



## Samuel J. Burnette

May 24, 1948 - January 17, 2017

Funeral services for Samuel J. Burnette will be Saturday, 12 noon, at Faith Baptist Church. Everett Hawkins will officiate with interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Friday, 5-8 p.m. at LeCompte Johnson Taylor Funeral Home and 11 am until the time of service at the church on Saturday.

He passed away at home Tuesday, Jan. 17.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years Donna Dearborn Burnette and daughters Julie Burnette Perry (John) and Jane Burnette.

He is also survived by brothers Larry Bruce Burnette (Phyllis), Daniel Burnette (Amy) and Randy Broyles (Tammy) and grandchildren Aidan Perry, Rowan Perry, Erin Summers (Thomas) and Caci Hisle and a great granddaughter Lianna Royce.

In addition he is survived by brothers-in-law Gary Dearborn (Susan) and William Dearborn (Karen); sisters-in-law Delores Jean Dearborn and Jeannie Dearborn along with 14 nieces and nephews.

Sam was born May 24, 1948, in Alvie, KY. He is preceded in death by his mother Lillian Broyles and stepfather Glen Broyles, father Lemuel Burnette, sister Sylvia Woodward and brothers-in-law David Dearborn and Ronnie Dearborn.

Sam was a 1966 graduate of Frankfort High School and a graduate of Kentucky State University. He was a veteran of the US Navy. He worked for Kentucky State government retiring as a Director in the Department of Public

Health. He spent the past nine years working as a special adviser to the Marshall County Health Department.

Sam was a family man, a loving father and indulgent grandfather and sports enthusiast particularly enjoying UK football and basketball.

Serving as pallbearers will be Kenny Dearborn, Charlie Burnette, Steven Burnette, Randy Broyles, Brian Bell and Chad Bell. Honorary pallbearers will be retired state representative Charles Siler, Beverly Dearborn, A.J. Donovan and Kay Harrod.

Remembrances may be made as donations to Faith Baptist Church or to a charity of choice.

You may share memories and leave condolences on his tribute wall at [www.ljtfuneralhome.com](http://www.ljtfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Gardens

3250 Versailles Road  
Frankfort, KY 40601

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 20. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

LeCompte-Johnson-Taylor Funeral Home  
1725 Louisville Rd.  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 223-5858  
[ljtfuneralhome@gmail.com](mailto:ljtfuneralhome@gmail.com)  
<https://ljtfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

JAN 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Faith Baptist Church  
50 Bridgeport Rd  
Frankfort, KY 40601

## Funeral Services

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JAN 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

Faith Baptist Church  
50 Bridgeport Rd  
Frankfort, KY 40601

# Tribute Wall

NW

“ I have fond memories of Sam at Immanuel Baptist Church. He had an engaging personality, and he and Donna shared a wonderful wit that made everyone like to be around them. Blessings on you, Donna, as you continue to grieve the loss of your beloved husband.  
- Naomi King Walker, Frankfort

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**Naomi Walker** - February 13, 2017 at 03:23 PM

DT

“ I just learned of Sams' passing. My heartfelt sympathies to Sam's family. Sam and I were childhood friends in Jellico. He was one of my best friends. He was often at my house on Saturday mornings sitting around the kitchen table discussing the previous evenings football game. We were also in French class together. I had not seen Sam since his family moved from Jellico. I shall always treasure my memories of Sam. He was a wonderful friend. Again my heartfelt sympathies.



*Drena and Larry Teague*

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**Drena Teague** - January 29, 2017 at 12:39 PM

SD

“ Our sympathy to a wonderful family. Sam was a great guy and will be missed. Sorry we are not in town for the visitation and funeral.

*Steve & Cheryl Dooley*

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**Steve Dooley** - January 23, 2017 at 05:23 PM

CF

“ Chris and Allison Denlinger and family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Samuel J. Burnette.



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**Chris and Allison Denlinger and family** - January 20, 2017 at 10:54 AM

LF

“ Larry and Phyllis Burnette and Family purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Samuel J. Burnette.



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**Larry and Phyllis Burnette and Family** - January 20, 2017 at 10:21 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Samuel J. Burnette.



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January 20, 2017 at 09:23 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Samuel J. Burnette.



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January 20, 2017 at 09:14 AM

SU

“ So sorry to learn of Sam's passing. He was truly dedicated to Public Health during his career and continued to be passionate about it after his retirement. He will truly be missed by many. As a Local Health Department employee Sam was always aware of the needs at the local level and helped in any way he could. My sympathy to the many friends and all the family that will miss this dear man in the coming days.

*Suzie Hamm*

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**Suziehamm** - January 19, 2017 at 03:37 PM

BL

“ I worked with Sam for many years in public health as a fellow employee at the State Health Department, as Deputy Director of the Louisville-Jefferson Co. Health Department, as President of the Kentucky Public health Association and KAMFES.

*I especially enjoyed Sam playing golf in the annual KPHA golf tournament which I chaired for 10 years. In fact, his team won prizes on more than one occasion. He was a friend that I will sorely miss. My deepest sympathy is extended to your family for the loss of a dear loved one.*

*Unfortunately, I am unable to make a visitation or attend the funeral but I will make a donation to the Faith Baptist Church,*

*Bruce Lane (retired)*

*2626 Titleist Rd.*

*Louisville, KY 40242-6900 No card or reply is necessary.*

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**Bruce Lane** - January 19, 2017 at 02:04 PM

JW

“ Sorry to hear of Sam's passing. My condolence to the family. I knew and worked with Sam for some thirty plus years and have precious memories of our acquaintance. He was a fiend to all who knew him and will be truly missed.

*Jim Wesley*

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**Jim Wesley** - January 19, 2017 at 01:35 PM



“ 36 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**Lecompte Johnson Taylor Funeral Home** - January 19, 2017 at 01:26 PM

TB

“ The KY Environmental Health Association Board purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Samuel J. Burnette.



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**The KY Environmental Health Association Board** - January 19, 2017 at 10:29 AM

MB

“ *Marietta BassMasters purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Samuel J. Burnette.*



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**Marietta BassMasters** - January 19, 2017 at 09:59 AM

AD

“ *Anita Travis and the Food Safety Branch, DPH purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Samuel J. Burnette.*



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**Anita Travis and the Food Safety Branch, DPH** - January 19, 2017 at 09:13 AM

KB

“ *Sam was a fine fellow and will certainly be missed! I really enjoyed working with Sam through the years and will miss his sense of humor and knowledge.*  
*Keith Brock*

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**Keith Brock** - January 19, 2017 at 09:00 AM

DB

“ *I am sorry to hear of your loss. I had the pleasure of working with Sam for many years. I know he will be missed.*  
*David Burton*

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**David Burton** - January 19, 2017 at 08:53 AM

FS

“ *Fiona Doherty and the Allen 2 team at Eastern Stat purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Samuel J. Burnette.*



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**Fiona Doherty and the Allen 2 team at Eastern Stat** - January 19, 2017 at 08:31 AM

MW

“ *Have fond memories of Sam both as a professional and after hours as he knew what it was to work out in the field and interact with the public. Prayers to the family.*

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**Mark Wilkerson** - January 19, 2017 at 08:14 AM

TP

“ *Sam's continued dedication to Public Health, even after he retired, was an inspiration to me as a young health inspector. So sorry for your loss.*

*Tony Powell*

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**Tony Powell** - January 19, 2017 at 07:25 AM

MG

“ *Sorry to hear of Sams' passing. We had dealings with him at CHR. Kenny and Marilyn Glass*

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**Marilynn Glass** - January 18, 2017 at 04:31 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Samuel J. Burnette.*



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January 18, 2017 at 03:37 PM



“ *Love, Peggy, Ed and Everett Kirby purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Samuel J. Burnette.*



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**Love, Peggy, Ed and Everett Kirby** - January 18, 2017 at 01:23 PM



“ *Debbie D Wilson lit a candle in memory of Samuel J. Burnette*



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**Debbie D Wilson** - January 18, 2017 at 10:55 AM