



Sam Jarrell

March 14, 1934 - October 20, 2024

Samuel Raymond Jarrell, 90, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Sunday, October 20, 2024 at his home.

He was born March 14, 1934 in Dudley, Missouri to Wilson Monroe and Emma Cecil Caulley Jarrell.

He and Janet "Jan" Alvina Jarrell were married March 27, 1964.

Sam retired from the Cape Girardeau Public School system in 1993 after 26 years of service. He was principal of May Greene school when he retired.

Sam was a member of the Missouri State Teachers Association of Elementary School Principals, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the Missouri Guidance Association.

Sam had a story, and a poem published in The Counseling Interviewer.

He graduated from Dexter High School in Dexter, Missouri in 1952, attended Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas from 1952-1956, attended Southeast Missouri State University from 1964-1966, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education, attended the University of Missouri

at Columbia from 1968-1969, where he earned a Master's degree in Education. He held Missouri Certifications for Elementary teacher, Elementary Principal and Counseling.

Sam was a member of the National Honor Society and The PHI DELTA KAPPA fraternity.

Before teaching Sam worked seven years in road construction and was a member of the Operating Engineers Local 513.

Sam was a member of the Church of Christ since 1948. As a member of the church, he served as a lay preacher for eight years, taught classes, led singing and performed numerous acts of hospitality for the members and the community.

He played several instruments including guitar, banjo mandolin and harmonica. He wrote several songs for the family and shared this music with his children and the children he taught in school.

Sam loved the outdoors and spent a great deal of his time hunting, fishing, hiking, gardening, cutting lumber and firewood. He also enjoyed painting rocks.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Jarrell of Cape Girardeau; a son, Samuel R. (Cathy) Jarrell II; three daughters, Cheryl Ann (Mark) McAllister, Laura Kay (Jack) Luttrell and Janet Louise (Mike) Cannon; three sisters, Edra Sutton, Emma Bedwell, and Mandi Shaw; four grandchildren, Jacqueline (Chris) McAllister White, Corwin (Erin) Easley, Margot (Jeremy) McAllister Hart, Daniel (Allison) Easley; five great grandchildren, Jacob Easley, Lena Hart, Jocelyn and Liam White, and Oliver Easley. Sam is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Wilson Jarrell; sister, Barbara Sutton; and infant sister, Ida Lee Jarrell.

A celebration of life will be held 11:00 am Saturday, October 26 at The Church of Christ located at 328 S. West End Blvd, Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Memorial contributions may be given to Children's Homes, Inc., Paragould, AR or Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort in Nashville, TN.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **26.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of Christ
328 S. West End Blvd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Tribute Wall

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“ *If you had the pleasure of meeting Sam Jarrell you had the pleasure of meeting one of God's greatest workers. Everyone he came into contact with left a better person than before. Truly a giant amongst men!* ”

anon - October 28, 2024 at 02:29 AM

“ I knew Sam since my family moved to Cape Girardeau, Missouri in June 2001. At that time, everything is new to me and life is very hard to a new immigrated family from China. There are not many Chinese peoples in this small town on the bank of Mississippi River and we do not know much of American culture and local Missouri culture. At that time, Sam and his wife Jan gave us great help that made our lives in Cape Girardeau much easier. He invited us to his church to meet many American peoples, brought us to his family parties in Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday, and “Fish Fry Party” that is the traditional party Sam held every year for his family, taught me fishing skills and brought me to many fishing trips. He also taught English to my parents-in-law and helped them pass the American citizenship test satisfactorily. He showed his friendship towards us in many more ways. In short, Sam treat me as his Chinese son (This is how he always introduced me to his family members and friends).

To Sam I have many stories to share with. Here, I just share with two fishing stories with him because Sam had 82 years fishing career, since he started fishing at 7 years old and ended at 89. First story is that Sam crowned me as the Gar King on my 47th birthday in 2004. In that coronation ceremony, Sam put a paper gar crown on my head, hung on my neck ornaments, ones made with fishing floats and hooks, and finally offered me a certificate which is made with a gar taxidermy nailed on a wood board. In the ceremony, Jan made a big, colorful gar cake with a gray gar laying on a blue river, all of them are edible. Obviously, this party would take Sam and Jan more than one week to prepare. I knew Sam was teasing me for I had no good skill to catch good fish, only lot of gars, but it is so joyful and teemed with fun and I had never had a birthday party like this one.

Another story is about the fishing itself. It was Sam that he taught me fishing in the US. One time, Sam and I go fishing on Sam’s boat. Sam assigned me a good fishing spot at one side of the boat, and Sam fished at another spot. In about one hour, I had no bites, but

Sam caught many fish. I said: "Sam, it is not fair for that you saved the good fishing spot for yourself." Sam smiled, said: "Well, let's exchange the spots." After exchange, Sam caught fish, I still did not. Then, I teased Sam again, I said "Sam, you did not teach your full fishing skill to me, you still hide something in secret." Sam just grinned slyly and said "That I had nothing to do with." Anyway, every time we went out fishing, we not only caught lot of fish, but also had lot of fun. If I fish alone, many times, I did not catch any fish. My younger daughter always joked at me: No Sam no fish. In this fall, I knew Sam was very weak. So, I visited him frequently. Last time I visited him is two weeks ago, Saturday, October 5th. Although he was very weak, he still welcomed me at front door. Then, we made green tea and drunk tea together and talked about half-hour. Sam also ate a local persimmon I brought to him. I am glad I have had a good time with Sam before his death. In short, from Sam, we see the love and care existed in this world. Twenty-three years is not long enough to stay with Sam. Life is short, but memory lasts longer. We had taken a family picture with both of our full families. I set this picture on the shelf in living room of my house. Because of Sam, my family settled down in Cape Girardeau smoothly. We do not feel lonely anymore in foreign country.

Sam will live in our hearts forever.

*Shaojun Wang & Yifeng Ren
Bonan Wang Link, Ellen Wang
Shengyuan Tang*

Bonan Wang Link - October 23, 2024 at 10:51 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Sam Jarrell.



October 23, 2024 at 07:09 PM



“ Jeff & Elaine Loftiss and Edra Sutton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sam Jarrell.

Jeff & Elaine Loftiss and Edra Sutton - October 23, 2024 at 07:09 PM



“ My heavens I was so sad to hear this. Sam was like a back up father to us. He was so patient and kind and tried to teach us life lessons. He led by example. Talked the talk and walked the walk all led by his Faith and the love and support of his family and church family. The memories of fishing trips and fish fries ..Sunday dinners after church, fun and fellowship, games and music. I thank Jan from the bottom of my heart for always looking after us as if we were her own..such a gentle soul . (who can COOK and make playdoh from scratch. No one's egg rolls or strawberry jam have ever come close) . Sam was a great man and will be missed.

Alecia T - October 22, 2024 at 10:00 PM

LT

“ He was the principal when I was in elementary school at May Green. He put a flower in all of us kids hearts and he hoped that it would bloom. If you were blessed enough to know him it was a good thing. Later in life when I was working at Walmart he would always seek me out when he came to the store and we would chat like friends at that point he was my favorite friend along with his wife. God bless his family. Rest in peace Mr. Jerrell



Lisa Toombs-Moit - October 22, 2024 at 09:21 AM



“ He was the principal while I was in elementary school and he let me know we shared the same first name. Nobody else in school at the time had his name. He was a good principal that I remember and I could talk to him if I needed to. Sorry for the family's loss.



Samuel Crabtree - October 22, 2024 at 08:11 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sam Jarrell.



October 21, 2024 at 09:07 PM

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“ Ralph and Rachel Craig planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sam Jarrell.

Ralph and Rachel Craig - October 21, 2024 at 09:07 PM