



## Mr. Sammy 'Sam' Doyle Coker

April 23, 1946 - August 13, 2016

Sammy 'Sam' Doyle Coker was born on April 23, 1946 in Rockmart, Georgia. He was predeceased by his parents, Pete Coker and Margie Womack Coker Kiker, and six siblings, Mildred Carter, Edna Welch, Mary Elle Leahey, Jean Marler, Dennis Coker and Diane Vice Coker.

At a young age, Sammy lived with OC Rochester and his wife, Bernice, and their son, Paul, who became like a brother to him. Mr. OC was his mentor and helped mold him into the remarkable man he became.

During his time with Mr. OC, he learned a valuable trade of upholstery that would become his career after retiring from the U.S. Navy as a Chief Petty Officer. He served his country proudly and with great honor.

Sammy was a 1964 graduate of Jacksonville High School and immediately entered the U.S. Navy and trained at Great Lakes Illinois and various other Naval academies. He was deployed on Several Navy Aircraft Carriers throughout his 20 year Naval career, where he worked as a hydraulics technician.

He traveled to many countries including Germany, Italy, Spain, England, Falkland Islands, Iceland, Greenland, Finland, Denmark, Sweden, France and Poland. He would often say, 'I have traveled the world!'

Sammy returned home to Calhoun County where he took over Jacksonville Upholstery before successfully starting his personal business from his home in Weaver. He retired due to illness and continued to enjoy his family, visits from his kids, grandchildren, great grandchild, cousins, nephews, nieces and

many friends. He loved his dogs Max, Good Dog Fred, and his current dog, Chief. He was a terrific role model and mentor to everyone. He is survived by over 100 nieces and nephews, all of which have shared stories of how he helped them over the years. Even in the end, he kept his wit and sense of humor. He was rich beyond measure in love and respect. They adored him! Mr. Coker passed away peacefully at his home surround by family and loved ones on August 13, 2016.

Mr. Coker is survived by his wife, Deena Coker; sisters, Linda Sue Coker Gill and Mary Ann Coker Cantrell; children, Tony Coker, Terry and Leslie Coker, Tammy Coker, Craig and Terri Meyer and Eric and Heidi Meyer; grandchildren, Leslie, Chelsie, Logan, Haley, Mikayla, Landon, Johnny, Madison, Porter, Thomas, Anna Lee, Ashlyn and great granddaughter, Brooklyn.

The family would like to thank Amedysis and Alacare for their dedication and kindness in helping our family through this difficult time.

Services for Mr. Coker will be on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 in the chapel at First Baptist Church of Oxford at 4pm. The family will receive friends from 2-4 on the same day.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Diabetes Association or to your favorite charity.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **16**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Oxford  
95 East Oak St  
Oxford, AL 36203

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Sammy 'Sam' Doyle Coker.*



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August 16, 2016 at 09:13 AM



“ *Mr. Sammy was always like a Daddy to me when I was growing up. He was loved and admired by many. If we were outside, most times we were at his house with all the neighborhood kids playing baseball!!! We were very close to his kids Tony, Terry, and Tammy. Even after I married and had my children there so many great memories in my mind of him. My most favorite was when my son Joe was probably about five years old and Mr. Sammy dressed up as a Vampire for Halloween and he scared the living mess out of Joe. He scared him so bad he climbed my body in a split second... Every time I seen him after that we would laugh aboutit. Mr.Sammy you were a great mentor, father and friend. I will miss your smile, and the way you always made us feel welcome and part of your family...Say hello to my Dad's, you are all a true blessing...Will be missed but not forgotten!!! My thoughts and prayers are with the family, he was truly a great man!!! Love you Tony, Terry and Tammy.....*



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**Anna Reese-Blankenship** - August 15, 2016 at 07:55 PM

JS

“ Jack Bishop and Staff purchased the Amazing Arboricola for the family of Mr. Sammy 'Sam' Doyle Coker.



Jack Bishop and Staff - August 15, 2016 at 02:27 PM

JR

“ I'LL MISS YOU DEAR FRIEND

JIM RAWLINSON - August 15, 2016 at 10:46 AM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Mr. Sammy 'Sam' Doyle Coker.



August 15, 2016 at 09:52 AM

DC

“ I am already lost without you. R.I.P. sweetie, you deserve it after what you've been through.

deena coker - August 14, 2016 at 05:33 PM



Sherry Rust

Deena, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers.

Sherry Rust - August 16, 2016 at 10:41 PM

TC

“ I have always admired Uncle Sammy. He always made me feel loved as a niece ,not because I was married to his blood nephew, but absolute Love .This was Sammy, a kind Loving man who welcomed me into the family with a open heart filled with joy and laughter. I'll always have a memory from Uncle Sammy in my mustang that he covered my seat's so beautifully. We'll miss you Uncle Sammy. With Love Tammy&Donnie Coker.

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**Tammy Coker** - August 14, 2016 at 04:23 PM