



Sammie Preston Raney Jr.

October 15, 1947 - July 18, 2024

Sammie Preston Raney, Jr was born on October 15, 1947, and finished his race on Earth on Thursday, July 18, 2024, after a short but difficult battle with ALS. Sam is survived by one daughter Sheryl Schafer (Mark), one son Neill Raney (Kelly), eight grandchildren, Amanda, Morgan, Nathan, Adam, Brianna, Preston, Pierson, and Paxton, and great grandchildren Lukas, Levi, Hudson, Braxton and Mackenzie. Sam is also survived by one brother Jerry Raney (Jan) and one sister Bea Ingram (Herschel). Sam was a proud USAF Veteran who proudly served in Vietnam and boldly loved his country. Sam retired from Gulf States/Entergy after 31 years and made lifelong friends through his position there. Sam was a member of Greenwell Springs Baptist Church for 40 years where he was a Deacon and a Sunday School teacher for 38 years. This disease caused him to ultimately give up teaching his class which was a heartbreaking decision. He loved his Sunday School class dearly. Most people who knew Sam knew he had a great passion for LSU baseball. He was on Coach's Committee and went to Omaha many times. Sam had season tickets for over 30 years and almost never missed the chance to cheer on his Tigers. When asked how he wanted to be remembered, the first thing on his list was that he loved the Lord, and he truly did. We are blessed to know that he led many people to Jesus in his life. He is preceded in death by his parents and his wife of 49 years, Karen, who he was so looking forward to seeing again. Friends and relatives are welcome to attend the visitation at Greenwell Springs Baptist Church on Monday, July 22, 2024, from 5:00 PM until 9:00

PM. The funeral service will be held at Greenwell Springs Baptist Church on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 12:00 PM. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. A Special thank you to St Joseph Hospice for their care and attention to our father and our family during this very difficult time. Arrangements have been entrusted to McLin Funeral Home. Online condolences may be left at www.mclinfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Greenwell Springs Church Cemetery

19421 Greenwell Springs Rd
Greenwell Springs, LA 70739

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 22. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Greenwell Springs Baptist Church
19421 Greenwell Springs Rd
Greenwell Springs, LA 70739

Funeral Service

JUL 23. 12:00 PM (CT)

Greenwell Springs Baptist Church
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Burial

JUL 23 (CT)

Greenwell Springs Church Cemetery
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Tribute Wall

DS

“ I am so sorry to learn of Bro. Sam's passing and pray for his family and his many friends that will miss him so much. Sam stands out as a special friend to me. He was very much a help in my leaving Gulf States Utilities and entering seminary in Ft. Worth Texas. I now have been on the mission field in for Thailand for 28 years. I owe a great debt of heartfelt gratitude to Brother Sam. A man of great Christian character and at home in glory now.

Daniel Sullivan - July 26, 2024 at 01:38 AM

RG

“ Sam and worked together in Safety while it was GSU. Rest well my Friend.

RL Grubbs - July 25, 2024 at 10:16 AM

DP

“ Sam was such a fine man. I enjoyed my years working with him. He was always so calm and professional. I know he was such a baseball fan. What a great seat he will have starting next season. My deepest sympathy to his family.

Don Perio - July 24, 2024 at 02:13 PM

KW

“ Sam and I go back all the way to high school at Istrouma. We played basketball together in 1963-64. We have kept up through the years having lunch every other month since 2014. Our group of guys that meet for lunch will truly miss Sam. He was a good teammate and friend.

Ken Wall

Ken Wall - July 23, 2024 at 08:37 AM

JR

“Great guy. Had the pleasure of working with him many years. Always very positive person. After reading his obituary I see the source of joy came from his love of the Lord. I’m sure he will receive a “well done good & faithful servant”. An inspiration to all that knew him

Jim Raleigh - July 23, 2024 at 08:34 AM

HI

“Herschel and Beatrice Raney Ingram purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sammie Preston Raney Jr..



Herschel and Beatrice Raney Ingram - July 21, 2024 at 05:27 AM

MS

“First time meeting Sam. Great godly man. Worked with, BB games and lots of family dinners and many breakfasts with Sam.



Mark Schafer - July 19, 2024 at 10:54 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Sammie Preston Raney Jr..*



July 19, 2024 at 08:55 PM



“ *A long time baseball friend planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sammie Preston Raney Jr..*

A long time baseball friend - July 19, 2024 at 08:55 PM



“ *Jake and Cris Wimer purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sammie Preston Raney Jr..*



Jake and Cris Wimer - July 18, 2024 at 04:34 PM



“ *Jake and Cris Wimer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sammie Preston Raney Jr..*

Jake and Cris Wimer - July 18, 2024 at 04:34 PM

DR

“ Daniel R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sammie Preston Raney Jr..

Daniel R. - July 18, 2024 at 02:00 PM