



## Samuel Ray Spruell

March 3, 1957 - January 7, 2021

Sam Spruell, 63 of Mt Hope passed away January 7, 2021 at St Vincent Hospital in Birmingham, AL after a long extended illness. He is survived by his loving wife Lynn Spruell and his children Jonathon Spruell (Kristi) and Liz Rhodes (Ricky). His Mother, Sue Spruell, Sister Judy Spruell and a Brother Wayne Spruell.

His 5 precious grandchildren, Shelby, Madi, Max, Mia and Cam. His loving niece Christy Kerr Bowman (Ed), daughter Reece Montgomery and son Reagan Bowman.

He was preceded in death by his Father, Hershel Spruell.

If you knew Sam you always knew where he stood on issues and never doubted your friendship with him even if you found yourself on the other side of things from time to time. Sam was the epitome of an exceptional servant, leader of immense integrity. The Boll Weevil Eradication program is just one of many timeless leadership and stewardship examples. He was always available, open and sharing with others even when it might have been a sacrifice to his family and farm. His passion for the Alabama cotton producer is unmatched. Whether it is cotton policies, business and production issues, Sam was always informed, analytical and prepared on any issue before addressing them with others. He was factually guided by the truth and is never shy or hesitant in standing in the light of the truth. In cotton policy development when asked ( and sometimes when not asked but felt it his duty to stand), he was determined and always responded in an even and

measured manner to show respect to the people around him. He was careful in his personal approach to make sure that if others were offended it was due to their ability to not accept the truth and facts as he viewed them. Here is one of his hallmark traits: He would continue to show respect and be friends with those who chose to counter position with him. Of course in his delivery and discussion, he always had a humorous story to embellish the unsuing dialogue!

His presence will be sorely missed . But he will always be between the rows! Sam played an integral role in many cotton farming organizations to include but not limited to: Southern Cotton Growers, where he served as President 2004-2005, Southeastern Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Alabama Cotton Commission, National Cotton Council. He was a principle partner of the learnings of his life's work with others through his amazing leadership and mentorship. Through these generous contributions the farming community is enriched and will continues to reap the benefits of his generous dedication. Sam Spruell loved people, especially those who needed a hand up. He truly had a heart for those in need, so it was no surprise when he agreed to be part of a ministry that God ordained in the Mt Hope community. Sam, quickly became an essential part of the Community Clothes Closet and Ministry of Hope. Sam not only assisted in the founding of the ministry and daily operations but when the opportunity of presented itself Sam made the ultimate donation of a building to house The Caring Place. Through his generosity the ministry has grown to serve much of Northwest Alabama.

His family will be holding a private service on Monday January 11, 2021.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to The Caring Place in Mt. Hope as this charity was dear to Sam's heart. To make donations to The Caring Place in the name of Sam Spruell, you can use any of the following:

Paypal: [paypal.me/caringplace](https://paypal.me/caringplace)

Venmo: Caring-Place

Or by Mailing your donation to:

The Caring Place

1039 CR-32

Mt Hope, AL 35651

# Tribute Wall

HW

“ *Hellen Waldrep lit a candle in memory of Samuel Ray Spruell*



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**Hellen Waldrep** - January 11, 2021 at 07:26 AM

DM

“ *So sorry to hear about Sam. May God richly bless each of you.*

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**Donnie McAfee** - January 09, 2021 at 01:05 PM

GP

“ *Mrs. Sue I am so sorry to about the passing of Sam. You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you!*

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**Gwen Parker** - January 08, 2021 at 11:15 PM

KR

“ *Although I haven't seen Sam for many, many years, I remember Sam as a person always with a smile and a good sense of humor. I remember when my family visited Papa and Granny Heaps' and it seemed like he was always teasing the younger cousins. I know he will be missed dearly by family but we all know he is in the arms of Jesus with family that have gone before him. Prayers for peace for all friends and family.*  
*Karen (Heaps) Redd*

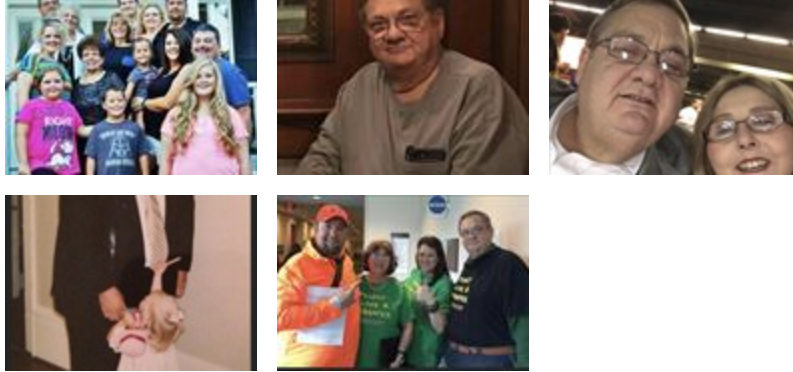


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**Karen Heaps Redd** - January 08, 2021 at 08:46 PM

Christy  
Bowman

“ Sam always will be the ROCK of our family. He was many things to us all through his love, devotion, strong presence in our family. My Uncle, most like my dad...I will miss you terribly, but no doubt you are in the Arms of Jesus and Healed! To God be ALL the Glory!!!🙏🙏



Christy Bowman - January 08, 2021 at 08:21 PM

HI

“ The obituary describes the Sam I knew I think I could write a book about the funny stories I heard from Sam down through the years I guess if I had to go with one it would be the one about the three men stop that the John Deere place and ask for directions they called Sam bud and he sent them 30 miles out of their way somebody asking why he said because they call me bud my prayers are with the family

Hollis Isbell - January 08, 2021 at 06:53 PM

SH

“ Always a helping hand to everyone. Always let me know he appreciated my work. Love and prayers the family.



Sharon Parker Hollaway - January 08, 2021 at 04:57 PM