

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears, of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun
of happy memories that I leave
when life is done.

Samuel's family and friends are invited to a time of fellowship following the committal service at the cemetery to be hosted at 1365 Iowa Ave NE in Huron.



Samuel Rasco, Jr.

April 18, 1953 ~ September 9, 2024

Samuel was born to Samuel and Bessie Rasco in Shreveport, Louisiana on April 18, 1953. Samuel graduated from Linear High School and attended Grambling State University. He played baritone in the Grambling marching band and even travelled to Africa to perform with his bandmates. Shortly after graduating from high school, he joined the Marines and served as Military Police. After discharge from the Marine Corps, Samuel attended career school for welding. After completing his welding trade education, Samuel played bass guitar for the band First Production before starting a career as a welder. He welded twisted iron fencing and security bars in Shreveport before working on offshore oil rigs and welded for many shops in the Shreveport area. After moving to Huron, Samuel continued as a welder at Terex and most recently at Horizontal Machining and Manufacturing Inc.

Samuel and Wanda VanOverschelde married on August 3, 2007 and have lived in Huron, SD ever since. Together they raised Wanda's five children and cared for their dogs Jaygo, Roxy "Punkin", and Dak. One of the highlights of his later years was travelling to Shreveport to barbeque, fry fish and spend time with family and friends.

Samuel was proud to be from the Cooper Road in Shreveport, LA. He loved playing billiards and enjoying good times with friends. Most notably, Samuel was passionate for cars. For his entire adult life, Samuel owned at least one Corvette. Most recently, Samuel enjoyed cruising around town in either his white or yellow Corvettes. Travelling to car shows and attending Wheel Jam were some of the events that Samuel looked forward to.

Samuel has been a fan of the Dallas Cowboys since their inception in 1960. He would dress up in team gear and embrace his memorabilia as he cheered for his team. He and Wanda could be found at Big D's Time Out and at home rooting for the Cowboys and enjoying Crown Royal with Coke.

Samuel is survived by his wife, Wanda Rasco; sons Mandrell (Michelle) Rasco and Bryan (Naomi) Rasco; daughters Leshonda Rasco, Amisha Givens and Corey Reed; step-daughter Stevie (Keith) Tordoff; stepsons Dylan (April Decker) Faulks, Deion (Kayler Stands) Faulks, Tyrese Theus and Romeo Theus; sisters Betty (Hewitt) Kersey, Barbara Rasco, Catherine (Joe) Laws, Brenda Gafford, and Alma Jean (Lorenzo) Lee; his brother Tommy (Regina) Rasco; brothers-in-law Steve (Deb) VanOverschelde, Darwin VanOverschelde and Alan (Nikki) VanOverschelde; sister-in-law Crystal VanOverschelde; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; and stepmother-in-law Glenda VanOverschelde; and his dogs Roxy and Dak.

Samuel is preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Bessie; parents-in-law Richard and Iona VanOverschelde; and his dog Jaygo.



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FUNERAL SERVICE

2:00 p.m., Saturday, September 14, 2024

Welter Funeral Home
Huron, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Rev. Chip Holmes

TRIBUTE

Lorenzo Lee

CASKETBEARERS

Mandrell Rasco ~ Tommy Lee Rasco ~ Torrance Rasco
Lorenzo Lee ~ Lorenzo Mykel Lee, Jr. ~ Scott Washechek

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

Bryan Rasco ~ Stevie Tordoff ~ Dylan Faulks
Deion Faulks, Sr. ~ Tyrese Theus ~ Romeo Theus

SPECIAL MUSIC

"There's a Leak in This Old Building" by LaShun Price
"Dancing in the Sky" by Dani and Lizzy
"Well Done" by Deitrick Haddon

MILITARY HONORS

Huron Veteran's Council

INTERMENT

Restlawn Memory Gardens Cemetery
Huron, South Dakota