



Terry R. Sams Sr.

January 21, 1934 - April 11, 2014

North Augusta, SC—Memorial Services for Mr. Terry R. Sams, Sr., 80, of North Augusta, SC, who entered into rest April 11, 2014, will be conducted Thursday at 6 o'clock in the First Baptist Church of North Augusta. Dr. Tommy Meador, Dr. Randy Cooper and Rev. Roy Kiser officiating.

Mr. Sams was a native of Elizabethton, Tennessee, having made North Augusta his home for the past 52 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of North Augusta where he was active in the music ministry and played the trombone in the church orchestra.

Mr. Sams began his career in broadcasting at the age of 16 at WBEJ radio station in Elizabethton, Tennessee. In the early 1960's, he relocated to WJBF in Augusta, Georgia, where he served as Station Manager, Vice President, Program Director, Announcer, Weatherman, On Air Talent, and at one time, part owner. He was notably known as "Trooper Terry", the star of a local children's program for 20 years. Mr. Sams retired from WJBF as the President and General Manager. He was a former member of the Augusta Exchange Club and the Salvation Army Board.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Shirlene Slagle Sams; a son, Terry R. Sams, Jr., Elizabethton, Tennessee; three daughters and sons-in-law, Terissa and Buddy Crites and Kate and Robbie Bryant all of North Augusta and

Patrice and Kenny Crapps, Johnson City, Tennessee; nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; three brothers, B.J. Sams, Little Rock, Arkansas, Gene Sams and Elmer Sams, Jr., both of Elizabethton, Tennessee.

The family will receive friends at the church following the service.

Memorials may be made The Salvation Army, Major Tony Perez, 1833 Broad Street, Augusta, GA 30904.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181). Visit the registry at www.poseycares.com

Previous Events

Service

APR 17. 6:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of North Augusta
602 Georgia Ave
North Augusta, SC

Visitation

APR 17 (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Terry R. Sams Sr.

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ Terry R. Sams Sr.

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ I was on his show I guess late 60's. Our Brownie Troop was on. I remember him being such a nice man. I know he'll be missed by many.

Donna Kristosik - February 24, 2021 at 11:38 PM



“ I just remember and enjoyed Trooper Terry everyday after school. The old is the good. May his memories live on.

Cynthia James - February 05, 2021 at 05:09 PM



“ Good memories of Trooper Terry. He gave me a personal tour of the Channel 6 station when I was in Jr. High School in Aiken, in the early '60s. Terry is one of the reasons I've now had a 45 year career in broadcast television. They don't make them like that anymore. He will be missed!

Denny Christine, Indianapolis, IN

Denny Christine - April 17, 2014 at 05:34 PM

LB

“ *Mr. Terry always was and will be a favorite memory of my childhood. He was a wonderful man all the way around! God has taken home a wonderful Angel!! God bless your family, and thank you for sharing him with us all over the years!*

Lori BUTler - April 17, 2014 at 04:01 PM

JH

“ *GOD CERTAINLY BLESSED US WITH YOU AND YOU LEAVE THIS WORLD MUCH BETTER BUT A LITTLE SADDER. I'M ENVIOUS THAT YOU'RE SMILING INTO THE FACE OF GOD AND THAT A CHOIR OR ANGELS IS SINGING WITH A SINGLE TROMBONE AND A VOICE SAYS , "HEY KIDS, BETTER COME RUNNING.....!". With Love, Johnny hensley*

Johnny Hensley - April 17, 2014 at 03:24 PM

RC

“ *Dearest Kate and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Love you all very much.
Rhonda Lisa Carey*

Rhonda Lisa Carey - April 17, 2014 at 02:48 PM



“ *My sister and I grew up watching Trooper Terry and my sister was on the show. Such a pleasant man with a warm smile. He will never be forgotten in the CSRA. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

*Charmaine Johnson
Aiken, SC*

Charmaine Johnson - April 16, 2014 at 10:52 PM

PL

“ *What a wonderful man... I just saw him back in October at Prompt Care in NA such a nice couple. I will never forget our conversation that day I never told him my name or my mother's name she passed away in 1973 and worked at C&S downtown he knew exactly who she was. Trooper Terry will never be forgotten. Prayers for the family.*

Pam Lamb - April 15, 2014 at 10:18 PM

CC

“ *What a wonderful person. I watched him as a kid on TV and later in life met him. You could just tell by being around him that he was as good as it gets.
Sorry for your loss Terry and Teresa. You were so fortunate to have him in your life for so long.*

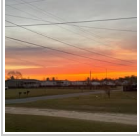
Chris Connell ..Class of 72

chris connell - April 15, 2014 at 08:58 PM

JW

“ *I grew up in Augusta in the 60's. I vividly remember "Trooper Terry" as always smiling, and being a great role model for all children in the CSRA. I was lucky enough to be on his program, and even got to dial in the "magic viewing screen". I got a little aggressive with the buttons, and he told me not to break his machine. I still laugh about that. He was a very visible, caring, and fantastic person., whether he was working with children or cooking barbecue for different occasions. He will be missed. I pray that his family and friends trust in GOD, and that his blessings will assist in their healing. RIP Terry Sams.*

Janet Mayer Weiss - April 15, 2014 at 01:15 PM



“ I am a 1960 child. So Terry Sam is in my memories. One man's voice I grew up hearing a lot. I remember attending a birthday on Trooper Terry and also had my on birthday on there too. Mr. Terry was a man we all we never forget. His voice and beautiful smile will always be in our memories. May God bless each family member and friend that was connected to Mr. Terry. My heart is with each of you. Rest in Peace my dear friend.

Linda Allen - April 15, 2014 at 11:09 AM



“ Sorry for your loss. Casey and Cleavie Szocinski

Casey and Cleavie Szocinski - April 14, 2014 at 09:22 PM



“ Shirlene & family, saddened to hear of Terry's passing...we go a long way back with he and Larry working together for many years at WJBF...those were the good days. Terry had the most beautiful voice one could ever hear,,,he will be missed by so many. It was always a thrill to have the opportunity as a child to be on his Trooper Terry Show...Brenae & Laurie talked about this often. He brought joy to many. Sending thoughts & prayers from Florida where we now live.

Ann Bennett Marcus

Ann Marcus - April 14, 2014 at 07:39 PM



Terry was a special person.. He and my late brother Duke Flannagan were close friends.. My brother was a newscaster at WJBF with Terry... I was fortunate to know Terry outside of TV..He was a hero to many of us growing up.. They come no better.. My best wishes to the family..
Neel Flannagan

Neel Flannagan - April 16, 2014 at 02:50 AM

DS

“ Terry Sams was a wonderful kind and caring person. He was a people person. He knew how to talk to people in a very special way. He could make even a shy young girl of 6 years old feel special and comfortable talking into a microphone on tv and working the magic viewing screen! When I was 6 Trooper Terry came to the pal theater on a special Saturday in 1963. He called out a special ticket number and it was mine. I remember he picked me up and put me on stage with him. Then he told me that I won the opportunity to be on The Trooper Terry Show for a week and be his secretary - work the magic veiwing screen. What a treat that was for a shy little girl from Wadley! The week finally came and I won all kinds of prizes wow! I came home with a months supply of toys. It felt when he talked to me that I had his undivided attention and that was the most important person that he had talked to all day. He just had a special gift for talking to and caring for people. Later in my life when I would see him around Augusta I would speak to him and tell him my Troopet Terry story and he would listen attentively in his kind and caring manner. Our world is a much better place because we shared it with Trooper Terry. We pray for comfort for your family. Thank you for sharing him with us.

Daphne Sanders - April 14, 2014 at 05:37 PM

LB

“ Shirlene, My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family at this time ! Terry had the best voice I have every heard! He was loved by so many people. He was a legend and will be hard to replace! The life he lived show his faith and the love for you and his family. God Bless!

Leah Barrow - April 14, 2014 at 03:27 PM

LB

“ *Leah Barrow lit a candle in memory of Terry R. Sams Sr.*



Leah Barrow - April 14, 2014 at 03:16 PM

EP

“ *Terry was a great person to work with and never had an unkind word for anyone. I had the opportunity of working with Terry at WJBF in the early 70's and I am confident that he left a positive impression on everyone he met, including myself. Augusta and North Augusta will not be the same place without him. God bless Terry and his family and all of us who had the pleasure of knowing him in our own way.*

Ed Price - Houston, TX

Ed Price - April 14, 2014 at 12:25 PM

RB

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Terry at Channel 6 several years ago. He was a special guy and so easy to be around. My prayers go out to his family.*

Ronny Bolton

Ronny Bolton - April 14, 2014 at 06:52 AM

SG

“ *Patrice, Mrs. Sam's and family - prayers of support and love to all of you. I was so very fortunate to grow up knowing both Trooper Terry and Mr. Sams in North Augusta and First Baptist. What a truly talented father, Patrice. How truly special he was to all he came in contact with. Our constant prayers and love are with you all. Susan and Jeanne (Mrs. Bill) Griffin*

Susan and Jeanne (Mrs. Bill) Griffin - April 14, 2014 at 04:36 AM

JB

“ *I still tell this story today: I was in the 2nd grade when I had the best birthday a kid could ever have. My parents picked me and my brother up a little early from Martinez Elementary October of 1963 and since our birthdays were only a week apart we usually celebrated them together. We were surprised when they took us to the TV station to be on the 'Trooper Terry Show' with all of our friends. After feeling like celebs at our birthday party, we then went to the fair for a very late night of roller coasters and cotton candy. It was without a doubt the BEST day! and every time I have seen Trooper Terry's kind, gentle and smiling face, it takes me back to one of the most wonderful childhood memories in my life!*

God Bless people like Trooper Terry who devoted their lives to making other's lives SPECIAL!

Jennifer Brassell

Jennifer Brassell - April 13, 2014 at 06:24 PM

RO

“ Thanks for the memories Trooper Terry.



Rob - April 13, 2014 at 02:08 PM

JC

“ We are sorry for your loss and are praying .
for you. Please let us know if we can
serve you in any way.

*Calvary Baptist Church
Elizabethton, TN. 37643
225 Holly Lane*

*423 542 5033 or office @calvaryonline.net
Dr. Joe Sorah Pastor*

*"For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold
or your right hand and says to you,
Do not fear; I will help you."
Isaiah 41:13*

James Cathelyn - April 13, 2014 at 07:52 AM

MS

“ God rest you Trooper. Hang up the hat and badge and go to your eternal rest. The magic viewing screen has gone dark. There will never be another Trooper. There will never be another "Voice" that stopped you and made you listen to whatever he was broadcasting or advertising. The man was a voice and image for several generations. I feel as I have lost a family member. I was lucky enough to meet him a few times as an adult. His charm, graciousness and smile made you feel as if you were speaking with a friend of many years. Go rest high upon that mountain. Your work on earth is done.



Mark Symms - April 13, 2014 at 07:44 AM



“ Dear Trooper Terry,
I will always be grateful for the memories you are leaving me and all of the children you entertained for so many years. My cousin and I used to literally run home from school to see you on tv, and although I was never fortunate enough to be on your show, it was a very important part of my childhood as were you. Your smiling face and big booming "Hey Kids!" will be a treasured part of my childhood memories forever. Rest in Peace Trooper Terry. I love you!



Angela Black - April 13, 2014 at 05:27 AM

MC

“ I had the pleasure of working with Terry for many years at WJBF running camera and directing hundreds of Trooper Terry shows, newscasts and commercials in the 1970's and 80's. A kinder and nicer man and colleague never existed, nor a better voice - one that was recognized and beloved for decades in Augusta. He was a true legend to the CSRA. My deepest sympathies to his family. There will never be another "Trooper."

Marshall Hites, Los Angeles, CA - April 12, 2014 at 11:46 PM

JF

“ Jimmy & Michelle Fishburn lit a candle in memory of Terry R. Sams Sr.



Jimmy & Michelle Fishburn - April 12, 2014 at 11:15 PM

DE

“ Dana Etterlee lit a candle in memory of Terry R. Sams Sr.



Dana Etterlee - April 12, 2014 at 06:42 PM

PW

“ One of my favorite childhood memories of Mr. Sams was when he read from Luke, the birth of Christ in the Sunday School class I shared with his daughter and my best friend, Patrice. Mr. Sams booming voice just brought the words to life and I could feel the excitement. Mr. Sams was not only Trooper Terry, but my neighbor. I saw the true Trooper, who was just the same genuine fellow we all watched on television. He always made me feel special and welcomed at his house. I was fortunate to watch the love he showered his wife and four children on pretty much a daily basis. Mr. Sams voice and winning smile was so amazing. I was treated like another Sams kid. Trooper was FUN!!! He gave me my first go cart driving lesson, where I remember he said I drove like a woman. I knew right away that he didn't mean I was very good. He also gave me my first ride on a motor cycle, and possible my last ride. He went FAST!!!

As I mentioned before, Patrice was my best childhood friend. I loved her very much. I knew she loved me too, because she shared the love of her life with me, Her DAD.

Pam Hamilton Wade

Pamela Wade - April 12, 2014 at 04:13 PM

PC

Oh Pam, I have had that memory many times in my life. I think it is because he was genuinely nervous reading not only the gospel but to a group of people (what were we in 6th grade?). He was so used to looking into a camera and not to an audience. Thank you for your sweet words and oh yes, your friendship that to this day means so much that I remember it fondly and often throughout all these years. Yes, I loved you too. Still do. I'm going to miss him as I know you miss your dad too.

Patrice Sams Crapps

Patrice Sams Crapps - April 13, 2014 at 07:19 AM

DE

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Debbie - April 12, 2014 at 03:30 PM

KB

“ Karen Barton lit a candle in memory of Terry R. Sams Sr.



Karen Barton - April 12, 2014 at 12:19 PM

GS

“ Gevernies Swint lit a candle in memory of Terry R. Sams Sr.

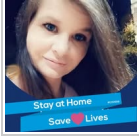


Gevernies Swint - April 12, 2014 at 11:26 AM

BE

“ Thank you for sharing your husband and dad with all the children of the CSRA, we always felt that he was a part of us. He was so quick with a smile and a kind word that he has left many memories of warmth in the hearts of children young and old. May your memories last a lifetime and wrap your hearts with love

Betty - April 12, 2014 at 10:50 AM



“ *Crystal Herrin-Bailey lit a candle in memory of Terry R. Sams Sr.*



Crystal Herrin-Bailey - April 12, 2014 at 10:04 AM

JT

“ *You were a "Trooper" in so many ways. Rest in Peace, my friend...Rest in Peace.*

Jimmy Thomas - April 12, 2014 at 08:46 AM

BR

“ *Beverly Riley lit a candle in memory of Terry R. Sams Sr.*



Beverly Riley - April 12, 2014 at 08:33 AM

PP

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. I grew up watching Terry Sams as the weatherman on channel 6 and definitely as "Trooper Terry". This is a sad day for us all. My best wishes to you all.*



Petronella Payne - April 12, 2014 at 07:23 AM

CN

“ Charlie and I are so very sorry for your grief. He will be remembered in the hearts of many people. I was so thrilled to see him at Allison's and Daniel's wedding. My children grew up watching him as Trooper Terry. We live 100 miles from Augusta, now, but people here remembered him.

Charlie & Melanie Nimmons - April 12, 2014 at 06:29 AM

KS

“ Kristin Sapp lit a candle in memory of Terry R. Sams Sr.



Kristin Sapp - April 12, 2014 at 06:12 AM

LA

“ I will always have fond memories of Trooper Terry. I am sure he is smiling down us all from heaven.

Laura - April 12, 2014 at 05:52 AM

PM

“ May your afternoons in heaven bring you the joy. Twofold that you shared with all of Augusta's youth

patricia riggs miller - April 12, 2014 at 02:38 AM

BE

“ *Byron Adrian England lit a candle in memory of Terry R. Sams Sr.*



Byron Adrian England - April 12, 2014 at 02:04 AM

BE

I grow up watching Trooper Terry as a kid. Was fortunate to see and visit Terry Sams and his lovely wife in Aiken at a local restaurant.

Byron Adrian England - April 12, 2014 at 02:11 AM

TB

“ *I "grew up" with Trooper Terry. He was a wonderful role model for all the children of the CSRA. I will always love and remember him.*
Teresa Boquist

Teresa Boquist - April 11, 2014 at 11:58 PM

BC

“ *My son Randal Davidson was on Terry's show for a friends Birthday party. Tropper Terry will be sorely missed by all the little troopers, that are grown now*

Betty Campbell - April 11, 2014 at 11:35 PM

BC

“ *Betty Campbell lit a candle in memory of Terry R. Sams Sr.*



Betty Campbell - April 11, 2014 at 11:29 PM

DB

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with the family of "Trooper Terry" during this time of sorrow!! Thankful for the childhood memories we have of watching him on TV!! Loved the Trooper Terry Show, when we were growing up!! Always recognize his voice on commercials!! Sincerely, Darlene & Bobby Barton :(



Darlene Barton - April 11, 2014 at 10:42 PM

RG

“ I was a child during the Trooper Terry years and was a studio participant twice Terry Sam was a huge part of my daily regiment and a beloved memory that will live on for many years to come long after he has gone home to the Lord. Rest in peace Terry Sam you deserve all the blessings that God may bestow on you.

Rex gordon - April 11, 2014 at 09:44 PM

KB

When were we kids everybody loved to watch his show. I was on it when I was little. It was great! I will miss him and cherish the memory of getting to be on his show. Haas a great man who loved kids and made us all feel special.

Kathryn Barrett - April 11, 2014 at 10:25 PM

DA

“ I grew up with Trooper Terry. Thank you for all the wonderful memories. You are missed.

Debbie Arcuri - April 11, 2014 at 09:17 PM

DA

“ *Debbie Arcuri sent a virtual gift in memory of Terry R. Sams Sr.*



Debbie Arcuri - April 11, 2014 at 09:14 PM

PB

“ *Growing up it became a religion in our house to watch "Trooper Terry". Now one of the best parts of Augusta is in heaven. We will miss you Mr. Sams. Prayers go out to your family.*

Patricia Bonds - April 11, 2014 at 09:09 PM

KC

“ *He was one of my favorite memories from childhood. I still remember that he called me "Little Red Riding Hood" because of the red velvet dress I wore and I got to operate the Magic Viewing Screen. Thank you Sams family for sharing such a kind person with so many children. I am so sorry for your loss.*
Kathy A Chalker, Warrenton, GA

Kathy A. Chalker - April 11, 2014 at 09:08 PM



“ *Karen Mays lit a candle in memory of Terry R. Sams Sr.*



Karen Mays - April 11, 2014 at 09:01 PM



“ *What a wonderful memory, growing up with Trooper Terry! Even just watching his show you could tell what a kind person he was! He gave so much to us! You will be missed my friend!*

Karen Mays - April 11, 2014 at 09:00 PM

KE

“ *Shirlene and Family, may the Lord bless you all with peace knowing Terry is in Heaven. He was a wonderful person who was very well respected by so many in our community. May you find comfort in all the memories you have of him. Our prayers are with your family.*

Kenneth, Estelle, Mark, Michelle & Steve Ellis - April 11, 2014 at 08:56 PM

ME

“ *My 4 children grew up watching Trooper Terry and the one thing each wanted to do was meet him in person and be on the trooper Terry show for their Birthday which they did. He loved children and they loved him right back. Thank you Trooper Terry for giving my children many happy years. We will never forget you.*

marie ellis - April 11, 2014 at 08:48 PM

 Renee
Pixley-
Collins

“ *The cornerstone of my childhood was Trooper Terry time! You are truly a Legend and will be missed!*



Renee Pixley-Collins - April 11, 2014 at 08:46 PM

RO

“ Thanks for all the memories growing up watching Trooper Terry. We will always Love You !!!!

Rita Osteen

Rita Osteen - April 11, 2014 at 08:42 PM

LE

“ Prayers and thoughts to the family of Mr. Trooper Terry. He was such a kind man with a big heart. My Aunt worked for him when I was a child and I remember going to visit with them and he would always say to me "Lucy locket lost her pocket" I will always remember that a a good memory of him not to mention the good times we had on Trooper Terry. RIP Trooper. You will be greatly missed.

Lucy Ellis - April 11, 2014 at 08:21 PM

DE

“ Loved Trooper Terry Show and all the fun of having Birthday Parties on the show!

Debbie Haynes Gilchrist

Debbie - April 11, 2014 at 08:17 PM

BS

“ Terry was so kind always with words of encouragement throughout my radio career.I will miss him and so will The CSRA. The man was the best known personality to ever work in broadcasting in this town.

Bruce Stevens - April 11, 2014 at 08:03 PM

DV

“ He lit a candle in every person he met -
respect - dignity - honor,
Some one a 5-6 year old would say , that's
who I want to grow up and be like.
We will always Love Trouper Terry - our
Friend.



Doug Vickers - April 11, 2014 at 07:55 PM

AA

“ Thanks for the memories Trooper ..
You'll live on in our hearts.
R.I.P.



Angela Ash - April 11, 2014 at 07:54 PM

AS

“ RIP Mr. Trooper "Terry" Sams. You will always be remember for
what you did for Augusta area with your talent on TV and in the
CSRA. I remember fondly watching you on TV and being on your
show. My thoughts & prayers are first for your family & your
television station you worked for so many years (WJBF) family.

Angie Squires - April 11, 2014 at 07:52 PM

SM

“ Sabrina Morris lit a candle in memory of Terry
R. Sams Sr.



sabrina morris - April 11, 2014 at 07:47 PM

JJ

“ Will never forget being on the show. Will always remember him.
John jump norwood ga

john jump - April 11, 2014 at 07:47 PM

DR

“ When I was growing up, Trooper Terry was one of the first "heroes" (and "television stars") that many of us in my neighborhood had. Thank you Sir, for all you did, for all of us Kids. You will be missed, but always remembered by so many of us kids, who have become parents and grandparents ourselves.

Drew - April 11, 2014 at 07:47 PM

ES

“ A life well lived. RIP



Eva Shannon - April 11, 2014 at 07:20 PM

 Marion Hopson

“ It was such a blessing and a joy to have known Terry Sams. My life is richer because he was a part of it. He enriched many lives, and left no one's life untouched.

Marion Hopson - April 11, 2014 at 07:16 PM

GW

“ My heart goes out to the family for their loss. Our friend is now in heaven with Jesus.

I have fond memories of Terry Sams! His involvement with the United Cerebral Palsy of the C.S.R.A. The telethons each year at the Regency Mall. He interviewed me many times over the years. He was a joy to be around.

RIP Terry Sams

Greg Willis - April 11, 2014 at 07:10 PM

GH

“ *RIP Trooper Terry. I grew up on your show when I was young. I retired from law enforcement after 30 years. Condolences to the family. You will always be a part of my upbringing.*

Glenn Hester - April 11, 2014 at 06:57 PM

FC

“ *I watched Terry Sams do the weather- then on to Trooper Terry-- I remember seeing his face on TV so much--- he always had a smile--*



Florence Patch Creasy - April 11, 2014 at 06:44 PM

ST

“ *I grew up watching Trooper Terry. My thoughts and prayer's go out to his family.*



Stella - April 11, 2014 at 06:36 PM

MM

“ *META H. MCGUIRE lit a candle in memory of Terry R. Sams Sr.*



META H. MCGUIRE - April 11, 2014 at 04:57 PM

MM

HE WAS ALWAYS MY HERO WHILE GROWING UP IN S.C. ALL CHILDREN LOVED TROOPER TERRY AND HE WILL BE MISSED BY MANY. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE FAMILY FOR STRENGTH, COMFORT AND PEACE AT THIS SORROWFUL TIME OF YOUR LIVES!!

META H. MCGUIRE - April 11, 2014 at 05:01 PM

FG

Watching him with kids showed he was truly enjoying being with them. Always had that awesome smile. He set a example that many after him can follow. We are thankful for having had him in our lives

Frances Gilmer - April 11, 2014 at 07:26 PM