



## Samuel "Sam" Jerome Basham Jr.

February 25, 1927 - March 7, 2015

### BASHAM

Samuel "Sam" Jerome Basham, Jr. passed away on Saturday, March 7, 2015. He was born on February 25th, 1927 to Samuel Jerome Basham, Sr. and Louise R. Small in Adairville Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Ellen Barnard Basham and by his sister Emily Basham Walker. He graduated from high school in 1944 and joined the Navy in January, 1945. He graduated from Gupton-Jones College of Mortuary Science in 1948 where a classmate introduced him to his future wife. He married Ellen Ruth Barnard on August 8th, 1949 in Franklin, Kentucky. He decided to pursue another career path and graduated with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Kentucky in August, 1953. At that point he began a 40 year career in research and development and project management with Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, Ohio. He obtained a Master's Degree in Nuclear Engineering from The Ohio State University in 1970. He was a past Chairman of the Nuclear Engineering Division of the ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers). He was elected as a Life Fellow of the ASME and was in Who's Who of the Midwest Scientists and Engineers 1984/85. He was elected to the Science Fiction First Fandom Hall of Fame. He was an avid reader of science fiction, science, history and theology and had an extensive collection of science fiction books. He was also a collector of stamps and coins. He was a Boy Scout beginning in 1939 and served in many capacities for that organization over the years including Cubmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster and as a District Chairman. He was a lifelong member of The United Methodist Church. Sam is survived by his son George A. Basham and his wife Jana McGlade Basham, his daughter Emily A. Basham and her husband John W. Grenier, his grandson Eric S. Basham and his wife Emily Ory Basham, and his granddaughter Elizabeth K. Basham. He was the rock of his family, was deeply loved, and will be missed more than words can express. A service will be held at Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High Street, Worthington, Ohio at 4:00 pm Wednesday, March 11, 2015. Rev. Eric McGlade officiating. Family will receive friends from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm service time Wednesday. Burial Friday in Greenwood Cemetery, Clarksville, TN.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

976 Greenwood Ave.  
Clarksville, TN

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAR 11. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home  
515 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085  
(614) 885-4006  
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAR 11. 4:00 PM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Greenwood Cemetery  
976 Greenwood Ave.  
Clarksville, TN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Samuel "Sam" Jerome Basham Jr.*



**Rutherford Funeral Homes** - March 11, 2015 at 01:01 PM



“ *Samuel "Sam" Jerome Basham Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Steve & I were saddened by the passing of Sam. He was a wonderful person to know and a very gracious and caring man. He will be missed by all who knew him. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you at this time.*

*Sincerely,  
Pam & Steve Havens*

**Pam & Steve Havens** - March 11, 2015 at 08:23 AM

**EB**

*Thank you for your kind words.*

**Emily Basham** - March 18, 2015 at 02:58 PM



“ *My condolences to you, Emily, and your whole family. I'm so glad your parents were part of my parent's lives. Dad enjoyed his lunches with Sam so much. I hope you find solace in your loving memories, your family and especially the Lord, who knows your sorrow and is with you to comfort you. Sincerely, Mela Kircher*

**Mela Kircher** - March 10, 2015 at 09:01 PM

**PA**

*Emily:Pam now goes by Mela - Pat Kircher*

**patkircher** - March 13, 2015 at 09:12 AM

EB

*Thank you Mela. I enjoyed talking with Dad every Wednesday evening, asking him where the men went to eat that day, and asking how your dad and mom were doing.*

Emily Basham - March 18, 2015 at 02:59 PM

PK

“ *Sam and Ellen have been part of John's & my lives since the 1950's. We shared all the ups & downs. A large down being our year in Amarillo, Texas, made bareable because we had each other. I have missed Ellen since she passed and now will surely miss Sam also. Love to all the family Pat Kircher*

Pat Kircher - March 10, 2015 at 10:44 AM

EB

*Thank you for coming to the service. It meant so much to have his friends there.*

Emily Basham - March 18, 2015 at 03:00 PM

HU

“ *God Bless/RIP,to ALL who served during WWII. The USA would NOT be as it is today. "Fair winds and following seas." Thank YOU for your service,Sam..... And Semper Fi.*



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - March 10, 2015 at 09:36 AM