

*HOME GOING CELEBRATION
FOR
CARLTON PETER SAM, SR.*



Alpha
February 6, 1936

Omega
March 8, 2015

Visitation
8:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Funeral Services
12:00 p.m.

Friday March 13, 2015

Rev. Justin Arockiasamy
Holy Family Catholic Church
Lawtell, LA



Obituary

*O*n Sunday, March 8, 2015 the Lord called home his beloved servant, Carlton P. Sam, Sr. He was born to Octave and Lorentine Norman Sam on February 6, 1936. He was united in marriage to Wilma Batiste on November 16, 1952. From this union six children were born. He devoted his life to loving and caring for his wife and family and to servicing the Lord. He was a faithful member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Lawtell, LA. He was also a member of the Knights of Peter Clavier Council 130 for over 50 years and a member of the Keystone Lodge # 196 for over 40 years.

He leaves to mourn and treasure his precious memories, his wife of 62 years, Wilma Batiste Sam; his five children: Sheryl S. Perkins, James Larry Sam (Loretta); Garry Sam, Sr. (Janice); Carlton P. Sam, Jr.; Craigory T. Sam, Sr. (Tamie); nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; his sisters: Elma Sam Batiste and Willie Mae Lavergne; one brother, John Charles Sam, Sr. (JC) (Ethel); one sister-in-law, Evelyn B. Sam; Allen Batiste (Elthia); Terry Batiste (Effie); Alma Auzuenne, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Carlton, Sr. was preceded in death by one daughter, Karen Denise Sam; one granddaughter, Yvonne Marie Sam; parents: Octave and Lorentine N. Sam; one brother Octave Sam, Jr.; his mother and father-in-law Joseph and Constance L. Batiste; and three brothers-in-law: Lawerence Batiste, Sr.; Ivory Batiste, Sr.; Murphy Auzenne, Sr.

Order of Service

Processional.....	"So Many Times"
First Reading.....	Karen S. Moore, "A Reading from the Book of Wisdom"
Responsorial Psalm.....	The Lord is My Shepherd
Second Reading.....	Amanda Denise Sam, "A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians"
Gospel Homily.....	Rev. Justin Arockiwasamy
Offertory Hymn.....	"Let the Work I've Done"
Offertory Gifts.....	Alexis, Ariel, and Shanekqua Sam
Holy Communion Hymn.....	"Walk Around Heaven"
Meditation Hymn.....	"Going Up Yonder"
Recessional Hymn.....	"I'll Fly Away"



To my Loving Wife...

A Letter from Heaven:

When tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes, filled with tears for
me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry,
The way you did today,
While thinking of the many things,
We didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you,
And each time you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too.

When tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we are far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here in your heart.



God's Garden

God looked around His garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

If Tears Could Build a Stairway

If tears could build a stairway,
And memories were a lane,
We would walk right up to heaven
And bring you back again.
Our hearts still ache with sadness
And secret tears still flow,
What it meant to lose you,
Some will never know.
But now we know you want us
To mourn for you no more.
To remember the happy times,
Life still has much in store.
Since you'll never be forgotten,
We pledge to you today.
A hallowed place within our hearts
Is where you'll always stay.



One Last Request

Please don't say that I gave up; just say that I gave in.

Don't say I lost the battle; it was God's war to lose or win.

Please don't say how good I was but that I did my best.

Just say that I tried to do what's right- to give the most I could, no less.

Please don't give me wings or halos-that's for God to do.

I want no more that I deserve, no extras, just my due.

Please don't give flowers, or talk in hushed tones.

Don't be concerned about me now,

I'm well with God; I've made my home.

Don't talk about what could have been, it's over, and it's done.

Just see to all my family's needs, the battle has been won.

When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a Saint.

I've done some good, I've done some wrong, so use all your paint-

Not just the bright and light tones; use some gray and dark.

In fact, don't put me down on canvas; just paint me in your heart.

Don't just remember good times, some happy and some sad.

If you do nothing but this one thing, my one very last request-

Forgive me for the wrong I've done, and with the love that's left,

Thank God that my soul is resting, thank God that I've been blessed.

Thank God for all who loved me, praise God who loved me best.



Active Pallbearers

Murphy Auzenne, Jr.
Alfred Sam
Lionel Sam

Hayward Batiste, Jr.
Garry Sam, Jr.
Mark Batiste

Honorary Pallbearers

James Larry Sam
Garry Sam, Sr.
Carlton P. Sam, Jr.
Craigory T. Sam, Sr.

J. C. Sam
Terry Batiste
Allen Batiste
Wayne Batiste

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Internment Repast

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Holy Family Church Hall
Lawtell, La

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