



## Sam Harden, Sr.

February 24, 1935 - June 2, 2020

Executive Order in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic...we will only allow 10 individuals in at a time to enter the funeral home/cemetery. We must adhere to these guidelines so that we all can remain safe and secure during this crisis. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: ~ Ecclesiastes 3:1

A Time To Be Born: Sam February 24, 1935 in Rhine, Georgia to parents: Matt Harden and Perry Lee Harrell Harden. He was one of twenty-one (21) siblings).

A Time To Learn: He attended Dodge County Public Schools (Rhine, GA).

A Time To Love and A Time to Plant: Sam met Zonnie Mae Reeves in 1954 and they were united in Holy matrimony in 1955. The couple made Winter Garden their home. Sam was employed by Winter Garden Citrus Growers for many years. He later worked for Orange County Public School District. After 20 plus years with Orange County he retired to enjoy "A Life of Leisure." He loved his family and provided for their needs and wants.

A Time To Serve: Sam was a very dedicated and faithful member of St. Paul

A.M.E. Church. He was a Trustee and was on the Steward Board. He served untiringly and unselfishly until his health declined.

A Time To Mourn: Sam was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years Zonnie Mae Harden; and his parents, Mathis and Perry Lee Harden.

A Time to Depart: On Tuesday, June 2, 2020, God called Sam from his earthly tabernacle to an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. He will be greatly missed and his memory will forever be cherished by those who knew and loved him.

He leaves cherished memories with his only son: Sam Harden, Jr.; daughter-in-law, Telesa Harden of Minneola, FL; three daughters: Ernestine Lockett and LaShurn Wright of Rochester, NY and Aisha Willis of Winter Garden, FL; three brothers: Mathis Harden of Geneva, FL, Joseph Harden of Orlando, FL and Howard Harden of Hawkinsville, GA; 4 sisters-in-law: Margaret Harden of NC, Evangelist Velma Jefferson (Lonnie) of Winter Garden, FL, Mary Jean Hall and Izora Kindell, both of Boston, MA; one brother-in-law: M.C. Reeves (Marietta) of Opelika, AL; devoted friend: Melvin Cain of Winter Garden, FL; several grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

“It’s Not Well To Weep”

“It’s not well to weep because of death. Death is not the enemy of man. It is a friend who, when the work of life is done, just cuts the cord that binds the human boat to earth, that it may sail on smoother seas.”

(Excerpts from the Death and Burial of Elizabeth Mathea’s Lessons)

The Ministry of Death



# Cemetery Details

## Winter Garden Cemetery

13636 Lake Butler Blvd.  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel  
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.  
Apopka, FL 32703  
(407) 886-3388

## Service

JUN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Harden, Sr.*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *The man with the fat cigar in a business shirt and khaki pants mowing the lawn in the blazing Florida sun when I was a boy. I will forever remember Mr. Big Sam. Rest In Peace Sir.*



Patrick Gordon - June 11, 2020 at 02:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sam Harden, Sr..*



June 11, 2020 at 08:59 AM

RH

“ To: Little Sam and Family, May the peace and comfort of God's spirit give you the courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart. I knew Uncle Sam to be a caring and kind man. I know he will always be watching over you where ever you are. Let the memories of your Father provide you with comfort and serve as a guidance. May God continue to comfort you in the days ahead. I will continue to pray for you and the family With sincere Love always Your cousin Robert Harden Jr and Family



robert harden - June 09, 2020 at 09:18 PM

DH

“ Deborah Harden sent a virtual gift in memory of Sam Harden, Sr.



Deborah Harden - June 09, 2020 at 07:56 PM

RS

RIP Uncle. Your Nephew Richard.

Richard. Fuller Sr - June 13, 2020 at 01:10 PM

DH

“ To the family of Sam Harden Sr. It is with great sympathy that I let you know even though I am unable to be present with you at this time, know that you are in my heart and that Uncle Sam will be greatly missed. Just remember to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. May he comfort each of you in this time of sorrow. With Love and Sympathy, Deborah Harden

Deborah Harden - June 09, 2020 at 01:57 PM



“ *Willie Coleman Smith lit a candle in memory of Sam Harden, Sr.*



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**Willie Coleman Smith** - June 09, 2020 at 11:56 AM



“ *Family,*

*I am sending my heartfelt condolences to you all. I will keep you lifted in prayer. I am so glad that I had a little time with him. Uncle Sam, you will be missed and never forgotten. RIP.*

*Stephanie Harden-Smith  
Raleigh NC*



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**Stephanie Harden-Smith** - June 09, 2020 at 11:30 AM

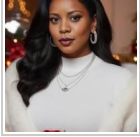


“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Sam Harden, Sr..*



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June 09, 2020 at 11:08 AM



“ *Cover Brown lit a candle in memory of Sam Harden, Sr.*



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**Cover Brown** - June 09, 2020 at 10:34 AM