



Samuel Butler

December 25, 2014

BUTLER, SAMUEL

Age 67, passed away on Thursday, December 25, 2014. He died at the Presbyterian hospital in downtown Albuquerque from a massive heart attack he sustained on Monday, December 22, 2014 in the late afternoon. He was born in Alice, TX, to Maria Vesper and Samuel Doss Butler, Jr. on January 8, 1947. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Marilyn Butler; and their four children, Dr. James Hockenberry, Dr. David Butler, Claudia Butler and Courtney Butler; his grandchildren, Alyssa Butler, Elizabeth Butler, Haley Hockenberry and Grant Hockenberry; his brother, Dr. Ronald Butler; his half-brother, William Mangum; his half-sister, Shawn Gaspas; and his many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by both his parents, as well as two younger brothers. He was a dedicated teacher for 35 years, a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend, and he will be sorely missed. His memorial service will be held on Monday, January 5, 2014, 3:30 p.m., at FRENCH – Westside with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to the NM Humane Society or the Go Fund Me Campaign “Sam Butler’s Memorial Fund” (www.gofundme.com/jdqsow) to assist his widow with remaining medical expenses from his treatments. Please visit our online guestbook for Samuel at www.FrenchFunerals.com

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

JV

“ *This saddens my heart deeply. The world lost the kindest, gentlest, GREATEST man I have ever had the honor of personally knowing. I am so sorry.*

Jason V. - January 14, 2015 at 11:53 AM

KJ

“ *I went to High School with Sammy and thought the world of him. I had a really bad car wreck when I was in school and broke my back. Sammy came to the hospital everyday to say Hi. Since I was unable to get out of bed at that time, he taught me how to play chess and would come and play with me when ever he was able. Loved him and his family. Didn't get the chance to meet his wife and children, but knowing him as I did, I am sure that they are just as great. I'm so sorry for your loss, but heaven has gained another angel to watch over us all.*

Kyle Ann (Johnson) Jamerson

Kyle Ann Jamerson - January 05, 2015 at 11:20 AM

AV

“ *On behalf of my husband Abraham and I, we worked with Sam at RRHS. He was a good, kind man, and we enjoyed his company. He made us laugh, and we are sorry to hear that he is gone. May God give Marilyn, his children, and grandchildren the strength, and the comfort you all need to get through this difficult time. May God bless you all.*

*Best regards,
Ann and Abraham Villaseñor*

Ann Villasenor - January 05, 2015 at 10:13 AM

KB

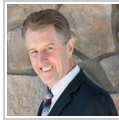
“OMG! I so shocked to hear of Sam's passing. Huge, warm, heartfelt hugs to Marilyn, Courtney, and Claudia. I am so sorry that you must endure this tragedy. My greatest memory of Sam is his tremendous love for his 'girlfriend' Marilyn and watching him twirl her around the dance floor. Love and hugs, Karen Boulanger

Karen Boulanger - January 01, 2015 at 12:52 AM

SP

I will always remember hearing the bagpipes at RRHS and hearing that loud sound he made in the courtyard in response to any wonderful occurrence. Sam's spirit remains, for me, larger than life. He significantly contributed to the creation of the work hard-play hard culture of our wonderful school. His dedication to his students was always apparent. He was always kind. I know his spirit goes on but I will miss him here.

Susan Passell - January 03, 2015 at 08:02 AM



I had the privilege of providing dental care to Sam and Marilyn, and as such got to know them as people. I can't say enough good things about Sam. He was a wonderful person, always pleasant and courteous, thoughtful and considerate. He was always a pleasure to deal with and was an awesome educator - one who truly cared about his students and the job he did. This is a very difficult loss, as men like Sam are hard to find. I am blessed to have known him and will miss him terribly.

Thomas H. Hermann - January 05, 2015 at 10:53 AM

MG

Claudia I never met your dad, but Angie and Anthony have only good things to say about him. I'm sure he will be missed by many. May God give you the strength to cope with your loss. Our sincere condolences to you and your family. If you need anything please do not hesitate to ask. God Bless you and your mom during this trying time. Johnny and Mary Gonzales

Mary Gonzales - January 05, 2015 at 11:08 AM

LH

Dr. Hockenberry and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of loss. May God comfort you as only He can.

Lisa Hailey - January 05, 2015 at 11:48 AM

SM

I attended school with "Sammy" in Alice, Texas. He was the warmest, kindest person anyone could hope to know. I also attended A & I College in Kingsville, Texas with little brother Tommy, and for awhile lived near them on Howell Road in Alice. Their mother was the most upbeat and warm person too. I hope it is a comfort for you as Sammy's family to know how much people who knew him appreciated his warmth and kindness, even so many years ago.

Sharon Patterson Maggio-January 8, 2015

Sharon Patterson Maggio - January 08, 2015 at 04:06 PM

JR

*I attended school with "sammy" in Alice, Texas. I knew him since we were both in junior high school. Although, we move fail to keep in touch with many of our school friends, many of those we knew we always remember. Sammy was one of my friends I always remembered.
Julie Reynolds, San Antonio, Texas January 9, 2015*

Julie Reynolds - January 09, 2015 at 09:02 AM

MZ

*I just found out that Sam passed and I am so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man and so kind a generous to all those around him. As I was walking the halls looking for my "Kids" he would always tell me that "THE BUTLER DID IT" making me laugh over the trials and tribulations my special kids gave me. The bagpipes and his special call will always be in my mind when I think of him and my heart goes out to Marilyn and the family for their loss. You are all in our prayers.
Megann and John Zeigler*

Megann Zeigler - January 13, 2015 at 02:50 PM