



SYLVESTER BROADEN "BIG SAM"

August 19, 1952 ~ April 30, 2022

Wednesday, May 11, 2022
10:30 AM Family Hour
11:00 AM Homegoing Service
James H. Cole Home For Funerals, Inc.
16100 Schaefer Hwy
Detroit, Michigan 48235
Rev. Johnny E. Broaden, Officiating

ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude	1.50	
Processional		Pastor and Family
Scripture		
		Anita Broaden
Acknowledgment of Cards, Telegrams and Condolences		
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Remarks	2 minutes please	
Musical Selection		Anita Broaden
Eulogy		Pastor Johnny Broaden
Benediction		Pastor Johnny Broaden
Recessional		3

We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:8

THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF Samuel Sylvester Broaden AUGUST 19, 1952 - APRIL 30, 2022

Samuel "Sammy" Broaden was born on August 19, 1952, to Willie Green Broaden and Annie Irkastine (Floyd) Broaden. He was the third oldest of seven children.

Sam accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at New Mount Vernon Missionary Baptist Church in Ferndale, Michigan. He was educated through Detroit Public Schools, where he attended Custer Elementary School, Post Jr High School and graduated from Mumford High School in 1970.

Sam married Debra in 1972 and from this union four sons were born. They blessed their parents with thirteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren whom Sam loved dearly and enjoyed spending time with. He would often load the grandchildren up in his van and take them on spontaneous road trips to Alabama during the summer for vacation.

Sam was passionate and always had an innate desire from an early age to help family, friends and people in general. He enjoyed cruising the Caribbean and spending Christmas at the beach with family in North Carolina. He was the family historian and a man with many talents. He was a professional painter, machine operator and a man that could repair anything. He was often called into service by family and friends when they had problems. It was once remarked by his uncle that, "Sam is like Jesus always there when you need him."

Sam's love and kindness will live on in our hearts forever. His humor and quick wit will be missed. Sam departed this life on Saturday, April 30, 2022 in Athens, Alabama.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Annie Irkastine Broaden; father, Willie Green Broaden; brothers, Johnny Glenn Broaden and Willie Laverne Broaden.

He leaves to mourn his passing: wife, Debra; sons Lamonte (Sharifa), Corey (Mia), Steven and Michael; grandchildren, DeJour (Dominique), Shaakira, Niia, Treshira, Taylor, Christopher, Hakeem, Joshua, Brooklyn, Jaiden, Michael Jr, Kyndall, and Ava; special niece, Myra Smith; sisters, Dolores Fails (Donald deceased), Robin Johnson (Kelvin) and Pat Broaden-Hargrove (Kelvin); brother, Melvin Broaden; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other loving relatives and friends.







SENTIMENTS OF LOVE

Granddaddy...
We think about you always
We talk about you still
You have never been forgotten
And you never will
We hold you close within our hearts
And there you will remain
To walk and guide us through our lives
Until we meet again

~Your grandchildren (Dejour, Shaakira, Niia, Taylor, Christopher, Hakeem, Joshua, Brooklyn, Jaiden, Kyndall, Michael, Ava)

Granddaddy .. It's your oldest girl! I wanna start with I love you and I'll miss you. We had a special bond because you had all boys and then I came. I came around and softened you up, you even used to let me put ponytail holders in your hair. I was granddaddy baby so I got whatever I wanted and got to do whatever I wanted. Gaga just told me about the time she took me to the store when I was small and I asked to get on the swing at the store and she told me no because it was a display. And I cried, "I'm telling my granddaddy to get me a swing." And when I got home, I asked you "granddaddy can you buy me a swing?" And of course, you said "granddaddy gonna get you a swing" and that next day. my granddaddy had a swing and it was put up on the tree for me! I tell this story just to show an example of how you were when it came to your Grandkids (all 12 of us). I will forever cherish the time that we had together. The selfish me wishes you stayed here for me but the selfless me is just happy you're no longer in pain. I love you forever granddaddy and you're forever in my heart.

~Your granddaughter Kira

To My Granddaddy .. I've always been so proud to be your granddaughter. Whenever I think of my last name, or what it means to a be a Broaden, the first thing that always come to mind is you. Thank you for the love. Thank you for the memories. There was nothing that you wouldn't do for your grandkids. From surprising me and decorating my first Barbie room, to taking me to my school dance, or taking your Grandkids out of town, only giving our parents a 3-day notice. One thing I always knew and felt without a doubt in my mind is that my Grandaddy loved his grandkids. Many of my best memories are memories that my Granddad gave me. And I thank you for that. So, on Earth or in Heaven, I'll always be your Tata Tot. I love you forever.

Until we meet again.
- Vour granddaughter Taylo

~Your granddaughter Taylor

Gdad .. We will always remember the good days and happy times. We'd spent our times in the Chevy express taking vacations, riding the dream cruise, and just hanging on Log-Cabin. We'll always hear you saying "Whatyadoin over there boy" Your love won't be forgotten.

Love you forever grandad ~The boys Josh, Jaiden, and Chris Sam ... My beloved brother you meant the world to me. You were undefeated always striving to do and be the best you could be. You had a purpose and plan for your life. Goals you made you met. You are a Jewel more precious than silver and gold. I will cherish your memories forever. You left a wonderful Legacy.

I love you brother.

~Sis Ann

A precious one from us is gone, A voice we love is stilled, A place is vacant in our hearts, which never will and can be filled.

And after a lonely heartache.
And many silent tears,
But always a beautiful memory,
Of one we loved so very dearly.
Love You & Will Miss You.

~Robin

Uncle Sammy ... Words can't describe who and what you mean to me. From raising me like one of your own daughters. You have always had a special place in my heart. After all I was one of your road-trip passengers. You took me to purchase my first car, and came to inspect our first thought of a home purchase. Not telling us it wasn't a great idea. Only leaving words of wisdom and thought to re-think the decision. Thank you for being an example of what a man, husband, father should represent. Thank you for being the "GREATEST" Uncle-Dad that God have ever orchestrated for the Broaden family and many others. We Love you.

~Love, Erica

When I think of you Sammy I think of God's Grace and Favor, because of the differences you made in everyone's life, especially helping those in need. I'm eternally grateful for the life you spoke into me when I was a kid. I remember you asking, but telling me things that I would be successful with as I got older. The work ethics you instilled in me when I worked for you carried on with me throughout life and contributed to my successful professional career. You will always be a part of my heart and soul and I'm glad we stopped to smell the roses while you were alive.

~Love you my dear brother, Pat

A limb has fallen from the family tree.

We hear a voice that whispers "Do not grieve for me"

Remember the best times, laughter, the songs.

The good I lived while I was strong.

Sammy, we will always love you and miss you.

Enjoy your heavenly home cousin.

~Dinease and Pam



Rip daddy. I still can't fathom that you're gone this soon. That call from mama that night was the worst call I ever got in my life. I know death is inevitable but the element of surprise, when it's gonna happen can never be guessed. I'm glad I got a chance to see you in the hospital and tell you that I love you and also thanks for the many crafts you have blessed me with as a son to morph me into an ambitious winner. You touched so many genres of people whether through words, wisdom, discipline, physically or financially. I know you're in heaven resting peacefully knowing that your purpose was well performed and your legacy will never be forgotten. RIP Daddy, I love you.

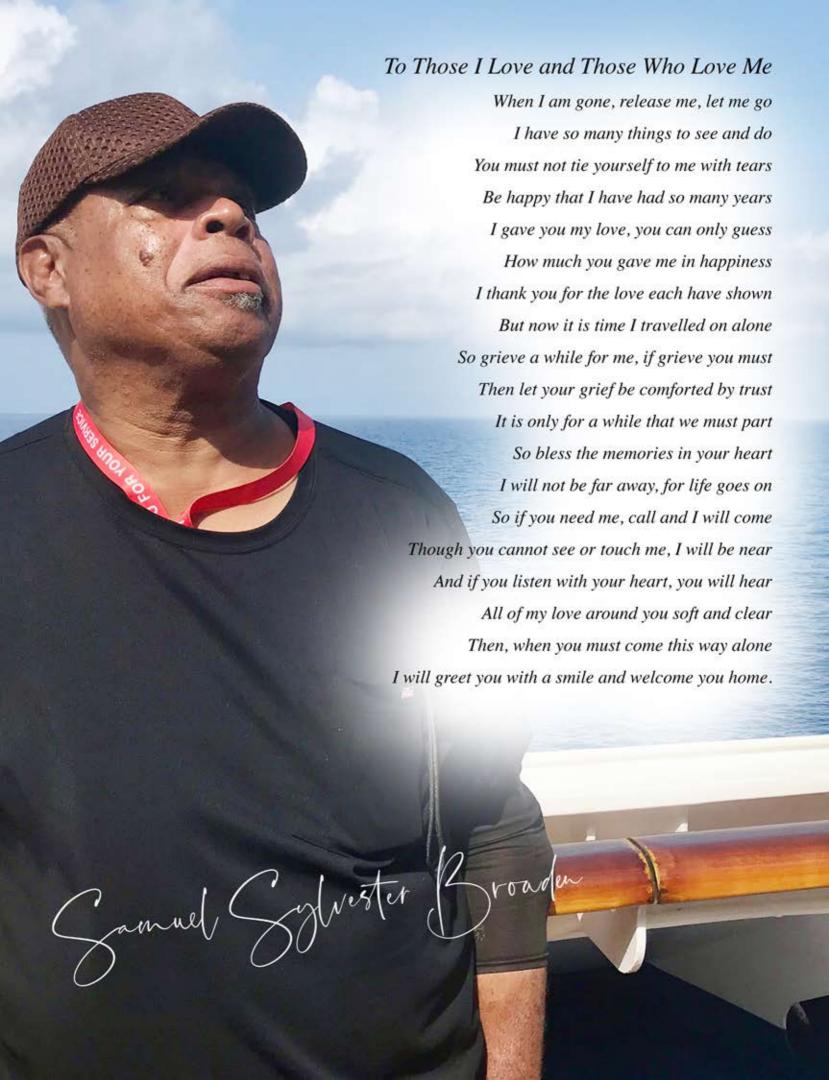
~Your Son Corey

On April 30, 2022 I Lost my daddy. I thought I was dreaming when my mom called me late night to say my daddy was gone. I was thinking how is this possible when you just had an update from the doctors, saying you were making progress to be healed. I love you and miss you much and I know you were tired daddy. One thing I know is you're at peace and you're no longer in pain, so I can deal with that. I can remember a couple weeks ago when you, Mike and I was on that call. I was in tears laughing at that call. Thank you for being my Pops, I learned a lot from you and wouldn't have it no other way. Love you till we meet again. RIP Big Sam.

~Your son Steven

Daddy .. You put up a hard fight, just know I was there with you til the end. Now that the hard part is over for you, I just ask that you help us make it through it. Losing you was the worst day in my life, but God made his decision it was time for you to come home and with that being said I just want you to know I love you and I will think about our memories for the rest of my life.

~ Your Son Michael



Pallbearers

Lamonte Broaden Steven Broaden Ike Broaden

Corey Broaden Michael Broaden Myron Smith

Honorary Pallbearers

DeJour Hassan Chris Broaden Jaiden Broaden

Hakeem Broaden Joshua Broaden Michael Broaden Jr.

Flower Bearers Family and Friends

Final Arrangements Entrusted Co

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Interment

Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens

17840 Middlebelt Rd. Livonia, Michigan 48152

Repast The Luxe Ballroom

23835 Greenfield Rd. • Southfield, MI 48075

Acknowledgment of Appreciation

The family of the late Samuel Broaden wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and many other expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time in thought and deed. A more personal acknowledgment will be made at a later date.

