



## Sammie D. Bryant

February 23, 1937 - June 13, 2021

Sammie D. Bryant, 84, of Sandoval, passed away Sunday, June 13, 2021 at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital in Clayton, Missouri.

He was born February 23, 1937 in Junction City, the son of Oscar Joe Bryant and Lydian (Jordan) Bryant. He married Hazel Lee on January 24, 1958 and she survives in Sandoval.

In addition to his wife of 63 years, Hazel Bryant of Sandoval, he is also survived by his four children: Sheryl Kleiboeker and husband Gary of Iuka, Brenda Ashley and husband Kevin of Goreville, Teresa Clark of Kell, and James "Jim" Bryant and wife Robin of Junction City; 19 grandchildren; 30 great grandchildren and one on the way; one great-great grandchild; brother: Danny Bryant of Centralia; sister: Jody Acree of Front Royal, Virginia; two sisters-in-law: Melba Bryant of Centralia and Shirley Bryant of Gatesville, Texas; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Sammie was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter: Christine Ristick, a grandson: LC CPL Nicholas "Nick" Kleiboeker, two sons-in-law: Sam Clark and Frank Ristick, five brothers: Harold Jack, Melvin, Raymond Joe, and Jerry Bryant, three sisters: Ruth Bailey, Vera Horton, and Dorothy Williams, and two infant sisters: Barbara and Betta.

Sammie served in the U.S. Air Force Flight 73 Airman 2nd Class. After retirement, he worked for the State of Illinois division of Rehabilitation Services for 7 years. He was a member of the Calvary Pentecostal Church in Farina. He also was a member of the National Rifle Association. He enjoyed

fishing, hunting and sharing the Gospel everywhere he went. Sammie loved spending time with his family and friends.

Funeral Services for Sammie Bryant will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 3, 2021 at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Pastor Sam Hester officiating. Military rites will be accorded at the grave by the American Legion Post 446 and the V.F.W. Post 2055. A visitation will be held Friday, July 2, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home. Memorial contributions in memory of Sammie may be made to the Sandoval Cemetery Fund and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street in Centralia, IL 62801 (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Bryant family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) or the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home

## Funeral Service

JUL 3. 11:00 AM.

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Sammie D. Bryant*



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**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - August 04, 2021 at 10:34 AM

LK

“ *Sam was a dear friend for many, many years. I was unable to attend the funeral due to being out of town, however, as the day approached 11:00 I sent a silent prayer and a smile to my old friend and you might just say mentor. The story I would like to share was in 1976, Bill Akins Pontiac. I had known Christ growing up but not until I met Sam did I really met Christ, our lord and savior. He was a gifted scholar of the Bible and so wonderful to teach Gods words. We had many talks through the years and I was so sad to hear the news of his passing. He changed the course of my life and for that I give thanks. I would like to express my condolences to the family of Sam Bryant. Sincerely Louis Keith*

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**Louis Keith** - July 05, 2021 at 07:29 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Sam. I will always remember him as talking about God and he always invited Norman and I to church. I know he was the rock of your family. I pray God helps your broken heart and put peace its place. Please know that I'm sorry I couldn't make it to his Celebration of life but you are all in my prayers.

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**Nadine Lee** - July 01, 2021 at 11:37 PM

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“ Thank you Poppa, for the raising you gave me. You worked so hard all your life to provide. Thank you for always loving me, when it seemed no one else did. Thank you for taking me fishing and teaching me to hunt. I miss you Poppa, I miss you so much. This doesn't seem real.

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**teresa** - June 28, 2021 at 09:59 PM