



Samuel Albert McCartney

August 2, 1952 - February 22, 2025

Samuel “Sam” McCartney, 72, of Oskaloosa, passed away Saturday, February 22, 2025, at his home in Oskaloosa.

Samuel Albert McCartney, son of Preston Amory and Helen Marie (Russell) McCartney, was born on August 2, 1952, in Burlington, Iowa. After attending Burlington High School and Burlington Junior College, he enlisted in the Navy. While in the service, he worked on diesel and nuclear submarines. On May 25, 1974, Sam was united in marriage with Mary Kathleen Daves. After his discharge, Sam returned to Burlington and worked as a mechanic for the city of Burlington for ten years. In 1983, the family moved to rural Blakesburg to accommodate Sam’s new position as a mechanic with Iowa Southern Utilities’ Ottumwa Generating Station. He worked for the company for 32 years, retiring in 2015. Sam enjoyed buying and restoring current and classic cars, reading Western and science fiction novels, and watching sci-fi and John Wayne movies.

His family includes his wife, Kathy McCartney; a son, Rick (Cynthia) McCartney of Bakersville, N.C.; and a daughter, Mary Ellen (John) Gillin of Montello, WI; three grandchildren: Sheri (Zachary) Kirkbride of Lenexa, KS; Carrie Vincent of Waukon, IA; and Joshua McCartney of Georgia; one great-grandson, Oliver; a brother, Jerry Lee (Pam) McCartney of Winter Haven, FL; four sisters: Bette (Ralph) Fraise of Croton, IA; Robin (Kelvin) Moore of Olin, IA; Laurie (Steve) Klein of Olin, IA; and Cindy (Mike) Borst of Olin, IA.

In addition to his parents, Sam was preceded in death by a brother, Richard

McCartney, and three sisters and their husbands: Suneva and Don Ghrist, Sherry and Bill Chaknine, and Margaret and Melvin Fraise.

As was his wish, Sam's body has been cremated. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, March 7, 2025, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel: 2116 N. 3rd Street, Oskaloosa, with lunch and reminiscing to follow. The Oskaloosa Honor Guard will present Military Honors. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory has been entrusted with his arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
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The Oskaloosa Honor Guard will present Military Honors.

Tribute Wall



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Samuel Albert McCartney*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - March 06, 2025 at 04:14 PM



“ *52 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - March 06, 2025 at 03:32 PM

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“ *Ottumwa Generating Station purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Samuel Albert McCartney.*



Ottumwa Generating Station - March 06, 2025 at 02:19 PM

JM

“ I have 72 years of memories with this guy, "My Brother". we an tell the same stories and cuss at the same thing, because we walk the same path as brothers. my world just got a lot smaller with him gone. I will miss him for ever and love him for as long .MY BRO.Jerry

jerry mccartney - March 03, 2025 at 07:55 PM

RD

“ Remembering back to when Sam and I went down to do a drive test with the old international lowboy. The ride along gal wasn't impressed when she had to keep the door handle in her pocket so she could get out when she got back. But first Sam handed her a towel so the seat belt wouldn't get coal dust all over blue DOT smock.

Ronald Dobson - March 01, 2025 at 09:03 AM

WN

“ WAYNE NILSON lit a candle in memory of Samuel Albert McCartney



WAYNE NILSON - February 28, 2025 at 03:49 PM

GL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ginger Johnson Lite - February 27, 2025 at 10:44 PM

GL

This is Mike Ralston, Sam, and my brother, Jimmy Johnson. They were close friends from grade school until the end. Mike is the only one left. Sam was a good guy. I've known him since we were kids. I am so sorry to hear about his passing.

Ginger Johnson Lite - February 27, 2025 at 10:49 PM

MS

“ *My husband Jim, passed away in November he liked Sam ,they worked together I am so sorry for your lose,you take care!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

martha stufflebeam - February 27, 2025 at 09:29 PM