

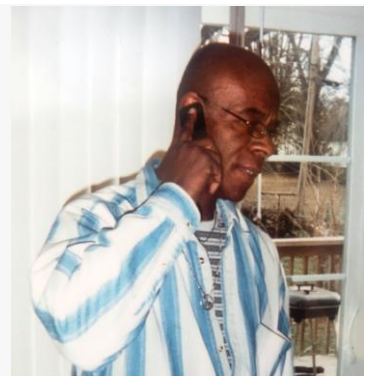
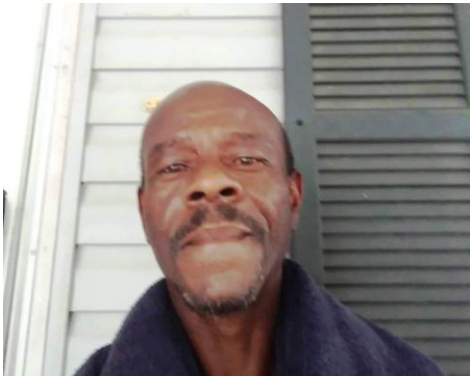
Fred O. Sample, Jr.

Fred Sample Jr., age 62, Springfield, Missouri passed away on 10 August, 2021 in the Mercy Hospital Emergency Room from apparent complications of a heart condition.

He is now interred at Missouri Veterans Cemetery, 5201 South Southwood Road, Springfield, Missouri. He had a wife and 2 children (Boy 16 and Girl 14), sister and brother (from St. Louis) and friends in the area attending the service.

Fred was a new member of the Norvil Stafford Post 125 of The American Legion here in Springfield. Many of the Post 125 members also attended the service at noon 15 September, 2021.

Fred was a proud Marine and served from 28 October, 1978 and was discharged 12 July, 1984. He was an Aircraft Welder and received an honorable discharge with the “sea service deployment” medal and also “the good conduct” medal. Fred was also known as a very good musician and an excellent drummer. He played in many bands and groups over the years.





Testimonial from a Latasha:

Fred Sample Jr., the Marine was an example of what a man should be. Fred was; A Child of God; An extraordinary son, Brother, Uncle and most if all a proud father, and the best friend a man could be. He stated out of his mouth all he wanted in life was to be a giver to be happy and peaceful. Although adversity occurred, situations, circumstances and even life changing disappointments occurred; FRED WAS ONE WHO KNEW THE LORD AND KNEW IN HIS HEART AND SOUL THAT HE STOOD FOR SOMETHING, HIS FAILING FOR ANYTHING WAS NOT IN THE HEART THAT BELONGED TO HIM; HE FOUGHT TO THE END, NOT ONE TIME CURSING THE MAN WHO CREATED ALL THINGS and no matter what: HE LOVED HIS KIDS so much that he refused to force or resent them in any kind of way. He was kind gentle loving and caring. He loved me and my kids as his own from the first day until his last day. Together we where one, no one knew him the way I did in his last days; no one. I say to this man you are not and will not be forgotten and as always you'll always have a spot in the hearts of all who knew you; It's impossible not to. You are an inspiration and joyful kind human being; you will be missed but NEVER EVER FORGOTTEN. (M). MOTIVATIONAL (A) = AMAZING--- (R) = RESPECTFUL--- (I) = INSPIRATIONAL--- (N) = NICE --- (E) = EPIC --- THIS IS THE MARINE I KNOW..... "OORAH".....you're home now and until we meet again; I know you know we love you and miss you more.

Testimonial from Fred's brother Daniel:

I, on behalf of the family of Fred O. Sample, Jr., would like to give my wholehearted thanks to Bill Roark and the members of Post 125 for stepping in to handle the arrangements for our brother Fred. His sudden passing left the family at a loss as to how we were going to address the handling of his remains or how we were going to honor his memory. Mr. Roark and Post 125, having briefly met Fred, not only assisted him with his living arrangements but have now stepped into preparing Fred's final arrangements. To the Officers and members of Post 125 Springfield, Missouri I'm here to tell you I love you guys for what he has stepped up to do and I sincerely salute you. Again; I thank you Bill Roark and Post 125 members.