



Samuel Ayars

August 25, 1949 - September 29, 2014

Samuel Ayars, 65, of Salem, NJ passed away at home surrounded by his family on Monday, September 29, 2014 after a courageous battle with cancer. Sam is survived by his loving and dedicated wife of 45 years, Darlene. Sam was extremely proud of his son Greg Gaunt, Sr., and daughters Janine Little-Stoms (Jeff) and Jennifer Santiago (Luis), all of Salem, NJ. He is also survived by his father Richard Ayars of Philippi, WV; brothers, Scott Ayars (Elizabeth), Robert Ayars of Delaware, and Ryan Ayars of West Virginia; and sisters BettyAnn Robertson (Kenny) of Deepwater, NJ, Jacqueline Stade (Brian) of Vineland, NJ and Megan Ayars of Philippi, WV. He will be missed by his seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends. Sam was predeceased by his mother, Bettie Hewitt; and brothers Michael Ayars and David Hewitt.

Sam worked at Anchor Glass and retired in July of 2013 after 43 years of loyal service. Throughout his life, he enjoyed watching NASCAR and football, was an avid Philadelphia Flyers fan, enjoyed outdoor activities such as muskrat trapping, planting and harvesting a family garden, camping trips, fishing with his friend Bob Dorsey, and was determined to try his luck with scratch off lottery tickets.

He was also a member of VFW Post 253 in Elsinboro, NJ.

Known as “bam-bam” for his fiery and strong-willed temperament, it’s no surprise he bravely faced every challenge, exhausted every option, but he never gave up.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 10 AM to 12 Noon in the Ashcraft Funeral Home, 740 S. Broadway, Pennsville. Funeral services will be held at 12 Noon. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made in Sam's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Ashcraft Funeral Home (PV)
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Funeral Service

OCT 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Ashcraft Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Samuel Ayars



Ashcraft Funeral Homes - October 03, 2014 at 10:57 AM

JJ

“ Sam is sitting just inside The Pearly Gates taking ALL St. Peter's money in a game of Texas Holdem! Miss you buddy.

joe jones - September 30, 2014 at 10:40 PM

KW

“ Sam was a great husband,father,grandfather he was a very hard worker so sad his life had to end so soon you will be missed Sam your with the angles in heaven looking down on your family and friend



Karen simmens wells - September 30, 2014 at 10:25 PM

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Karen simmens wells - September 30, 2014 at 10:25 PM

DP

“ *Dawn Puni lit a candle in memory of Samuel Ayars*



Dawn Puni - September 30, 2014 at 09:04 PM

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Jen - September 30, 2014 at 08:13 PM