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We Celebrate The Life Of Samuel Anthony Allen

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Sammy, a resilient and compassionate brother, uncle, and devoted community member, ascended to heaven on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 70 years old.

Early Life

Born with cerebral palsy (CP), Sammy's determination and "can-do" attitude enabled him to overcome speech, hearing, and muscle control challenges.

Education

He attended El Portal Del Norte, El Portal Del Sol, San Francisco State University for lip reading and the School for the Deaf for extensive sign language training.

Independent Living and Employment

While at home, Sammy worked for Pacific Telephone and the airlines through the Easter Seals Organization. In the 1970s, he resided at Serra Residential Center (SRC), founded by the Benevolent church, and by a core group of parents. While there, he worked in their craft shop making, and painting beautiful ceramic lamps, lit Christmas trees, and other ceramic items. Later, SRC chose him to work at the Alameda Naval Base Commissary stocking the shelves at night. He was proud he learned how to ride the Bay Area Rapid Transit, aka: BART. He returned home and assisted Our Lady of Angels Church's groundskeeper and maintenance man.

Life's Challenges and Triumphs

In 2004, months before his 51st birthday, Sammy became wheelchair bound. This was a difficult adjustment for Sammy since he had been very mobile all his life. After living in a long-term



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facility for several years, he was placed in residential care homes where he was much happier. He also attended a day program for disabled people, where he discovered satisfaction and fulfillment. Sammy brought joy to others with his bright smile and willingness to help others.

Activities and Interests

Sammy's life revolved around family, and he was a beloved member. He cherished family activities. At home he enjoyed doing yard work, chopping wood for family, and neighbors, playing cards, dominos, and putting puzzles together. He liked tracking birthdays and eagerly looked forward to family visits during his time in SRC, and the group homes. He enjoyed running in the Special Olympics while at SRC. A devout Catholic, he valued attending mass and participating in church activities. Sammy was also an enthusiastic 49ers and Giants fan.

Legacy

Despite challenges, Sammy's kindness, generosity, and willingness to help inspired countless lives. His legacy will continue to touch hearts with family, friends, neighbors, and many others.

Survived By

His loving brothers and sister: Daniel E. Allen (Hsiao-Sheng Allen), Michael K. Allen (Patricia Allen); and R. Evelyn Allen-Klopfer (Steven Klopfer); nieces Rachel Andrews, Tiffany Crosetti, Kathryn Parker, and Brittany Allen; great-nieces and nephews Terra and Vincent Andrews, Guiliana Crossetti, Joseph Parker, and Brandon Crosetti.

In Lieu of Flowers

Please consider donating to UCP of the Golden Gate 1521 Webster Street Oakland, CA 94612

Include "In Honor of Sammy Allen" on your check. UCPGG is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit; donations are tax-deductible.

Rest in peace, Sammy. Your courage, love, and spirit will be deeply missed by us all.






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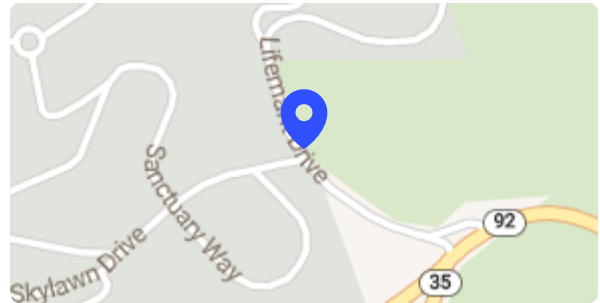
Visitation

-  **Monday**, November 4, 2024
-  10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PT
-  **Skylawn Funeral Home**
Route 35 at Highway 92, San Mateo CA 94402







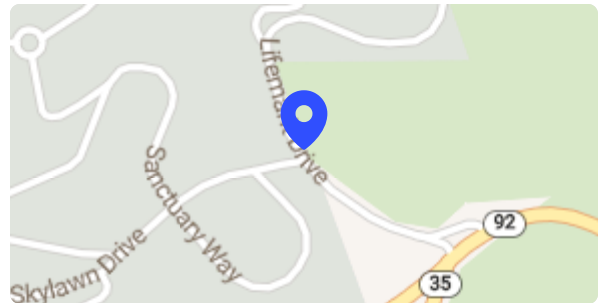
Funeral Service

-  **Monday**, November 4, 2024
-  11:00 AM - 1:00 PM PT
-  **Skylawn Funeral Home and Memorial Park**
Route 35 at Highway 92, San Mateo CA 94402



Interment

-  **Monday**, November 4, 2024
-  1:00 PM PT
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-  With light reception to follow at Skylawn Funeral Home





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BR

Barbara Roberts posted:

John Allen, Barbie Allen Roberts, and Marly Allen Schaule send our heartfelt condolences to the Allen Family.

November 4 at 6:01 AM

BA

Barbara A. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Samuel.



November 4 at 5:58 AM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Allen family.



November 2 at 6:00 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Samuel.



November 2 at 6:00 AM

MR

Mary Reed posted:

Dan & Family, we remember Sam with joy, having blessed our hearts. The trees sent by "Mary R" are in fact from Mary Nevils Reed, Gladys Nevils Lawing and Vivian (Nevils) & Edd Dyer with love and our deepest sympathy.

November 2 at 1:23 AM

MR

Mary R. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Samuel.



November 2 at 1:19 AM



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Anonymous sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Allen family.



November 1 at 12:03 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Samuel.



November 1 at 12:03 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Samuel by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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