



James Dennis Sample

November 26, 1943 - February 6, 2026

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

James Dennis Sample, age 82, of Olive Branch, passed away Friday, February 6, 2026. He was born on November 26, 1943, in Accomack County, Virginia, to the late Priscilla Sample. A memorial service for James will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at Andover Plantation in Olive Branch, MS.

James worked as a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service for more than 40 years after serving our country honorably in the United States Army. He was a member of the NRA; he loved his firearms and had extensive knowledge of them. James loved animals, was an avid reader, and enjoyed watching Western TV shows and sports, especially football and boxing.

In addition to his mother, James is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Marsha Ann Sample; son-in-law, Johnny Lee Paul Pinckney; and children, Fred Sanders, Gregory Sanders, Derrick Sanders, Belinda Sanders, and Gloria Sanders.

James is survived by his daughter, Tori Pinckney; son, Marcus Sean Sample; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and sisters, Priscilla and Ann.

In lieu of traditional flowers, memorial donations may be made in his name to the American Cancer Society P.O. Box 6704 Hagerstown, MD 21741 (www.cancer.org).

Online condolences may be left on his tribute wall at www.colemanfuneralhomeob.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

Andover Plantation
9503 Bethel Road
Olive Branch, MS 38654