



## Samuel (Sam) Ray Meeker

March 21, 1943 - June 21, 2018

Samuel (Sam) Ray Meeker born March 21, 1943 in Waco, TX to the late Leo and Ruth McGregor Meeker passed away Thursday June 21, 2018 with family by his side. He was preceded in death by his father in law Hubert Willis, Sr. He is survived by his loving wife of 23 years Fran Willis Meeker of Newport and children Nancy Meeker, and Gail Meeker of Morristown, Charles (Chariti) Meeker of Paragould, AR., James Parks of Newport, Cindy (Jeff) Shults of Dandridge, Lori (Jimmy) Young of Oklahoma City, OK., grandchildren Kris, Jeffery, Kaitlin, Haven, Dustin and Lela; sisters Jeanie Medlin and Ann Maurer and brother Donald Korenek, mother in law Gladys Willis, brothers in law Lee (Ovella) Willis, Walter (Lois) Willis, Hubert Willis , Jr and the late Lynn Willis, sisters in law Margaret (James) Suggs, Louise (Willis) Suggs, Glenda Willis and many other nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Sam was a friend to everyone he knew. Sam had a heart as big as Texas, but that big heart gave out. Sam always said, 'He was a Texan by birth and a Tennessean by the grace of God'.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 pm on Monday June 25th 2018 with the service following at 7 pm in Manes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. James Suggs officiating . Burial will be held at 10 am on Tuesday June 26th 2018 in the Union cemetery.

Family and friends may sign online at :[www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Samuel (Sam) Ray Meeker*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Prayers my friends !*

**RV CLINE** - June 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Fran, Lori, and to all the family. You are in are thoughts and prayers. Wish we weren't so far away but we have a big hug around y'all right now. We will always remember the good times in Houston and Springfield with Sam and y'all .Love ya all.á*

**Larry&Mary Feaster** - June 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Prayers!*

**Louise and Jimmy Hux** - June 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *I will be praying for everyone. Sam had a heart of gold and always made me laugh. I will miss him.*

**Kristy Hill** - June 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lori and family, sorry for your loss....thoughts & prayers for each of you*

**Ray Fancher** - June 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Fran, Cindi and Lori, our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. áWe missed you all at our family get together this past weekend. áSam always seemed to enjoy the food and the company. áWe know how good he was to Jeff and Lela and will always

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**Doug and Gail Nations** - June 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Sam. May God bless you all during this difficult time. Prayers for all of you.

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**Rhonda Rice** - June 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ Sorry for your lost.

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**Faye Fish** - June 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Sam was a sweet person. I loved talking to him and enjoyed his stories.á

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**Jennifer Frazier** - June 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you..

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**Faye Brooks** - June 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Gail and family, I am so sorry for your lose.

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**Karen Moore** - June 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ *Condolences*

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**Gary S. & Dorothy J. Kyker** - June 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ *So sorry to hear about Sam . Prayers for the family.á*

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**Woody and Tura Lawson** - June 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *Fran &family so sad to hear of Sam passing,I wish I had known he was sick . I would have come up brace & all. I didnÆt feel well on the 21th,didnÆt go to rehab & then Jean called. I hope he knows I loved him,& I will pray for his soul & amp*

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**Ann & Richard** - June 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ *So very sorry for your loss. áWe are so blessed to have known Sam. áPlease know we are praying for your broken hearts. á*

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**Wilson & Barbie Grider** - June 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to Fran and the family. We are so sorry for your loss. We sure are going to miss the visits that we had in Tampa, just sitting out there in the chairs, talking and watching all the people go by.*

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**Steve & Tammie Russell** - June 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Fran, so sorry to hear about Sam*

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**Sandy Sutton** - June 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *In our prayers, so sorry for your loss.*

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**Pat & Patricia Mathis Taylor** - June 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *In our prayers, so sorry for your loss.*

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