



## Sammy Lee Harrelson Jr.

August 10, 1950 - May 22, 2017

Sammy Lee Harrelson, Jr. age 66, of New Hartford passed away May 22, 2017 at his home.

Memorial services will be held 12:00 p.m., Saturday, June 3, 2017 at the Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green with Rev. Bob Hoehn officiating. Visitation will be held 9:00 – 12:00 p.m., Saturday, June 3, 2017 at the funeral home.

Sam was born August 10, 1950 in Curryville the son of Samie Lee and Barbara Ruth Worrell Harrelson. On April 30, 1972 in Bellflower he married Sandra Frye. She survives. Other survivors include son Tim Harrelson (Brandy) of New Hartford; daughter Emily Harrelson of New Hartford; granddaughters Caramia and Josephine Harrelson; brothers David Harrelson (Jerri) of Bowling Green, Charles Harrelson of Columbia, and George Harrelson of New Hartford; Uncle Gerald Worrell of Greenbriar, TN; Aunt Shirley Buffa of the state of FL. He was preceded in death by his parents; paternal grandparents Charlie and Maude Harrelson and his maternal grandmother Angie Beabout.

Sam lived in New Hartford most of his life, and was affiliated with the New Hartford Baptist Church. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War obtaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. He earned a Bronze Star for Meritorious

Achievement, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Sharp-Shooter Award. As a youth, he farmed for Don Gray and Wayland Wilhoit. Upon returning home from his service, he farmed for Motley Brothers for 30 years, and most recently for himself. From 1998-2016 he worked for the Bowling Green R-1 School District as a maintenance worker, bus barn supervisor and bus driver. Sam was known for his love of John Deere tractors.

Memorials may be made to the St. Jude's Children Hospital, J.B. & Greeta B. Arthur Cancer Center in Mexico or the Pike County Hospice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 3. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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## Memorial Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC created a Tribute Video in memory of Sammy Lee Harrelson Jr.*



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**Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's, LLC.** - June 03, 2017 at 11:20 AM

SF

“ *As my son so rightly said" Now Sam can bus the little children to Heaven."*

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**shelly Fongemie** - June 03, 2017 at 12:44 PM

JB

“ *I remember the first time our family met Sam. Everyone loved him. Always so kind, so polite. Sam was always such a gentleman. I am certain our mother went to church that Sunday and prayed for a wedding! Over the years, he never changed. Sam always treated Sandy with so much respect. We will all miss him very much.*

*Jana Bledsoe*

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**Jana Bledsoe** - June 02, 2017 at 09:52 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Sammy Lee Harrelson Jr..* ”

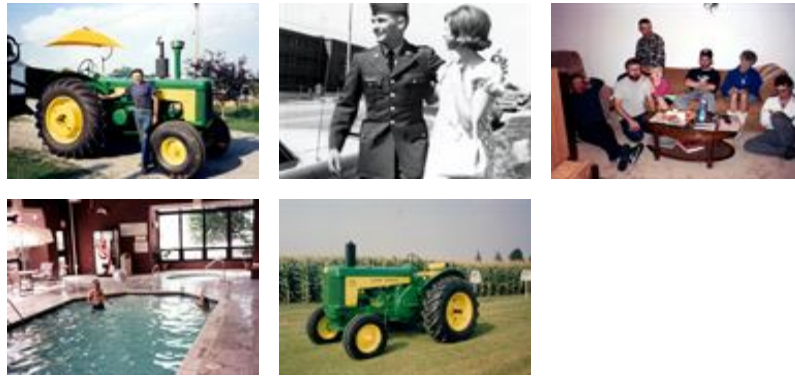


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June 02, 2017 at 12:19 PM



“ *215 files added to the album LifeTributes* ”



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**Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's, LLC.** - June 02, 2017 at 12:03 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sammy Lee Harrelson Jr..* ”



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June 02, 2017 at 11:14 AM

EN

“ Just got the news. Our condolences to Sandy and family. Sam was one of those special people you don't come across very often. Did his job at the "BARN " as well as anyone. Took safety as job1and lived it every day . Always a kind word and could always share a laugh with him. I will miss him very much. Our prayers will continue for his family. Eric and Vickie Niemeyer

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**Eric and Vickie Niemeyer** - May 27, 2017 at 08:09 PM

HW

“ Sandy and family, Just heard about Sam. So sorry for your loss. If you need anything please let me know. Harriett

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**Harriett Worrell** - May 27, 2017 at 12:18 PM

LA

“ I was so sorry to hear about Sam. He will be missed by all who knew him. Sam always had a nod and a smile when we passed in the halls at school. I knew we were in good hands when he was the driver on a field trip. The children all loved him. You are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Linda Arnold

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**Linda Arnold** - May 25, 2017 at 11:13 AM

PL

“ So sorry to hear about Sam. He was such a nice, good hearted man. I can still see him talking to my kindergarteners about bus safety every year. Hugs to you, Emily and your mom. You're in my prayers.

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**Penny Luebrecht** - May 24, 2017 at 11:34 PM

SO

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to you an your family. Sam was a bus driver for our grandson Cody, an Cody just loved him. He was a fine man. We are so sorry for your loss. Let us know if there is anything we can do for you as you have always been there for me.

Simon an Diane Orf - May 24, 2017 at 10:40 PM

GM

“ So sorry for your loss! Sam was a wonderful person and was loved by all. He had such patience with the kids on his bus. Sending prayers and hugs to all of You!

Gene & Melinda - May 24, 2017 at 08:07 PM

LT

“ Sorry for your loss, he was a good and kind man. Prayers to you and your family.

*Jim Tepen family.*

Linda Tepen - May 24, 2017 at 07:39 AM

TJ

“ Tom And Jean lit a candle in memory of Sammy Lee Harrelson Jr.



Tom and Jean - May 24, 2017 at 06:41 AM

TJ

*Sorry to hear of your loss, Sending prayers for the family . The Dempseyss*

Tom and Jean - May 24, 2017 at 06:45 AM

LA

*so sorry for your loss. Sammy was always so polite. I will pray for your family. laurie snyder*

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**laurie** - May 24, 2017 at 07:57 AM

JK

*“ I am so sorry for your loss -- and ours. Sam was clearly a man who took the lives and well being of others seriously. He also taught all those around him to be respectful by modeling respect and caring. What a blessing it has been to have had this good man among us and near our children for a part of his journey. God bless you as you travel these difficult days. -- Judy King*

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**Judith King** - May 23, 2017 at 08:29 PM

KS

*“ Sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. He was such a nice and thoughtful person,*

*Cleties and Kay Sparks*

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**Kay Sparks** - May 23, 2017 at 08:04 PM

CD

*“ Sammy was the nicest man, My late Husband and I always enjoyed visiting with him when we lived in the log house next to the graveyard.*

*Connie Dooley*

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**Connie Dooley** - May 23, 2017 at 06:39 PM

SD

“ Steve Deppe  
*Emily so sorry to hear about your Dad*

Steve Deppe - May 23, 2017 at 06:11 PM

LH

“ *I hadn't heard until now about Sam. My thoughts and prayers go out to Emily and family. I enjoyed visiting with Sam at BGMS especially on Veterans Day. He was a very kind hearted man.*

Linda Henderson - May 23, 2017 at 06:07 PM

JH

“ *Sam always wanted to reach me his driving..wished I had if now..coukdve spent more time with him..I'll miss you Sam*



Jan Hume - May 23, 2017 at 04:15 PM

 Cheryl Litton

“ *Cheryl Litton lit a candle in memory of Sammy Lee Harrelson Jr.*



Cheryl Litton - May 23, 2017 at 04:09 PM

TF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Harrelson family at this sad time.*

Tina Niemeyer & family - May 23, 2017 at 04:02 PM

SF

“ I was so happy that my children and grandchildren got to enjoy riding Sam's bus. They all loved him. He will missed horribly. A truly wonderful man to know.

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**Shelly Fongemie** - May 23, 2017 at 03:49 PM

LP

“ He was a true sweet man. When i had to do traffic duty after school he always had the bus warmed up for me before i had to stop traffic. God bless you sweet Emily. My prayers and thoughts are with ypi and your family. Hugs and love.

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**Linda Preston** - May 23, 2017 at 02:58 PM