



## Samuel Bowman,

January 11, 1932 - October 15, 2007

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 22, 2007 at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 810 Cathay Street, with the funeral commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Thomas J. London will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 North Jefferson Avenue on Sunday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Samuel Glenn Bowman, Sr. was born January 11, 1932 in Judsonia, Arkansas to Thaddeus and Mabel Bowman. Being the only child that they conceived to survive beyond the age of three, Sam was the apple of his beloved mother's eyes and source of pride to his devoted father. Samuel was educated in the Saginaw public schools. He was defensive tackle for Saginaw High and a member of their oratorical team. Sam was a graduate of the class of 1950. On October 1, 1952, Samuel married Mary Louise Hawkins. Both Samuel and Mary spent the early part of their union separated while Samuel served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. Once honorably discharged from his duties, Samuel returned home to begin a life with Mary. Together they spent many happy years raising two sons and one daughter. Samuel was employed with the Malleable Iron plant for 27 years. He retired March 1, 1988. Sam spent much of his retirement enjoying his two greatest passions - fishing and gardening. He'd spend many early morning hours out on the water casting fishing lines with faithful friends, Murphy Layton, Tommy Scott and family members. He would sit for hours catching the limit (or going over the limit allowed) of crappies. He frequently fished from sun up to sundown because

he loved the tranquility that came from being on the water. His gift of gardening was enjoyed by many who knew him, because Sam routinely planted more than he needed. Perhaps the only thing he enjoyed more than watching his garden grow was seeing others reaping what he sowed. Although he would not often admit to his declining health, family members knew that Sam was ill when he could no longer fish or garden. On December 22, 1997, Mary preceded him in death. Just eight months prior, both he and Mary suffered the loss of their son, Mark. On September 26, 1998, Sam was united in marriage to Dorothy Perry. They enjoyed many happy days entertaining family and friends in their home, traveling, attending church functions and hosting holiday dinners. Over the last two years, Sam battled a series of health conditions that left him lethargic and weakened, however, he never complained. Instead, he quietly accepted his lot in life and enjoyed what health he had left. Grateful to God for what remained, Sam was still able to enjoy barbecuing, cooking and watching westerns on television. Samuel was a devoted member of Tabernacle Baptist Church where he served as chairman of the Deacon Board, a member of the Layman Board and Superintendent of Sunday School. He faithfully attended 8:00 a.m. worship service, weekly Bible study, revivals and afternoon programs. He was a supporter of the total church, even when his health wasn't the best. Sam went from labor to rest on Monday, October 15, 2007. He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Dorothy; one son, Samuel Jr. (Noreen) and one daughter, Lynaire (Zachary) Clipper; one stepson, Dennis (Vanessa) Perry; two stepdaughters, Gwen and Carolyn Perry; 15 grandchildren, Mark Tekorey, Zanita Mae, Zachary II, David Lee Pritchett, Jr., Forrest Pritchett, Mary Louise, Deonta, Tiffany, John, Quentin, Keaira, Anthony, Darius, Zaria and Zamillya; one sister-in-law, Florence Brown of Marion, Arkansas; one brother-in-law, Arthur (Alice) Washington of Dolten, Illinois and a host of other relatives and friends. Samuel will be sorely missed by all that knew him.

# Tribute Wall

WS

“ Aunt Dorothy, my prayers are with you and all the Bowman family. Sam was a wonderful man and a giving person. He suffer silently for so long, just know that he is "Fine" now, resting with the Lord. I know during this time it may be hard to trace God's hand, but know that you can always trust his heart. He loves you and knows what is best for you and your family. Tie a knot and hang on.

*Love Ann*

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**William & Mary Ann Stewart** - October 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ZS

“ To all who read this, I just want you to know that Sam was a good man and a loving father who always treated me like a son, I will miss him both as a father in law and as a fishing buddy. We mourn the death of Sam but not as one without hope. I expect to see him on the other side. God Bless and please pray for my wife for she was daddy's little girl.

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**Zachary Clipper Sr** - October 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ I am in AR will return home on Monday. I am sorry for our loss.

*Sarah and Al Jamison*

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**Sarah Jamison** - October 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I was sadden to hear about the lost of your love one but, God does not make mistake even in this God will hold and comfort you. I know that each day will be a little lighter as time goes on. You will always have memories that will make you smile and remember I am here should you need anything.

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**Cynthia Clayton** - October 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I know that Mr. Bowman is at peace. He raised a wonderful daughter in Lynnear, he has completed his work. He has beautiful grandchildren who will make him proud. I am sorry for the loss and I know it will take much time to heal. But please reach out and hold on to his strength as he makes this passage.  
Love,  
Rosemary

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**Rosemary Metz** - October 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Dorothy and family, we are sorry to haear of the lost of Sam. We know as youy do that weeping lasts for a while, but joy is not to far from us. Our Master never makes a mistake and is with us always. Bless you and yours. Ralph & Shirley.

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**Ralph & Shirley Culpepper** - October 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM