



## Virgil Edward "Sam" Vandergriff

May 7, 1931 - July 5, 2019

Virgil Edward "Sam" Vandergriff, 88, of Ringgold, GA passed away peacefully on July 5, 2019 surrounded by the love of his family. Sam grew up in Chattanooga, TN. He was a devout member of Greens Lake Road Church of Christ, a retiree of TVA and the Owner and Operator of Baugh Appliance. Sam is preceded in death by his daughter, Patricia Anne Vandergriff Shelton.

Sam is survived by his loving wife of more than 62 years, Anne Smith Vandergriff, daughter Karen Lyn Vandergriff Urban, son, Larry Edward Vandergriff and his wife Tracy, son-in-law, Thomas R Shelton, sister, Rose Harvey, 6 Grandchildren, 4 great-Grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Sam had a heart made of gold and never-ending love for all those in his life. He taught lessons with patience, listened with understanding, and spoke with kindness and strength. He did more than was asked and expected nothing in return. He listened with concern and provided guidance. Sam's smile brought joy to all and his laugh was contagious. Sam will be remembered for his gentle and humble spirit. He was loved dearly by his wife, children and grandchildren.

The family will receive friends on Monday, July 8, 2019 from 1-3 p.m. at Greens Lake Road Church of Christ, 1209 Greens Lake Road, Chattanooga,

TN 37412 with a Memorial Service to follow with Minister Larry Clark officiating.

In lieu of flowers as an expression of sympathy, the family prefers memorial contributions be sent to either the Ronald McDonald House or The American Heart Association.

Online guest book at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, GA.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Greens Lake Road Church of Christ  
1209 Greens Lake Road  
Chattanooga, TN

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Sams obituaries was so true. He did all those things for Sandy and I when I started at TVA in 1970. He was very helpful in getting us started personally and professionally as newbys just out of college. I spent 5 great years working with Sam as part of the Water Quality Branch. I am so blessed to have known him and treasure the guidance he always provided. My condolences to his family and close friends. Jack and Sandy Gordon.

Jack Gordon - July 14, 2019 at 09:31 PM



“ Tom and Gail Fuggan would like to express our deepest sympathy to Mr. Sam's family. We will be keeping all of you in our prayers.

Gail Duggan - July 08, 2019 at 10:21 AM



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Gail Duggan - July 08, 2019 at 10:22 AM



“ The Giles-Duguay Family would like to send their love and sincere condolences to the bereaved family and friends of Papa.



Monneka Giles - July 08, 2019 at 09:02 AM

JW

“ *My condolences to Anne and children!*



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**Judy Gattis Weir** - July 07, 2019 at 03:36 PM

KC

“ *Kyle And Terry Cooper lit a candle in memory of Virgil Edward "Sam" Vandergriff*



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**Kyle and Terry Cooper** - July 07, 2019 at 12:05 PM

JC

“ *We know you will miss Sam very much. However, you will feel relieved that he is free from pain and suffering at this time. He lived a good life.*

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**Jerry and Judy Corbin** - July 06, 2019 at 07:34 PM

DP

*I am so broken-hearted, as I know you are, many times over! Sam was THE best. He will always be missed and loved by all who knew him. Whenever I think of Sam, I think of Molly, and how much he enjoyed her. I wish he could have seen how much she has grown up. But, that is our fault, and I'm sorry! We had good intentions! RIP, Sweet Loving Caring Sam!*

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**Don and Margie Powell** - July 06, 2019 at 08:31 PM

DW

“ *Darla And Mark Ward lit a candle in memory of Virgil Edward "Sam" Vandergriff*



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**Darla and Mark Ward** - July 06, 2019 at 06:05 PM

DP

“ *Darren, Janet, And Alex Pharr lit a candle in memory of Virgil Edward "Sam" Vandergriff*



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**Darren, Janet, and Alex Pharr** - July 06, 2019 at 04:24 PM