

LIFE WELL LIVED

A life well lived is a precious gift,
of hope and strength and grace,
from someone who has made
our world a brighter, better place.

It's filled with moments,
sweet and sad with smiles and
sometimes tears,
with friendships formed and good
times shared,
and laughter through the years.

A life well lived is a legacy,
of joy and pride and pleasure,
a living, lasting memory
our grateful hearts will treasure.

A great man is not great because of
the size of his wallet. He is great
because of the size of his heart.

A great man is not great because of
his successes. He is great because of
the successes of those he has
touched and taught .

A great man is not judged by the love
he receives for doing great things.
He is loved by others because of all
the great things he did.

A great man is not considered great
because of the life he lived but
he becomes great because he lives life
with such passion.

Today we say goodbye
to a great, great man.

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude
for your many acts of kindness, and for your
attendance at the funeral service.

Luginbuel Funeral Home
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

online guest book, visit www.luginbuel.com

Celebrating

THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF



Al Samples

November 3, 1932

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October 4, 2025

Al “Sonny” Samples

Age 92, a resident of Farmington, Arkansas, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 4, 2025, in Prairie Grove. He was born on November 3, 1932, in Abilene, Texas, to Alfred and Ettie Melinda (Kilmer) Samples.

From an early age, Al's determination and work ethic shone bright. As a young boy during World War II, he worked as a shoe shine boy — a small job that taught him lifelong lessons in grit and gratitude. In high school, his athleticism made waves when he placed fourth in the state of Texas in the backstroke.

Al proudly served his country in the Army National Guard for twenty-four years before retiring with honor. In 1969, he and his beloved wife, Yvonne, made the move from New Mexico to Arkansas, where they would plant deep roots and raise their family.

A man of strong faith and steady hands, Al was a dedicated member of the Prairie Grove Church of Christ and a pillar of his community. Through his longtime business, Al’s Electrical, he became known not just for his skilled craftsmanship, but for his honesty, dependability, and the kindness he showed every customer and friend who crossed his path.

He was preceded in death by his parents, six sisters, and two brothers.

Left to cherish his memory are his devoted wife of seventy-two years, Yvonne Mershon Samples; his son, Shon Samples and wife Tina of Elkins, Arkansas; his daughter, Sandy Tennant and husband Steven of Farmington, Arkansas; and his sister, Iva Lou Samples of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Sonny’s legacy also lives on through his five grandchildren — Rodney Howard (Jennifer), Kimberly Berger (Mike), Addison Tennant, Heath Samples (Katie), and Derek Samples (Brittany) — and his seven great-grandchildren Connor Howard, Caden Berger, Mckenna Howard, Ryan Berger, Ava Berger, Harper Samples, Hazel Samples, who will forever remember his steady smile and gentle wisdom.

Though his tools may now be at rest, the light Al brought into the world — through faith, family, and service — will continue to shine brightly in the lives he touched.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF
Alfred Marlin “Al” Samples

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE
Friday, October 10, 2025 - 10:00 A.M.
Prairie Grove Church of Christ
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude	Family Memories Video
“Amazing Grace”	Addison Tennant
Opening Remarks	Bill Hooten
“You Raise Me Up”	
Words of Comfort	Bill Hooten
Prayer	
“Go Rest High On That Mountain”	

Military Honors will take place on the East side of the church following the service. Please gather with the family outside for this honor.

GRAVE SIDE SERVICES WILL NOT BE HELD. THE FAMILY WILL REMAIN AFTER THE SERVICE TO VISIT WITH FRIENDS.

PALLBEARERS
Rodney Howard - Addison Tennant - Heath Samples
Derek Samples - Mike Berger - Connor Howard
Caden Berger - Ryan Berger

FINAL RESTING PLACE
Farmington Cemetery
Farmington, Arkansas

MEMORIALS
Gospel Tract International
2125 N Center St.
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701