



Sammy Guy Ketchum

April 6, 1949 - October 30, 2023

Sammy Guy Ketchum passed away peacefully Monday, October 30, 2023, at Tippah County Health and Rehab in Ripley, MS, from the disabling disease of Multiple Sclerosis.

Sammy was born on April 6, 1949, in Tippah County to the late Clifford Guy and Josephine (Shelton) Ketchum. He was a 1967 graduate of Blue Mountain High School. He continued his education at the University of Mississippi where he obtained a Master of Business Administration. While he never married, he declared himself as happy being single. After graduating, he moved to Memphis, TN, where he spent his entire career at Memphis Sash and Door, where he displayed excellent work ethic. He was a faithful member of Colonial Baptist Church, Memphis, TN, and West Ripley Baptist Church, Ripley, MS, where he served as Sunday School teacher, deacon, and helped on various mission trips.

Anyone who knew Sammy knew about his passion for music. He loved all music, but his favorite was bluegrass. He attended as many concerts as his calendar would allow. He was a member and past president of Memphis Area Bluegrass Association. One of his life highlights and what he would call his "claim to fame" was being a contestant on the music trivia show Fandango in 1986, which was aired on The Nashville Network. He retired as a 5 game winner.

Above all, he lived a full and meaningful life devoted to the Lord, his family and his church.

Those left to cherish his memories include two brothers, Johnny (Sue) Ketchum of Belton, SC, Ronny (Amanda) Ketchum of Walnut, MS, and three sisters, Mary Goolsby of Burns, TN, Pat (Stuart) Sumrall of Mount Olive, MS, and Janice (Terrell) Hughes, of Horn Lake, MS, along with a host of nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers-in-law, Mike McCartie and Benny Goolsby.

The family extends special thanks to all his caregivers at Tippah County Health and Rehab.

Memorial donations may be directed to Antioch Cemetery Fund at The Peoples Bank, Attn. Paula Windham, PO Box 419, Ripley, MS 38663.

Cemetery Details

Antioch Cemetery

CR 419
Ripley, MS 38663

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

McBride Funeral Home, Inc.
206 N. Commerce St
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Service

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Tribute Wall

SJ

“ I have great memories of Sammy and all the brothers and sisters riding school bus and Dean Town church and spending Sunday afternoons and lunch with The Ketchum family! Special memories for me! Love and hugs to u all, Starlett

Starlett Jones - November 02, 2023 at 08:23 PM

BH

“ Johnny and I were sorry to hear of your loss. Mary, you and your family are in our prayers.

Brenda Hopkins - November 02, 2023 at 11:20 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sammy Guy Ketchum.



November 01, 2023 at 12:03 PM

BW

“ The Collierville TN Historic Town Square Bluegrass & Old-Time Music Jam sends our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Sam Ketchum. He was a wonderful gentleman and loved by so many. May Sam rest in the sweet peace of God's amazing love.

Betty Westmoreland - November 01, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ Jennifer Gilpin lit a candle in memory of Sammy Guy Ketchum



Jennifer Gilpin - November 01, 2023 at 07:53 AM



“ Mary Martin lit a candle in memory of Sammy Guy Ketchum



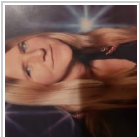
Mary Martin - October 31, 2023 at 09:33 PM



“ West Ripley Baptist Church sent a virtual gift in memory of Sammy Guy Ketchum



West Ripley Baptist Church - October 31, 2023 at 05:01 PM



“ Inez Sides sent a virtual gift in memory of Sammy Guy Ketchum



Inez Sides - October 31, 2023 at 09:31 AM