

Obituary

Samuel C. Hopson "Sam" was born on July 3, 1942 in Brunswick County, Virginia to the late Nellie Irine Hopson and Willie B. Hopson. After his high school education, he briefly worked for Oris P. Jones Funeral Home in Emporia, VA. Shortly thereafter, he decided to move to New Jersey with his older brother, Butch and his family.

When he first arrived in New Jersey, he held various jobs. Then he discovered his true passion – being a mechanic. Sam loved working with his hands and fixing anything that was broken. He also loved the sport of car racing. Sam even owned his own racing car.

Sam was a passionate and caring man. He loved his family dearly. Sam would help anyone in need if he could. He had a great sense of humor and never took life too seriously. He was a hard worker and always tried to provide a good life for those he cared about. He was honest and a good friend. Even as his last days approached, Sam maintained his sense of humor, his dignity and independence.

Sam leaves to cherish his fond memories: his life-partner of over 30 years, Kitty Ridley, Bergenfield, NJ; one daughter, Stephanie Hopson-Samuels, Chesterfield, VA; three sons, Anthony Tyrone Morgan, Chester, VA, Rodney C. Hopson, Hackensack, NJ, Jason Lee, North Carolina; one sister, Connie Hopson-Hunt, Piscataway, NJ; three brothers, Butch Hopson, Hackensack, NJ; Reggie Hopson, Englewood, NJ; David Hopson, Raleigh, NC; four grandchildren, Austin J. Samuels, Chesterfield, VA, Antionette Tyione Morgan, Chester, VA, Samuel Tyrell Morgan, Chester, VA and Destiny Christiana Morgan, Chester, VA; three sisters-in-law, Gladys Hopson, Hackensack, NJ, Valerie Hopson, Raleigh, NC, Shirley Hopson, Englewood, NJ; one daughter-in-law, Janet Morgan, Chester, VA; one brother-in-law, Calvin Hunt, Piscataway, NJ; two aunts, Christine Hartwell, Flushing, NY, Thelma Hayes, Petersburg, VA; two uncles, Daniel Hopson, Freeman, Virginia, Herman Ward, Petersburg, VA; and a host of extended family members and a numerous amount of cherished friends.

Order of Service

Processional

ScriptureJeanette Everett

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Prayer of Comfort

Reverend Edmond Martin

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Poem

Tammy Hopson-Colon

Remarks

Friends & Family

Eulogy

Reverend Edmond Martin



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me I took his hand when I heard Him call I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void, Then fill it up with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh, yes these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow. I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

<u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family of Samuel C. Hopson acknowledges with deep appreciation every thought and act of kindness extended to us at our hour of bereavement. The cards, floral tributes, prayers and words of love are a great source of strength and comfort. We appreciate the love and kindness you have shared with us.

Sorrowfully Submitted, The Family

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