



Former LaMarque Mayor Geraldine Sam

September 22, 1951 - August 18, 2022

Geraldine Agnes Sam gained her heavenly wings Thursday, August 18, 2022 at her home surrounded by her family and loved ones. Geraldine was a kind and loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She was born September 22, 1951 to the late Albert and Alberta Pete Sam. She is the mother of four children, Marqueita Sam, Frederick Derrick, Osaro Derrick and Gerald Marsh. Geraldine loved teaching, cooking, dancing, art and serving others.

Geraldine Sam was educated in the public schools of La Marque, Texas where she graduated from La Marque High School in 1969 and went on to receive a Bachelors Degree at the nationally acclaimed Prairie View A & M University in Prairie View, Tx. She received her Masters Degree from Grand Canyon University; and at the time of her passing, she was a candidate in the Doctoral program, also, of Grand Canyon University. She was an educator for 30 plus years in the Houston and La Marque Independent School Districts, where she touched and enriched the lives of many students and parents.

Geraldine was a life-long supporter of ALL things that is La Marque, Texas. She was the leader of the Friday night football chant "We are La Marque Cougars 💎.WHOOSH". As a proud productive person from PVU, she drafted a letter to Oprah's Big Give Away that resulted in over \$500,000 donated to Simms Elementary School (LMISD). She authored single member districts

which led to the 1st African American City Councilman. In addition to the aforementioned accolades, Geraldine Sam became the first African American and the first woman to be elected Mayor of the City of La Marque, Texas, making history throughout the entire County of Galveston. During her governmental career, she was an active member of the Republican Party and had been a delegate to the Republican National Conventions and was on the political ticket as a candidate for the US Senate and the US Congress. She was a TRAILBLAZER, a VISIONARY and a SERVANT to all people.

Geraldine Sam dedicated her life to Christ at an early age. She was a devout and active member of the Hopewell Baptist Church in Texas City, Texas. She was also a member of Alpha Tau Beta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and Lakeview Court #262 Heroines of Jericho ❖ Prince Hall Affiliation ❖ Texas Jurisdiction.

Geraldine will be greeted at heaven's gate by Albert and Alberta Sam, Wesley Sam, Alfred Sam, Joseph Sam, Leroy Sam, Paul Sam and Michael Sam.

Geraldine's legacy of love and devotion will live on through the countless lives she's touched. She will be endlessly loved and treasured by her children: Marqueita Sam Haddock (Levi), Frederick Derrick, Osaro Derrick (Nicole) and Gerald Marsh; grandchildren: Kayla, Kierra, Jaxson, Bellami, Langston, Khaliah, Jazimine, Tionne, Abigale, and Frederick Jr.; siblings: Barbra Sam, Queen lawia, Linda Sam and Charles Sam; and her step-mother, Rev. Gloria Cash Sam. She will be truly missed by her nieces, nephews, family members and friends.

"May The Work I've Done Speak For Me!"

Cemetery Details

Rising Star Cemetery

LaMarque, TX 77568

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hopewell Baptist Church
316 S Pine Road
Texas City, TX 77591

MASKES ARE REQUIRED

Visitation

SEP 3. 9:00 AM - 10:50 AM (CT)

LaMarque High School Auditorium
397 Duroux Road
La Marque, TX 77568

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Burial Service will begin at 10:15AM conducted by Alpha Tau Beta Chapter

Celebration of Life

SEP 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

LaMarque High School Auditorium
397 Duroux Road
La Marque, TX 77568

Burial

SEP 3 (CT)

Rising Star Cemetery
LaMarque, TX 77568

Tribute Wall



“ Norris D Burkley Professional Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Former LaMarque Mayor Geraldine Sam



Norris D Burkley Professional Services - September 08, 2022 at 10:08 PM

BD

“ My heartfelt sympathy to Marqueita "Chee Chee", and the entire Sam family during this difficult time. I am sorry for your loss.

Betty Davis - September 01, 2022 at 08:22 PM

BD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Betty Davis - September 01, 2022 at 08:11 PM

DS

“ Oh, Sam, you will be missed. Remember when you allowed my timid 3rd grade daughter to come read to your kinder class every day? You made such a huge difference in her life and now she is a teacher too. She said she got her start in your classroom with those kinder babies. Your legacy as a classroom teacher impacted many lives. May God grant you the peace you so well earned.



Dr Cheryl Sawyer - September 01, 2022 at 07:35 PM

EP

“ Eva Patterson lit a candle in memory of Former LaMarque Mayor Geraldine Sam



Eva Patterson - September 01, 2022 at 11:27 AM

VM

“ Ms.Sam you will be truly missing by many. I still can hear your voice in my heard ever time I come down your hall . You was truly a Sims super star. RIP love you



Valencia Maxwell - September 01, 2022 at 12:44 AM

CG

“ Chris Greene lit a candle in memory of Former LaMarque Mayor Geraldine Sam



Chris Greene - September 01, 2022 at 12:07 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Former LaMarque Mayor Geraldine Sam.



August 30, 2022 at 10:12 AM

BC

“ Geri gave so much.



Bobbie Cade - August 29, 2022 at 10:33 AM

LF

“ My condolences to the Sam's Family from Little Rock Baptist Church.Pastor R.L.Smith and Sadie Smith



Little Rock Baptist Church Family - August 29, 2022 at 09:48 AM

OD

“ *Rest in Heaven Precious Angel*



Oneal Jefferson From Dallas - August 29, 2022 at 09:46 AM

DD

“ *I would like to send my condolences to the Sam and Hunter family for the loss of a passionate family member. Geraldine left a great historical mark in the city of LaMarque TX. She will be missed by everyone that knew her and knew of her.*



Dee Davis ❤️

Dee Davis - August 27, 2022 at 02:37 PM

FL

“ *Frederick Lamb lit a candle in memory of Former LaMarque Mayor Geraldine Sam*



Frederick Lamb - August 25, 2022 at 07:38 PM

MS

“ Ms Geraldine Sam was beautiful sister in law to me ana beautiful Aunt to my children an helped us out tremendously especially when her nephew Paul Cunningham passed away in 2018! Thank you so much Gerri! Love you! ❤️☐Praying for our family and her children and her friends! ❤️

Michelle Sam - August 24, 2022 at 08:17 PM

SM

“ Praying for her family, she was a beautiful matron when she was a member of Galilee BC in my younger days! The McDaniel family !

shirley mcdaniel - August 19, 2022 at 06:56 PM

PB

“ Just an amazing person. Rest in Power Geraldine. Prayers to the Sams family.

Pamela Bridges-Jones - August 19, 2022 at 04:21 PM

GR

Condolences to the family of Ms. Gearldine Sam. Praying God will comfort you in your time of bereavement. Rugley family from Jasper, Texas.

Glenda Rugley-Guidry - August 31, 2022 at 04:04 PM