



## Sam Ashton Dennis

February 21, 1961 - January 23, 2016

Sam Ashton Dennis 54, of Bloomington passed away peacefully at his home Saturday, January 23, 2016, with his loving wife Melody and daughters by his side. Sam was born on February 21, 1961 to Delores Counts and William Dennis.

Sam was self-employed as a master craftsman, who took great pride in his work; Sam Dennis Woodworking. He was a graduate of Bloomington Alternative School in 1980 and Vincennes University Associate Electronic Degree in 1982.

Sam leaves behind his wife of 28 years Melody Dennis, their children, Jessica M. Dennis, Jasmine L. Smithson (Jason), Samantha R. Dennis as well as his grandchildren that he adored Zailee Jo Smithson and Ty Cole Smithson. His Mother Dolores Counts (Richard), William Dennis (Leonna), Grandmother Dorothy E. Henderly of Naples, Florida, Aunt Peggy D. Poka (Attila), Uncle Stanley Henderly (Wanda), Siblings: Billy Jean Clark (Mike), Gosport, IN, Michael A. Dennis (Merit), Bastrop, TX, Chantal Greenfield (Jay), Naples, Italy.

Sam was proceeded in death by his grandfather Edgar E. Henderly (Ohio), Uncle Edgar E. Henderly II (Ohio)

Sam's life was full of many joyous moments; He was a strong family man. Sam would always introduce himself as, "Sam I am!" He never met a stranger. He always told his family, live life to the fullest, enjoy each day, always finish what you start, and live life with no regrets. Sam had many hobbies,

mushroom hunting, gardening, fishing, and his deep love for music has been imbedded into his children. Melody and family would like to thank the wonderful nurses and doctors at IU Health, and deepest thanks to Hospice of Bloomington.

"Sam I am" will be sadly missed, and forever in our hearts!

Funeral services will be at Allen Funeral Home & Crematory. Friday, January 29, 2016, at 11am with Robert Thomas Officiating, burial will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens. Visitation will be from 4pm to 8 pm, Thursday January 28, 2016, and Friday from 10am to service time at funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made in honor of Sam Ashton Dennis to his family for medical and funeral expenses - or see Go Fund Me <https://www.gofundme.com/edr2jk95>. Thank you.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Service

JAN 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Your family is in our prayers in this difficult time. May God bless and keep you and may you know that Sam walks in peace now and forever... Andrew & Kim Traucins (Friends of Billy Arnold)*



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**Kimberly Lawrence Traucins** - January 28, 2016 at 10:24 PM

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“ *May God's blessings be with Melody, the girls and the rest of the family during this painful time.*

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**Connie Rautenkranz** - January 28, 2016 at 02:37 PM

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“ *Connie Rautenkranz sent a virtual gift in memory of Sam Ashton Dennis*



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**Connie Rautenkranz** - January 28, 2016 at 02:35 PM

SS

“Melody, Jessica, Jasmine & Sam, and your whole family, we are so sorry you've lost the light of your life. But you have wonderful memories & had many great years together. And you will meet again! You know he will always be with you in spirit & watching over you smiling. Be strong & know he's feeling no pain now. Hold onto each other & keep your love strong in his name. My thots are with you thru this hard part, and his hand is on you. He's so proud of all of you, keep your strength & his love will help you thru this.

Love,  
Mick, Sherry & Blayne Slessinger



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sherry slessinger - January 28, 2016 at 11:54 AM

DW

“Melody, Jessica, Jasmine, Samantha and Grandbabies:

*I was so sad to hear of your loss of Sam. He was a good father, a supporter of both Broadview and Summit and someone that I ADMIRE and RESPECTED a great deal. I am currently in Florida and will miss sharing my personal love and grief. I will keep each of you in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless and keep each of you. May he comfort you loss. I hope that you have the confidence to know God raised Jesus from the dead on the third day and I BELIEVE he will raise Sam who died in faith. It will be a joyous day. I share your loss. If there is anything that I can do to help, please contact me at (812) 219-5509. My sincere love and concern to each of you.*

*Mr. Waltz*

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Doug Waltz - January 28, 2016 at 10:53 AM

BC

“ *Billy Clark lit a candle in memory of Sam Ashton Dennis*



**Billy Clark** - January 27, 2016 at 02:42 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sam Ashton Dennis.*



January 27, 2016 at 10:37 AM

LP

“ *Lee & Teresa Picou lit a candle in memory of Sam Ashton Dennis*



**Lee & Teresa Picou** - January 27, 2016 at 10:23 AM

DB

“ *Goodbye to you my friend, we haven't been in touch for years but the memories from our school days will stay with me forever. We had so much fun together and I thank you for that. Rest in peace. Love always !!*

*Debbie Hawkins-Burton*

**Debbie Burton** - January 27, 2016 at 10:02 AM



“ *Blue & White Standing Open Heart was purchased for the family of Sam Ashton Dennis.*



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January 27, 2016 at 09:09 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Sam's passing. We were fortunate to have Sam share his gift as a master craftsman in our home. He always had a smile and it was so evident that he truly loved doing what he did. He also spoke of his family with love and pride. He brought his energy into our home everyday and left us with a beautiful finished product that is so special. Sending prayers for his family.*

*David and Sharon Ormstedt*

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**Sharon Ormstedt** - January 27, 2016 at 08:25 AM



“ *John Liebenow & Family purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Sam Ashton Dennis.*



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**John Liebenow & Family** - January 26, 2016 at 10:43 AM

SW

“ *Sonja Williams lit a candle in memory of Sam Ashton Dennis*



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**Sonja Williams** - January 26, 2016 at 09:10 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All Pink was purchased for the family of Sam Ashton Dennis.*



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January 25, 2016 at 04:56 PM



“ *Tear Of Strength was purchased for the family of Sam Ashton Dennis.*



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January 25, 2016 at 03:14 PM