



Velma Samantha Highley

August 15, 1947 - August 6, 2020

Velma Samantha Van Vuren Highley, 72, of Scott Depot entered into God's almighty kingdom early Thursday morning, August 6, 2020 at her home.

Velma or "Sam" as she was known, is survived by her husband, Don Highley whom she married on November 18, 1967. She is also survived by her sons, Don, Jr, Shane and Drew (Heather); her sister, Violet Osborn (Robert); brother, Varen Van Vuren (Fern); four grandchildren, Jakob, Kyle, Jake and Zoe as well as many nieces and nephews.

Sam was born August 15, 1947 as the daughter of Hans and Clara Van Vuren. She is also preceded in death by her brother, Edward.

Graveside service will be held at 2pm Friday, August 14, 2020 at the Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery, 130 Academy Drive, Dunbar with Rev. Robert Highley officiating. The procession will meet at the cemetery administration building at 1:45pm. You may also visit her tribute page at ChapmanFuneralHomes.com to share memories and offer condolences to the family.

Chapman Funeral Home and Crematory, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the Highley family.

Cemetery Details

Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery

130 Academy Drive
Dunbar, WV 25064

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Velma Samantha Highley*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *I have good memories of Samantha from many years ago when we attended the same church. She was always so friendly, and she was so happy when those children came along. Thinking of the Highley family today. May good memories bring comfort. --Carla Thomas McClure, St. Albans, WV*

Carla Thomas McClure - August 14, 2020 at 02:22 PM



“ *Alden and Linda Sheets, Tonia Yocum, and Amy Goff purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Velma Samantha Highley.*



Alden and Linda Sheets, Tonia Yocum, and Amy Goff -
August 12, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ *I used to love the walks we took together! I remember when we were all snowed in and your house was the only one with a big pot belly stove. Sam would put a pot of coffee on it and make pancakes for all of us. It was warm and cozy with Sam forever generosity and love. I miss her so!*

Jeanne Irving - August 11, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Velma Samantha Highley.



August 11, 2020 at 02:39 PM



“ I am so very sorry to learn of Sam's passing. I hold dear my memories of joking, laughing, and sharing so many things in our lives with one another. Sam and I worked together at a couple different places as RNs. We had much in common and all the family is being remember in prayer. RIP Sam. You were loved!

Mickie Burrows - August 10, 2020 at 11:01 PM



“ Pat and Brenda Ryan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Velma Samantha Highley.



Pat and Brenda Ryan - August 10, 2020 at 10:08 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Velma Samantha Highley.



August 09, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Velma Samantha Highley*.



August 09, 2020 at 01:48 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Velma Samantha Highley*.



August 09, 2020 at 01:20 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia* was purchased for the family of *Velma Samantha Highley*.



August 08, 2020 at 09:35 PM

PR

“ Don & Sam moved to Columbus where Don & I worked together for Diebold Inc. When Don and Sam moved to our Neighborhood. That started a friendship that became as a family relationship. Sam and Brenda talked & laughed many hours together all night long on several occasions.

Don and I played golf together one day on three different courses and I doubt t they even missed us.

Sam and Don were like a sister and brother. We love them very much and will miss Sam so much.

Patrick J. Ryan - August 08, 2020 at 07:31 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Velma Samantha Highley.



August 08, 2020 at 03:46 PM

DK

“ Velma was a great class mate. We had some good times in school

Darlene kuhnell - August 08, 2020 at 03:33 PM

PS

“ Sam was always so happy and full of smiles. When we lived on Rocky Step Rd. I loved our visits and love the time we all celebrated our Anniversary together at the Marriott. She was a great friend.



Peggy Silvester - August 08, 2020 at 03:20 PM

MO

“ So sorry for your loss Don, boys & grandkids. I am so upset with myself for not making it down to see you We met when you guys moved next to us in limestone West Virginia when Donny was young not even in school yet. He and our 3 girls use to play together. There was also a time that we we went to I think king's island and stopped at Sam's moms house. We surely have missed our great neighbors.

With Sympathy Mary Kloetzer, Ogden.

Mary Kloetzer, Ogden - August 08, 2020 at 03:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Velma Samantha Highley.



August 08, 2020 at 02:59 PM