



## Clifton "Knute" Samples

February 17, 1932 - May 16, 2015

Our loss is heavens gain. Clifton "Knute" Samples passed away May 16, 2015 at home surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, his family moved to the Kanawha Valley when he was still a child. Knute grew up in the Green Valley area of St. Albans and graduated from St. Albans High School in 1950, remaining in St. Albans for his lifetime. After high school Knute married Janet Rumburg. He served his country in the United States Army. He and Janet had four children. Knute worked at Union Carbide and went to West Virginia State College at night while raising his family. He retired from Carbide and as he always said "put on a different hat" when he started working the next day at CDI.

Church activities were a huge part of Knute's life, where he served in many roles over the years at several local churches. St. Peters United Methodist Church, St. Albans was his church home. He and Janet also volunteered at Thomas Memorial Hospital for many years and he recently earned his 2500 hour pin which he was very proud of.

He leaves many loved ones behind including; wife Janet, children, Karen Haddix (Earl), Cliff Jr. (Donna), Sharon Layne, and Scott (Jeff); grandchildren, Amy (Jeff), Aaron (Leeanna), Kristina (Paul), Kent (Amanda) and Carla (Adam); great-grandchildren: Callie, Max, Treyson, Zayden, Addison,

Makenna, Cody, Brody, Harper, Josie and Scarlett and brothers, J.C. (Marilyn), Mike (Cheryle) and Bill (Ruth).

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harley and Etta Samples and his son-in-law Gene Layne.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00am Tuesday May 19, 2015 at St. Peters United Methodist Church, 2601 Forrestal Avenue, St. Albans with the Rev. Barry Moll officiating. Burial with military honors will be in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

Visitation will be held from 6-8pm Monday at Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, St. Albans and one hour prior to the funeral service Tuesday at the church.

Visit [www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com) to share memories or to express condolences.

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans is honored to serve the Samples family.

# Cemetery Details

## Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane  
Saint Albans, WV 25177

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 18.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home  
409 Sixth Avenue  
St. Albans, WV 25177  
(304) 727-4325  
[info@chapmanfuneralhomes.com](mailto:info@chapmanfuneralhomes.com)  
<http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com>

## Visitation

**MAY 19.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peters United Methodist Church  
2601 Forrestal Avenue  
St. Albans, WV 25177

## Funeral Service

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MAY 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peters United Methodist Church  
2601 Forrestal Avenue  
St. Albans, WV 25177

# Tribute Wall



“ *Clifton "Knute" Samples*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Karen Miller sent a virtual gift in memory of Clifton "Knute" Samples*



**Karen Miller** - May 21, 2015 at 09:55 AM



“ *Dear Janet and Family,  
Just to let you all know how much you have been in our thoughts and prayers. Mother, who is 93, has been talking about her visits to West Virginia and how gracious and nice you both always were to her. Knute always had funny and witty things to say and would tell such funny stories. He will be missed by all of us.*

*Love to all of you,*

*Florence Watson (Cheryle's sister)*

*Ann Raley (Cheryle's & Mike's Mother in Law)*

**Florence Watson** - May 19, 2015 at 05:44 PM

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“ Last time I saw Knute was at Janet,s and my class reunion , I ask where is Janet and he said she went home , I almost believed it untill I looked back and saw that sneaky little grin of his and and then I caught on . He had a surprising sense of humor and I fell for it every time. My husband and I have some great memories of time's spent with him and Janet and have been friend's for over 70yrs. He will be missed by all who were blest to know him. A quiet soul has entered into the arms of a loving God. Thank you Lord for the privelege of knowing this kind man and calling him friend.

To you Janet and your family, My condolence 's with Love and Prayer's for your great loss.

Sis {Harris } Johnson

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**Sis {Harris }Johnson** - May 18, 2015 at 08:21 PM

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“ Steve Thompson & Kenny Danner purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Clifton "Knute" Samples.



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**Steve Thompson & Kenny Danner** - May 18, 2015 at 01:25 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Clifton "Knute" Samples.

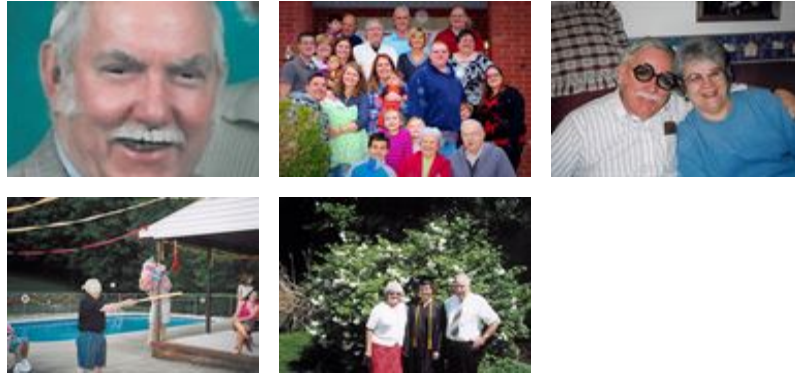


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May 18, 2015 at 11:13 AM



“ 57 files added to the album Life Tributes



Chapman Funeral Homes - May 18, 2015 at 10:52 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Clifton "Knut" Samples.



May 18, 2015 at 10:46 AM



“ I have so many special memories of time spent in the home of the Sample's family where I always felt welcomed and included! I think of Knute as a sort of quiet man with a kind heart and a great sense of humor! He was a faithful servant of God and his family reflected those values! I am sad for his passing but happy for his life well-lived and the promise that he is now in heaven. What a wonderful legacy he has left behind in Karen, Cliff, Sharon and Scott as well as in his grandchildren and great grand-children. Prayers for you Janet as you say goodbye to the man who has stood by your side for so many years! Love, Karen McCloy Boyd

Karen Boyd - May 18, 2015 at 10:30 AM

GL

“ When my father was so Sick he would sit with him and I know how much my father love him and his whole family. He love his family and he always make me Feel like I was part of it also. I know that I was blessed to know him. Some of the best times was when we would have dinner and play cards after. He will always be in my heart and will be greatly miss.  
*Gene r layne*

gene layne - May 18, 2015 at 09:58 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clifton "Knutte" Samples.



May 18, 2015 at 09:53 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clifton "Knutte" Samples.



May 18, 2015 at 09:21 AM

PB

“ I will always remember Knute and Janet coming to our home and inviting Mike and I to attend Trinity. He was always so complimentary of my piano playing. May God comfort Janet and her family during this heartbreaking time. To be absence from the body is to be present with the Lord. There is no doubt in my mind that Knute is rejoicing tonight in Heaven:.) Mike and Patti Barnett Surfside Beach South Carolina



Pat Barnett - May 17, 2015 at 07:14 PM



“ Thoughts & Prayers was purchased for the family of Clifton "Knute" Samples.



May 17, 2015 at 07:14 PM

JP

“ I remember my mom,dad and my sister and myself came to St.Albans sometimes. We would go to Knute and Janet's. I liked to go play with the kids.I always felt welcomed. Janet is my 1st cousin love and prayers to you all.



Joyce Ann Arrington Phillips. - May 17, 2015 at 02:29 PM

JM

“ *My sincere sympathies . Mr. Samples  
Was a wonderful man if God. So many fond memories with him and  
the Samples family at Highlawn Baptist Church.*  
*Jan Carney Manilla*

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**Jan Carney Manilla** - May 17, 2015 at 02:10 PM