



Sammy Frasier Leslie

June 7, 1944 - April 21, 2023

Sammy Frasier Leslie, age 78, of Forrest City, died Friday, April 21, 2023, at the River Ridge Rehab and Care Center in Wynne. He had been in poor health for the past several months.

Mr. Leslie was born June 7, 1944, in Forrest City, and was the son of Ethel Irene Leslie Foust. Sammy spent his childhood in Forrest City, where he lived with and was raised by his maternal grandmother, Minnie Countz Leslie Heath. In 1965, at the age of twenty, he joined the United States Air Force. He served for three years as a security guard before returning home in 1968.

Upon returning home, Sammy went to work for Warwick (Sanyo), where he worked for several years before going to work at Burnett Drug Store in Wynne. He delivered medication for over ten years until the drug store closed in 1992. He went to work for the St. Francis County Sheriff's Office as a jailer, and worked there for over twenty years until he retired.

Sammy spent his retirement years living at his grandmother's house. He enjoyed spending his retirement by making routinely trips to the local Walmart and visiting with his many friends. He enjoyed collecting armed forces items, making weekly trips to the Memphis V.A., and attending Connect Point Church, where he was a member.

Mr. Leslie is survived by one brother, Loyd Howell Leslie, and wife, Debbie, of Leonard, Texas, two sisters; Patsy Bryant of Stuttgart and Mary Catherine Foust, of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, one sister-in-law, Cheryl Leslie of Wynne, aunts; Carolyn Faye McCain, and husband, Ralph, and Sandra Taylor, and husband, Loyd, all of Forrest City, and Joann Ramsey of Wynne, and a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Minni Countz Leslie Heath, his mother, Ethel Irene Leslie Foust, two brothers; Rowland Brewer Leslie and Gerald Wayne Foust, and a uncle, Bill Ramsey.

Services for Mr. Leslie will be held at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel, 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, with burial in the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery in Birdeye. Visitation will be Wednesday, 10:00 A.M. until the time of the service. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may log on to stevensfuneralhome.net for the online registry.

Cemetery Details

Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery

hwy 163
Birdeye, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Stevens Funeral Home
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Forrest City, AR 72335
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Funeral Service

APR **26**. 11:00 PM (CT)

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Interment

APR 26 (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ Shirley Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Sammy Leslie



Shirley Brown - April 26, 2023 at 02:50 PM

PS

“ Phyllis Suggs lit a candle in memory of Sammy Leslie



Phyllis Suggs - April 26, 2023 at 07:20 AM



“ My brother had the kindest heart and never met a stranger...Sammy being my oldest brother, was always my rock...he knew when there was something wrong, he always had those intuitions. There's alot of stories too many to share but Sammy was ornery lol...I remember when he came home from Vietnam to visit us...momma was down stairs in the basement doing laundry and Sammy put a sheet over his head and went down stairs, momma didn't have any idea that he was anywhere near, momma was singing Amazing Grace how sweet the sound Sammy made a noise and momma turned around and she literally fainted lol lol...through the years we have laughed about that and so many special times and silly memories we have together...as a little girl, when Sammy would come to Poplar Bluff, Mo where our momma lived Sammy come through the door and the first thing I'd ask him was when he was going to leave lol lol...I could go on and on about our shenanigans...I will miss my brother more than he'll realize, but I know that he's got his glorified body. He'll be singing with the angels even more than we sung together....I love you big brother. Rest in Heaven.



Mary Foust - April 25, 2023 at 10:30 PM

BM

“ Sorry to hear about Sam passing I worked with him many years at the Sheriff's Office. You could always depend on Sam Leslie rest in peace my friend and God Bless his Family.. Bobby Morphis

Bobby Morphis - April 25, 2023 at 04:41 AM

PW

“ My condolences to the family of Mr. Sam. He was truly a great and caring man. He was a friend and supporter of all the kids and I loved to see him at games cheering them on. He even traveled out of town to games when he could. I thank him for the support for all my grands especially Jordan. Rest on Mr. Sam, you will be missed.



Peggy Robinson Wright - April 24, 2023 at 04:58 PM

EH

“ Sam was a dear friend of my family. I worked with Sam at the Sheriff's Department. He loved his Forrest City Mustangs and when able attended the games. I will miss him dearly. Emily

Emily Holley - April 24, 2023 at 04:43 PM