



## Samuel Andrew Shanklin Jr.

August 19, 1947 - December 16, 2020

Samuel Andrew Shanklin Jr. transitioned to his eternal rest on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at INOVA Alexandria Hospital. He leaves to cherish his memory, a devoted cousin, Helen Shanklin Coles and stepdaughter, Lisa Brown (Werner), together with a host of others relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Bethel Cemetery

Wilkes Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

# Previous Events

## Walk through Viewing only

DEC 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Harvest Assembly Baptist Church  
8008 Fordson Rd.  
Alexandria, VA 22306

## Funeral Service Live Streaming Link: <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/50054601>

DEC 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

Harvest Assembly Baptist Church  
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## Private Family Service

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**A Mask MUST be worn for entry into the sanctuary**

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette-Johnson Funeral Service, P.A. created a Funeral Service Live Streaming in memory of Samuel Andrew Shanklin Jr.*



**Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette-** - December 26, 2020 at 01:19 PM

CB

*Sam will be missed by everyone who knew him. There wasn't a stranger that Sam didn't know, as they say, he made friends with everyone. I met Sam in the late 70's at USDA where we both worked, me in the Mailroom motor pool, he in the Chauffeur's Unit where I eventually ended up working with Sam for many years. For reasons I do not remember, he nickname me "Boo-Boo" and continued to call me that from then on. He even got me to join the Robert's Memorial Bowling League back in 1978/79. I will always remember the good times we had in the Chauffeur's Room, at Bowling, at his annual Backyard Cookouts, and just being made a part of his large extended family. Sam, we will miss you. Thank you for your friendship over the past 40 plus years.*

*Cindy "Boo Boo" Buck-Thompson and Family*

**Cynthia Buck-Thompson** - December 27, 2020 at 06:34 PM

BT

*Sam made me smile every time I saw him. I spent many hours over the years with him in the parking lot of USDA and I have sorely missed that since he retired. I would have really liked to see him and talk to him just one more time.*

*Bill Tomson*

**Bill Tomson** - January 27, 2021 at 04:23 PM

LF

*No matter what was happening in my day while working at USDA, I could depend on Sam for a smile or a word of encouragement. Sam had a way of talking with you as if you were the only person that mattered in that moment. He was one of the kindest, gentlest people to grace our world, and I'm so thankful to have known him. Long after my tenure at the department, I would almost always see Sam when I went back there for meetings. He was devoted to his work, long after he could've hung up his keys. He touched many lives and left a lasting example to be kind to one another. Blessings and prayers for Sam's family.*

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**Lynne Finnerty** - January 28, 2021 at 12:23 PM

DS

“ *I worked with Sam while at USDA. He called me his daughter and always had a special candy or chocolate in his office for me. I just learned today he passed and I'm sincerely floored. To the Shanklin family - my love and prayers are with you.*

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**Denise Scott** - November 18, 2021 at 06:19 PM

CW

“ *I have very fond memories of Sam from my two stints at USDA. When I returned after about 10 years, his welcome was of an old friend. Sam was an institution at USDA, and his manner was just as described by others, welcoming, friendly, but also wise. And sometimes we knew that concerns that came to Sam's attention had a way of making their way to those who could make a difference. RIP, Sam. Gone too soon.*

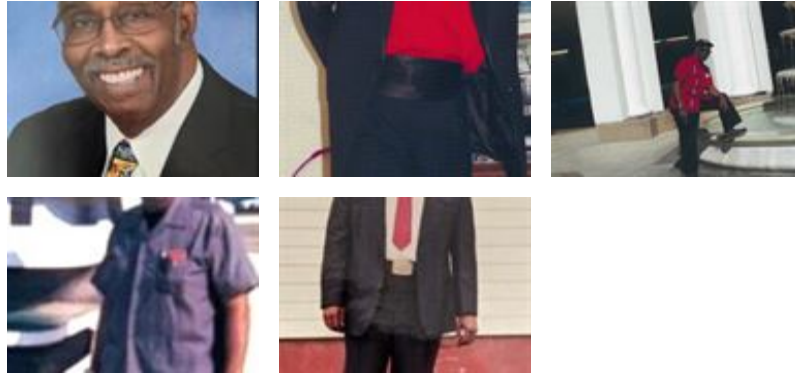
*Caren Wilcox  
1997 - 2001 and 2011 to 2016.*

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**Caren Wilcox** - January 28, 2021 at 04:58 PM



“ 33 files added to the album Life Tributes



Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - December 28, 2020 at 08:27 PM

RB

“ Coming to terms with Sam's transitioning has been difficult to say the least. However, when I think of his wittiness, which was one of his many unique characteristics, I can not help but smile. Sam never forgot a birthday or a special occasion, as many can attest to. I believe he actually had a photographic memory. He remembered important dates and even somewhat trivial things such as the full name of most actors from before our time. I was often in awe of this. He loved a good old western. Finally, I would start liking westerns too. Sometimes, for no particular reason, Sam would bake a cake. Someone once said that meant he was happy. What I've learned most from Sam, is that tomorrow is not promised. Sam gave in many forms, but what he gave most was his time. That seemed to have been his calling. He loved giving his time.

Rachel Butler - December 28, 2020 at 09:00 AM

PV

Rest in peace, Sam. Your kindness and generous spirit will never be forgotten. I will miss you my friend.

Pam Patterson, Las Vegas - December 28, 2020 at 09:22 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Samuel Andrew Shanklin Jr..*



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December 28, 2020 at 07:59 AM



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**Cynthia Buck-Thompson** - December 27, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ *Mr. Sam was loved by my entire family. He made my mother and father smile every time they came to Roberts Chapel. Mr. Sam always made everyone he came into contact feel important and valued. Losing him is a tremendous loss for so many who cared for him. The Colbert Family sends our condolences to Mr. Sam's family and friends.*

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**Nikki Colbert** - December 27, 2020 at 01:04 AM

IR

*There is something special about being a native Alexandrian and having ties to the Hill, as we called it. Growing up in a close knit community, attending the same schools, and growing up in the same church, Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church resulted in a lifelong bond of friendship and love for Sammy. Sammy loved his church family and was a dear, lifelong friend of our brother, Walter Coleman. As a faithful, dedicated, and genuine member of Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church, his faith in God and love for his church family never wavered. Sammy was persistent and willingly stepped forward without hesitation in performing the work of the church. We thank God for having blessed Roberts with a faithful steward. We extend our deepest sympathy to Sammy's family and friends.*

*Iva Coleman Richey, Emma Coleman Haley, & Walter Coleman*

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**Iva Richey** - December 27, 2020 at 02:53 PM