



## Ms. Diane Samuels

November 23, 1948 - July 3, 2025

Sister Diane Samuels, 76 of Grandview, Missouri the second of four children, was born to the union of Leonard Williams and Katie Edwards Williams in Longview, Texas on November 23, 1948. The family moved to Tenaha, Texas at an early age. She departed this earthly life on Wednesday July 3, 2025, at St. Luke's East Hospital in Lee's Summit, MO.

She confessed to Christ at an early age and united with the St. John Baptist Church in Tenaha.

She was active in all phases of church service: Sunday School, Baptist Training Union (BTU) and Starlight Band.

She attended the schools in Tenaha, Texas and graduated valedictorian of Booker T.

Washington High School in 1967. She was very active in all areas of student life and was a member of the basketball team. She attended Prairie View A & M College in Prairie View, Texas.

She married Deacon Richard Samuels in 1971 and joined him in Kansas City, Missouri. They

just recently celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary. To their union two children were born.

In Kansas City she united with Fellowship Baptist Church. In September 2024 she was honored

as a 50 year member. She was very active in all areas of church life. She was an adult Sunday

School teacher, retiring in September 2019 with over 40 years of service. She was an active

member of the Women's Mission groups having served in most leadership roles. She was very

active in both morning and evening bible study groups. Sister Samuels was a very caring and

loving individual, always ready and willing to assist in any way she could. She was a devoted

wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend.

She began her work career as a Head Start Teacher at Tenaha Elementary School. Upon

moving to Kansas City she gained employment with Sears Roebuck and Company on 18th

street. She later found employment at Hallmark Cards as a Display Planner and the United

States Census Bureau (from where she retired) as a Field Representative.

She was preceded in death by both parents, a brother Earvin Williams, a niece Selena Williams,

and special cousin/sister Sharon Dones.

Her memory will forever be cherished by her husband Richard of the home,

one daughter,  
Bridgette Smith (Kalvin Sr.) of Lake Saint Louis, Missouri, one son Jarred  
Samuels (LaTonya) of  
Lee's Summit, Missouri, five grandchildren Kendall, Madison and Jackson  
Samuels of Lee's  
Summit and Evaughn and Calvin Jr. (KJ) Smith of Lake Saint Louis, two  
sisters Shirley King of  
Missouri City, Texas and Linda Williams of Stafford, Texas, one aunt Patrie  
Wilson of Ferris,  
Texas, one sister-in-law Mavet Samuels of Houston, Texas and a host of  
nieces, nephews,  
cousins, church family and friends.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2025, 11am at Fellowship  
Baptist Church. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation from 9am-11am  
at the church. Services conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral  
Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Fellowship Baptist Church  
7106 Prospect Ave.  
Kansas City, MO 64132

## Funeral Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Prayers and heart felt thoughts will remain with the family in the days and months to come. I pray the Lord comfort and keep your family in a way that only He can. His word is true..

*Matthew. 11:28-30*

*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*

*Love in Christ,*

*The Stovall Family(Canes Baseball )*

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**Susan Stovall** - July 13, 2025 at 10:28 AM

WK

“ it have been a while since we have seen each other ,we grew up in the same town. she is the sister of my sister inlaw shirley king she will be missed.



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**william king** - July 11, 2025 at 08:05 PM

YF

“ Your Christian Hospital Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Ms. Diane Samuels.



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**Your Christian Hospital Family** - July 10, 2025 at 05:20 PM

RK

“ Robert & Janet King lit a candle in memory of Ms. Diane Samuels



Robert & Janet King - July 10, 2025 at 05:10 PM

CP

“ Chris, Cheryl, Hunter & Sawyer Parker purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Ms. Diane Samuels.



Chris, Cheryl, Hunter & Sawyer Parker - July 09, 2025 at 11:06 PM

TF

“ The Dunbar and Coats Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Diane Samuels.

The Dunbar and Coats Family - July 09, 2025 at 02:08 PM

TF

“ The Dunbar and Coats Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ms. Diane Samuels.



The Dunbar and Coats Family - July 09, 2025 at 02:08 PM

EM

“ Praying for peace and comfort for your family.



Emily McGhee - July 08, 2025 at 06:54 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Diane Samuels.



July 08, 2025 at 01:44 PM

JW

“ John White lit a candle in memory of Ms. Diane Samuels



John White - July 08, 2025 at 11:20 AM

JW

We had some great times growing up. Getting together at Big Momma's( our grandmother) house in the summer was a joy.

John White - July 08, 2025 at 03:48 PM

NC

God plucked a flower!!  
Richard and family, we're praying for you. Know that we will never forget Diane. She will forever be in our hearts.

Nettie Smith Clemons - July 12, 2025 at 11:47 AM



“ *Heavenly and Harmony* was purchased for the family of Ms. Diane Samuels.



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July 07, 2025 at 05:13 PM