



Samuel Whitney Day IV

October 8, 1938 - October 12, 2024

Samuel Whitney Day IV, of Salisbury, Maryland, passed away at his home on Saturday, October 12, 2024, at the age of 86. He was born on October 8, 1938, in Salisbury, Maryland. Sam, as he was known to his friends and family, graduated from Wicomico High School with the class of 1956.

As a young man, Sam was passionate about the Boy Scouts, cherishing the memories of attending the National Boy Scout Jamboree in Irvine, California in 1953 – an experience that stayed close to his heart throughout his life. He dedicated his professional life to Day Electric, which he owned and operated alongside his beloved wife, Virginia, until their retirement in 2009. Through his expertise as an electrician, he became a member of the Wicomico Electric Board.

Sam proudly served in the U.S. Air Force for 6 years. He also served as a volunteer firefighter with Station 2 of the Salisbury Fire Department for 36 years, rising to the rank of lieutenant. During his time serving with Station 2, Sam held several administrative offices, including treasurer, secretary, and president. Sam was an active member of Emmanuel Church, singing proudly with the church choir for several years. Sam was a dedicated man of faith who found solace and community through the church. Sam loved camping with his wife Virginia and was a member of the Eastern Shore Camping Club. When he wasn't hard at work, Sam could be found strumming his guitar, delighting in country and gospel music. Sam's warmth and generosity have left a lasting impact on all who were fortunate enough to know him.

He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Virginia L. Day; a son, Brice W. Perdue (Melissa); grandchildren, Wyatt, Savannah, and Miles Perdue; daughters, Tammy Perdue, Jenny Baker (Pastor Bill) and their children, Jordan, Canon and Chase, and Robin Perdue Steuernagel (Matt) and their daughter, Vera; George Thomas Day (Diane); niece Carol Serman Brown, who helped care for him in his final days; nephews, Lester Serman, Samuel Clayton Serman, and William Lee Serman; a niece, Jennie Lou Grubbs; a sister-in-law, Patricia Thomas (Mike); a brother-in-law, Dean Core (Janet); and several additional nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel Whitney Day, III and Edna Frances (Insley) Day; and a sister, Emma Lou Serman; and a brother, Whitney Lee Day.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, from Noon to 1:00 p.m. at Short Funeral Home, 13 E. Grove Street in Delmar. The funeral service will begin at 1:00 p.m. Interment with fire department and military honors will follow the service at Springhill Memory Gardens in Hebron, MD.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations in Sam's memory to be made to the Salisbury Fire Department Station 2, (410) 548-3120, Coastal Hospice, coastalhospice.org, or to Emmanuel Wesleyan Church, <https://ewc.churchcenter.com/giving>.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Springhill Memory Gardens

27260 Ocean Gateway
Hebron, MD 21830

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 E Grove Street
Delmar, DE 19940
(302) 846-2525

Service

OCT **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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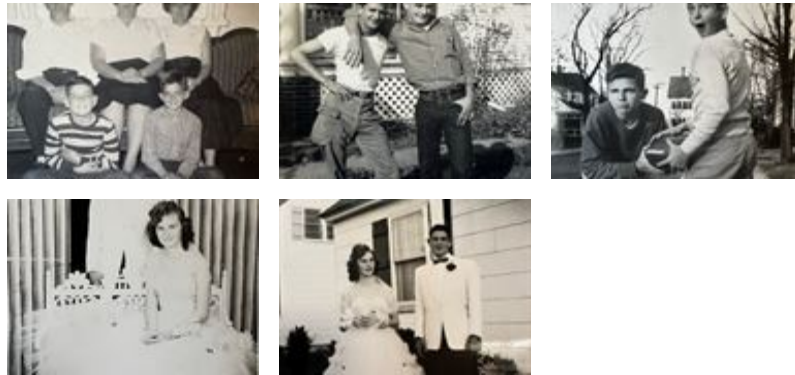
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To a very special man. My heart breaks today. I shall always remember you. My childhood wouldn't have been complete without you & Ginny. Best neighbors ever. Love & hugs Ginny. Jacki Callaway Ford & Jack Callaway

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