a grin and said I think that great lol

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**shirley evans** - May 25, 2019 at 04:57 PM

BR

“ Beverly Ringley lit a candle in memory of Sam B. Cecil Sr.



Beverly Ringley - May 25, 2019 at 04:51 PM



“ Thoughts & Prayers to all the family during this time .



Susan Martin - May 25, 2019 at 03:50 PM

FS

Frank and Linda prayers for your family

Frank and Linda Starnes - May 25, 2019 at 11:37 PM

PS

“ Polly Snodgrass lit a candle in memory of Sam B. Cecil Sr.



Polly Snodgrass - May 25, 2019 at 03:32 PM

MC

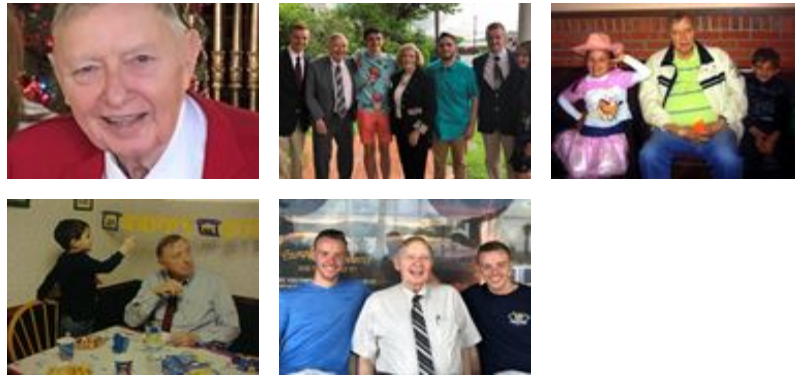
“ *Missy Grizzle Cook lit a candle in memory of Sam B. Cecil Sr.*



**Missy Grizzle Cook** - May 25, 2019 at 03:19 PM



“ *69 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Robinette Funeral Homes** - May 25, 2019 at 02:01 PM

JC

*Sam and I spent a lot of time together going to E.T. S.U. and other classes over the years. He was in many ways like the brother I never had. Louise, I am sorry for your, Samuel, Samantha and Grandkids loss.*

**John D. Collier** - September 02, 2024 at 08:00 AM