



## Samuel M Abbott

May 25, 1954 - June 17, 2023

Pastor Sam Melvin Abbott, Jr., age 69, of Hobart, formerly of Seaford, DE, passed away June 17, 2023. He served faithfully as a minister for 50 years beginning in 1973 as a Pastor who loved people and shared Christ outside the four walls of the church. Most recently he served at The Crossing at NWI (formerly known as South Lake Worship Center) since 1997. Pastor Sam's heart and ministry were about the individual that was in front of him in the moment. In carrying the Gospel to other countries, it was still about the individual, providing what was needed if it was in his hand to give. Loving as Christ loves. Serving as Christ serves. Pastor Sam will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Pastor Sam was preceded in death by his father-in-law-James Cooper; brother-in-law-Alex Thompson; granddaughter-Kora Abbott. He is survived by his parents-Samuel Melvin Abbott, Sr. and Shirley Mae Abbott (nee Justice); wife of 49 years-Judy Abbott; children-Sam (Katie) Abbott, James Abbott, Luke (Marissa) Abbott, Elizabeth (Leonard) Marshall, Jonathan (Merli) Abbott; grandchildren-Diane, Audrey, Luke Jr., Hannah, Simone, Ethan, Kylie, Easton, Makayla, Brynna, LJ, Juliette, Adelyn, Brynley; sister-Debbie Thompson; brothers-John Barry (Connie), Fred (Vicki) and Jeffrey (Melissa) Abbott.

Visitation for Pastor Sam will be Friday, June 23, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., at Hobart High School, 2211 East 10th Street, Door 20/21, Hobart, IN 46342. Funeral Service will be Saturday, June 24, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., at Hobart High School, Dr. Ron Johnson and Pastor Terry Harris co-officiating.

Interment at Historic Maplewood Cemetery, 347 Maple Lane, Crown Point, IN 46307. Burns Funeral Home (Hobart) entrusted with arrangements. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Maplewood Historic Cemetery

347 Maple Ln  
Crown Point, IN 46307

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **23**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hobart High School  
2211 East 10th Street  
Hobart, IN 46342

## Funeral Service

JUN **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hobart High School  
2211 East 10th Street  
Hobart, IN 46342

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ Dear Sister Judy, Leisa & I are so thankful & so blessed by you & Brother Sam. You both have been so good to us. I still have the overcoat you & Brother Sam bought for me many years ago. Sam told me, "God said I was to buy you an overcoat." And you & Bro. Sam took Leisa & I to Burlington coat factory. You both have been so good to share the Hiding Place with us for many years, it has become so special to us. I will never forget Bro. Sam coming to Leisa & I at Prayer Conference 2022 after my accident and telling us, "You guys need a vacation." I said it sure would be nice. Not knowing what Bro. Sam meant, he said it again. Bro. Sam said, "Judy & I want to send you & Leisa on an all expense paid vacation." Our jaws dropped. I said no Sam, you guys don't have to do that. Bro. Sam said, yes we do. Anywhere you want to go. We told Bro. Sam, "Give us the Hiding place for a week and that would be awesome. Bro. Sam said, "Send me the receipts for your gas, meals & all other expenses." Sister Judy we love you & Brother Sam so much. You both have been so so good to us. We are all going to miss Bro. Sam so so much, state meeting will be so different without him. Leisa & I have prayed & wept for you all week. Heaven & seeing, living for Jesus is what Brother Sam has always loved to do and we're so blessed that our lives paths crossed and I twined some 37 years ago. We love you & your family very much. If we can ever do, help, be there for you, please don't hesitate. Love & prayers,  
Pastor Randy and Leisa Shinolt

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Randy & Leisa Shinolt - June 23, 2023 at 11:25 PM

TB

“ *Tonya Ballard lit a candle in memory of Samuel M Abbott*



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**Tonya Ballard** - June 23, 2023 at 02:24 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Samuel M Abbott.*



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June 23, 2023 at 08:47 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Samuel M Abbott.*



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June 22, 2023 at 11:57 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Samuel M Abbott.*



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June 22, 2023 at 11:46 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Samuel M Abbott.*



June 22, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Samuel M Abbott.*



June 22, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Samuel M Abbott.*



June 22, 2023 at 08:42 AM



“ *Zach & Megan Goodan purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Samuel M Abbott.*



**Zach & Megan Goodan** - June 22, 2023 at 08:16 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Samuel M Abbott.



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June 22, 2023 at 01:47 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Samuel M Abbott.



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June 21, 2023 at 07:22 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Samuel M Abbott.



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June 21, 2023 at 07:21 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath* was purchased for the family of Samuel M Abbott.



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June 21, 2023 at 04:27 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Samuel M Abbott.*



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June 21, 2023 at 02:09 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Samuel M Abbott.*



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June 21, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *Pastor of Festus, Missouri Church of God, the Abbott family is loved.*  
*Rev. Belinda West*

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**Rev Belinda West** - June 21, 2023 at 11:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Samuel M Abbott.*



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June 21, 2023 at 11:10 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Samuel M Abbott.

June 21, 2023 at 11:10 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Samuel M Abbott.



June 21, 2023 at 08:27 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Samuel M Abbott.

June 21, 2023 at 08:27 AM



“ I first met Bro. Sam while my wife and I were Pennsylvania's Youth Camp Evangelist. Bro. Sam was on the State Youth board there. He was great with the kids and so nice to my wife and I. What a surprise it was to come to Indiana and Pastor and there was Brother Sam again. We served together on the State Prayer board and it was obvious the passion that Brother Abbott had for prayer and seeking God's face. My prayer for Judy and the family is that the peace of God will strengthen you and keep you now and in the days to come.

Pastor Terry Owens - June 21, 2023 at 05:41 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Samuel M Abbott.*



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June 21, 2023 at 01:34 AM



“ *Pastor Sam Abbott was always so nice to me. He always had a smile on his face. I attended his church years ago. He was so friendly and pleasant to be around. He will be greatly missed. My condolences to the family. You are in my prayers. Love, Martha White*

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**Martha White** - June 20, 2023 at 11:53 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Samuel M Abbott.*



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June 20, 2023 at 08:21 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel M Abbott.*



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June 20, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel M Abbott.*



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June 20, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Samuel M Abbott.*



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June 20, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Samuel M Abbott.*

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June 20, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ *Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Samuel M Abbott.*



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June 20, 2023 at 10:29 AM

DC

“ Not many people are empty when they leave this earth. There are so many who died full of potential and purpose, having kept to themselves everything they were meant to pour out. Then there’s you Pastor Sam, leaving this world not having kept anything for yourself. As an empty vessel you left this earth. Everything you had you poured out for all of us. Your breath was used to bless others. Your energy was used to give strength to others. You cried with us, you laughed with us. You wrapped your arms around us. Even when your heart was broken you found a way to still love us. And the incredible thing is you never asked for us to give anything back to you, just that we extend love and compassion to others. You lived out your purpose and your God given calling. I thank God for you and for sharing your most precious treasure, your beautiful wife Judy with us. Our hearts are with your bride and your family. I don’t know how any of us go on from this, but I know we will do it together. The Lord is with us. Your seeds of faithfulness will be watered throughout the world. We will celebrate the life you lived and honor your memory by following in your example. When words fail us and we don’t know what to do, we will “wash feet.”

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**Desiree Cedeno** - June 20, 2023 at 02:02 AM

CG

“ Sam visited my brother Rick regularly as I too would be there in Hobart to pray for Rick, rest in peace my brother...Amen



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**Charles Granter** - June 20, 2023 at 12:12 AM

KW

“ Even though I am not a member of the church, whenever I visited Pastor Sam was so friendly and warm. I loved his passion for missions and helping others. He was truly a doer of the Word of God. For the family I pray for peace and comfort knowing that Pastor Sam is as in the words of this hymn, carrying the staff and cross of redemption and God Will understand and say We'll Done!

Kim Woodbury - June 19, 2023 at 11:05 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Samuel M Abbott.



June 19, 2023 at 08:25 PM

MS

“ Pastor Sam was a great man who welcomed and loved on me and my famiy when we were expecting our third baby. My two older kids joined the teen and kids ministry and grew so much. We served and traveled with the teen ministry and loved he and Judy so much. They were such loving and gentle pastors who wanted all of us to love and serve the Lord with all of our hearts. Prayers to Judy and the family- Milton & JLa Sheppard

Milton & JLa Sheppard - June 19, 2023 at 07:36 PM

JV

“ Miss you Pastor Abbott, Evan when I left your congregation for many years and I returned you welcomed me back with open arms. Thanks for your friendship and for being a Awesome human being. Love you.



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**Jose Valladolid** - June 19, 2023 at 06:55 PM

PT

“ Pastor Sam was such an amazing man of Faith, Prayer, and Strength. I am most grateful for the 10 years my wife and I have known him and his lovely wife Judy. They've imparted so much to us and I was happy to have served as his Executive Pastor. I'm forever grateful for his POUR into my life.

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**Pastor Ty** - June 19, 2023 at 06:05 PM