



# Samuel "Sam" Smail

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**S**amuel H. "Sam" Smail, 84, of Farina, passed away at 9:35PM, Thursday, March 27, 2014 at the Altamont Lutheran Care Center.

A private family service will be held for Mr. Smail.

Memorials may be made to the Altamont Lutheran Care Center and may be sent directly there or to the funeral home. Hohlt & File Funeral Home of Vandalia is in charge of arrangements.

Sam was born August 1, 1929 in Glendale, AZ, the son of Harlan H. and Ethel M. (Beck) Smail.

Sam started farming at an early age and has continued throughout his life. During his career of farming he received several outstanding farmer awards; he enjoyed farming and also had cattle and hog operations over the years; Sam and his daughter Debbie also raised horses and traveled entering them into many horse shows, he even jockeyed in horse races with his horse Lucky #14. Sam was affiliated with the Farina Methodist Church; member of the Vandalia Jaycees; the NFO National Farmers Organization; the Painted Horse Association; the American Quarter Horse Association; and a former member of the Mason's Temperance Lodge #16. Sam was a kind man and was always helping others; he was loved deeply by his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Barbara J. (Langley) Smail of Farina; daughter Debbie Warden of Farina; brother Stanley Smail and wife Peg of Camp Verde, AZ; sister Florence Pinkston of Salem; grandchildren Damon Bowles and wife Jessamie of Vandalia, Jessica Warden of Terre Haute, IN, Jacob Warden and fiancé Abby of



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Stewardson; great grandchildren Gabrielle Warden and London Bowles;  
and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.



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MW

**Mike Ward** posted:

Mrs. Barb, Debbie and family, so sorry to hear of the passing of Sam. What a wonderful man he was. As you may remember, I worked for Sam many years ago 1974-75. At the young age of 15, Sam took me under his wing and taught me so many things most folks couldn't begin to understand about farming, a certain way he wanted that field prepared to plant, a certain way to harvest and a certain way to care for the equipment, it was always the right way. He was one of the best mentors I ever had and I went on to manage several farms in my later years. He was always a part of me and had helped shape the man I had become, I never forgot all the knowledge he instilled in me and he crossed my mind often over the years ...May God bless you all. Mike Ward - Benton, Ill.

November 11 at 11:20 PM

SH

**Sue Crawford Harrison** posted:

What a wonderful picture of Sam. That's how I want to remember him, as well as his love and devotion to Wayne that also carried over to me and our children. I am hugging all of you across the miles. Barb, it's been too long. Let's do something about that.

November 8 at 4:01 AM

TM

**Tana Mefford** posted:

Heaven just got another one of the good guys....now he and Bake can swap horse tales just like the good ole days. Loved Fred's eulogy with stories that made us cry and laugh, minister did a great job with his connection to Sam over the years. Much love to Barb, Deb and family.

November 8 at 4:01 AM

TB

**Tom & Judy Beyers** posted:

Aunt Barb, Debbie, and family, What a wonderful service in honor of Uncle Sam, I'm sure he was grinning ear to ear and all smiles at all the tales being told. My dad sure got a laugh at them. He always thought so much of you all, Sam was like a true brother to dad. Was glad mom was able to attend, we got her home in good time to get to her Dr. appt. Hugs to you all and please know we love you. Please stay in touch. If you need anything please don't hesitate to call.

November 8 at 4:01 AM



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