



## Charles "Chuck" E. Sample

August 10, 1957 - November 10, 2022

Sample, Charles "Chuck," November 10, 2022, age 65 of Canton. Beloved husband of Mary for 40 years.

Loving father of Rachael "Reise" (William Maier) Sample, and Andrew (Torri Hammonds) Sample. Loved son of Charlie (the late Margot) Sample. Step son of Emma Sample. Dear brother of Roy (Jennie) Sample and William (Samantha) Sample. Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Chuck was a lifelong musician, artist, and Lego enthusiast. He enjoyed jigsaw puzzles and building model cars. He loved his Corvette "Baby," slot cars and just about anything automotive. Family trips were always special, Chuck spent every Saturday morning with his father, and any time spent with his wife and kids were cherished. Visitation Wednesday, November 16th from 1 PM to 9 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road, West (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Funeral Service Thursday, November 17th 11:00 AM also at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation. To share a message, please use the share a memory tab on this webpage.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **16**. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
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## Funeral Service

NOV **17**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Charles "Chuck" E. Sample

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Time Together



Jim and Claudia Soltau - November 16, 2022 at 12:30 PM



“ Ben & Sonia Hanku purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Charles "Chuck" E. Sample.



Ben & Sonia Hanku - November 15, 2022 at 09:47 PM



“ Dayla Crabtree purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Charles "Chuck" E. Sample.



Dayla Crabtree - November 15, 2022 at 02:17 PM

DE

“ My deepest sympathy to Chuck's family and friends. As a colleague, I cherish the conversations of the love he had for his wife and children. His family was very much the center of his joy. He was a blessed man. If you knew him, then you knew that he trusted God. May God continue to comfort all who knew him and those who will miss him dearly. Donna Eaddy

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**Donna Eaddy** - November 15, 2022 at 10:00 AM

JH

“ I spent a good chunk of my teenage years haunting the Samples' basement. Chuck was one of those dads you just felt comfortable with - he welcomed us into his home with an easy smile and gentle humor. When I think of that house, of Chuck and Mary, I remember above all, feeling safe and happy. This says a lot about the family as a whole, but especially of Mr. Sample -- because even though I'm an adult now, in my thoughts he will always remain Mr. Sample, the cool dad that we all loved.

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**Jen Hnasen** - November 15, 2022 at 09:38 AM

EM

“ My mother Valerie Hammond and I thought most folks would have more current pictures of Chuck so we went into The Vault (you know those boxes of pictures from the dawn of time folks keep all jumbled in a box or 2 or 3 in a closet somewhere) and pass along. Hard to pick but think my favorite is Chuck looking up at that serviceman - that's my Dad, Dennis Hammond. I know he was so very proud of his nephew, but here you can definitely see it goes both ways...



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**Elana Maxson** - November 14, 2022 at 11:26 PM

JB

“ Very sad news... Charles and Mary would always come see me and my wife play music at a winery in Canton, Michigan. He was the nicest guy... so supportive. We'll miss him very much. Condolences to Mary and the rest of the family.

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**Jay Byham** - November 14, 2022 at 10:43 PM

TH

“ Chuck was my older cousin. I have so many fun memories of him while growing up. I remember sailing on the lake behind uncle Chuck and aunt Margot's house, being there when he proposed to his wonderful wife Mary, standing up in their wedding, sitting in their apartment listening to Meatloaf, Aerosmith, and Bob Seger albums, the joy when Reise and Andrew were born and even sad moments when we lost beloved family members. He always made time to talk and answer questions, never made me feel stupid for asking them. Even though I didn't see him very often, we still kept in touch through Facebook. I'll miss seeing his posts and talking to him! Until we meet again!

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**Tammi Hammond** - November 14, 2022 at 03:21 PM

CS

“ My husband and I met Chuck & Mary at our church about 6 years ago. We formed a friendship over our matching Corvettes, a love of God and family, and good wine too. Chuck & Mary were such a beautiful example of soulmates and a joy to be around. Chuck's love for Mary was obvious and he always beamed with pride when he spoke of Reise and Andrew. Such a kind and gentle man. To say he will be missed is an understatement.

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**Claudia Soltau** - November 14, 2022 at 11:42 AM

PM

“ I have a lifetime of memories since 2nd grade...I remember Chuck always making people feel at ease...accepted...and comfortable...However..noting that, When we were in elementary school we would go to his basement after school and race slot cars on this wonderful track his Dad had built....I was his best friend...Do you think he would let me win sometimes...no...I don't recall ever beating him on that little race track.....I will miss him very much....

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**peter m mendler** - November 14, 2022 at 11:32 AM

FM

“ From Pete and Vickie Mendler purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Charles "Chuck" E. Sample.



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**From Pete and Vickie Mendler** - November 13, 2022 at 07:05 PM

GH

“ Growing up 12 years younger than Chuck, I got to see a lot of real cool things when we would hang out and loved listening to him play guitar. In the later years attending car shows with him and spending some real good times with him and Mary. Chuck adored Mary and his children and lived a very good life. I always counted on him for honest advice and loved the stories he would tell of his youth and the funny tales with him and my dad and uncle. Chuck touched so many people in his brief time here and I'm am so grateful to have been a part of that. Love and miss you Chuck.

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**George Hammond** - November 12, 2022 at 08:03 PM

VA

“ I was privileged to know Chuck from his early years since my husband, Dennis Hammond, and I were childhood sweethearts and Chuck(Chuckie as we used to call him,) was around a LOT of the time.

We used to travel to Russelton, Pa, to see the Brasili familyband Nonna Brasili loved to see Chuck.

Dennis, Mick and I used to play "slot cars" with Chuckie at his house in Warren, Mi.

When we moved to Reading, Pa, Chuck made a visit to see us and he gave his cousin, George (my son) a really cool bike to ride.

That's the kind of person Chuck was - kind, generous and loving.

I'm so glad I was able to know him for so many years.

My thoughts and prayers go out to Mary, Andrew, Reise, Big Chuck and his family as they try to deal with the loss of their loved one.

I will certainly miss our nephew. It's been grand knowing you, Chuck.

Much love, Aunt Val

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Valerie Hammond (Chuck's Aunt) - November 12, 2022 at 07:42 PM