



Sammy Joe Aldridge

February 4, 1946 - January 26, 2021

Sam Aldridge was born on February 4, 1946, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, to Y.B. and Lois (Glover) Aldridge. Sam passed into his heavenly home on January 26, 2021, at the age of 74 years. Sam's family moved to Durant when he was a small child and this is where he established his lifetime residence, raised his family and grew to love the community.

Sam married Kathy (Mitchell) Aldridge on July 17, 1965, in Durant Oklahoma. They began their family by welcoming Kimberly, the first of three daughters, followed by Cynthia and Alisha. His daughters were the light of his life; he taught them how to change a tire, check the oil on their vehicle and many other life lessons in order to keep them safe and independent. He loved his grandchildren and great grandchildren and spending time with them.

Sam attended Durant public schools from first to twelfth grade. At the age of 10, he started his first job as a paper carrier at the Durant Daily Democrat. Later, as a teen, Sam worked as a mechanic and did paint and body work for his dad. Other jobs Sam had included working for B.B. Smith's service station and Jimmy's Auto Supply.

Sam was employed by the Durant Fire Department in 1971 where he worked for 25½ years before retiring as an assistant chief in 1997. Sam devoted himself to this job and treasured the lifelong friends that he made there. He

enjoyed Christmas dinners where he could visit and reminisce with all of the new and retired firefighters. After retirement from the fire department, Sam began to work for Luke Brothers Propane.

Sam loved the Lord and was a loving and outgoing person who was willing to help anyone in need. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church where he attended Sunday school and church. He was a faithful supporter of the church and its activities. He felt privileged to serve on the House and Grounds Committee and as an usher.

Sam's hobbies during the years were being a cattleman, working the annual rodeo, serving meals on wheels and cooking. His barbeque was always a welcome addition to any family gathering.

Sam is survived by his wife Kathy, two daughters Kimberly Aldridge and Alisha Crowell (David). Four grandchildren Mitchell Aldridge (Brittany), Addison, Andrew and Harley Crowell (Suni). Seven great grandchildren Kasen, Riley and Presley Aldridge, Jolie, Liam and Braylee Crowell and Gavin Auld. Four Brothers Bob (Martha) Aldridge, Ronnie (Judy) Aldridge, Lonnie (Joni) Aldridge, Ricky (Maralene) Aldridge, sister-in-law Carolyn Wilkins as well as many numerous nieces and nephews.

Sam is preceded in death by his parents Y.B. & Lois Aldridge, daughter Cynthia Kay Aldridge Bruorton and twin grandsons Marcus DeLane and Michael James Holloway.

Visitation will be held on February 4th 2021, at Brown's Funeral Service from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Funeral services will be held at Calvary Baptist Church in Durant at 2:00 PM Friday February 5, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Calvary Baptist Church's Building

Fund at 715 Louisiana Street, Durant, OK 74701

Pall Bearers: Mitchell Aldridge, Harley Crowell, Dustin Aldridge, Jeff Aldridge, Chris Howell and Josh Wilkins.

Out of respect for others we ask that masks be worn during services.

Arrangements are under the direction of Brown's Durant Funeral and Cremation Service.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/4TZ68WW6FP92PRJK>

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

1620 Cemetery Rd
Durant, OK

Previous Events

Family Visitation

FEB 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant
4900 West US Hwy 70
Durant, OK 74701
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<https://www.brownsfuneralservice.com/>

Celebration of Life

FEB 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church
Durant, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Sammy Joe Aldridge*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - February 03, 2021 at 12:15 PM

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It would be great if we could all be liked and loved like Sammy Joe is and he did not work for it or try to buy it, there was nothing phony about him. All you had to do was talk to him and be around him for a while and it just came natural and I spent several hours around him with our 25 years at the Fire Department. It was easy to see he loved his family and they loved him. The last time he came out to check on me as he called it, when he was leaving he said "Robert A. you old buzzard, if you need anything, just give me a call, I can't do as much as I used to, but I can still do a little".. I don't guess I did my part, but he did his. An I loved the video.

Bob Rogers - February 04, 2021 at 11:27 PM

KC

Kathy, our lives have run together in so many ways. You and Sam have had a wonderful life together. Ups, downs, good, bad but always, always together. Sam was an outstanding example of a truly good man. I'm proud to have known him. Love to you and all. Praying for comfort for you all.

*Love,
Kay*

Kay Chinn - February 06, 2021 at 12:57 PM



“ *Sammy Joe Aldridge*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Kathy & girls....A good man, Always so very nice to me when I was part of the family!
My heart goes out to all of you...
Karen (Aldridge) Bentley*

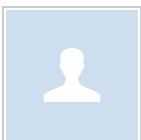
Karen Bentley - April 18, 2021 at 08:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sammy Joe Aldridge.*



February 05, 2021 at 09:00 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sammy Joe Aldridge.*



February 02, 2021 at 12:19 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Sam's passing. He was a good man. My late husband and I worked many years for Ronnie and we knew Sam through him.*

Betty (NesSmith) Evans - January 31, 2021 at 04:10 PM

CC

“ So sorry to hear this. We are praying for the family. 🙏❤️🙏 Paul and Carla Cavender

carla cavender - January 30, 2021 at 10:26 PM

SH

“ So sorry to hear of Sam's passing. He was a good man and a friend to many. Please accept my sincerest condolences.

Steve Hooper - January 30, 2021 at 07:08 PM