



## Samuel M. James

March 28, 1980 - July 27, 2024

Samuel M. James, 44, of Gloversville, passed away at home on Saturday, July 27, 2024.

He was born on March 28, 1980, in Gloversville, the son of Martin A. and Sally A. Ferjanec James. He was a 1998 graduate of Mayfield High School and a lifelong area resident.

Sam was a long term and dedicated employee of Walmart Distribution Center, where he made many friends of his colleagues.

He was a loving son, brother, nephew, uncle, and friend. He cherished time with his family and took great pride in watching his nieces and nephews grow. He was sure to have a special treat or trinket to share with them whenever he was in their presence.

Sam grew up on the Great Sacandaga Lake. He always had an innate curiosity for nature and found solace in spending time in the woods and on the water. Sam was a skilled fisherman. No matter the season, he spent much of his time visiting secret fishing spots reeling in whoppers. He was happy to share his knowledge and love of the sport. Sam could often be seen riding his bike. He would cover great distances, looking for scenic routes on the roads and through the mountains. He also enjoyed downhill skiing in the winter months with friends and family. He had a special connection with nature and was at peace hiking in the woods.

Having many interests and hobbies, Sam was a collector of vintage and nostalgic items. He was excited to share his finds and even pass them down

to others. One of his most prized collections was vintage records. He had a love for music that spanned genres and decades. He was very artistic and created many unique pieces of art. His creative abilities extended to many building projects with his father. When given any task, Sam always came through with physical strength and perseverance.

Sam's kind and easy-going presence will be greatly missed. He was a man of few words, but quick-witted and had a great sense of humor. He loved to tell stories and to share local legends and folklore. Sam was one-of-a-kind. In addition to his parents, survivors include two sisters, Stacy (Jason) Marlin of South Carolina and Courtney Romeyn of Mayfield; aunts and uncles, Lori (Mike) Mucilli and John and (Kathy) Ferjanec; cousins, Tony (Jessica) Mucilli, Julie (Ben) Mucilli, Colleen Grocer, and Sara Ferris; and five nieces and nephews.

Private services will be held at a later date.

To honor Sam's memory, we ask you to live simply, go find yourself in the woods, be patient, talk less – listen more, enjoy nature and the peace it brings. Each and every one of us wish we could be more like Sam.

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ *My deepest condolences, I worked with Sam at Walmart over the last 10 years and he was always a fantastic person to talk to. I couldn't tell you how many times we would stop orderfilling just to talk in the aisles to pass the time of the long hours we worked. We always shared our love for old metal music such as Iron Maiden and Judas Preist. I will never not think of him when I hear those bands. Rest easy Sam.*

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**Justis Matuk** - August 12, 2024 at 02:29 PM

JC

“ *June Chamberlain lit a candle in memory of Samuel M. James*



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**June Chamberlain** - August 09, 2024 at 09:34 AM

EC

“ *Sally, Marty, Stacy, and Courtney, So sad to hear the news about Sam- part of Mayfield's family. Remembering all of you in prayer.*

*Ernie Clapper*

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**Ernie Clapper** - August 08, 2024 at 06:06 PM

LC

“ Lynn Seelow Claburn lit a candle in memory of Samuel M. James



lynn seelow claburn - August 08, 2024 at 04:39 PM

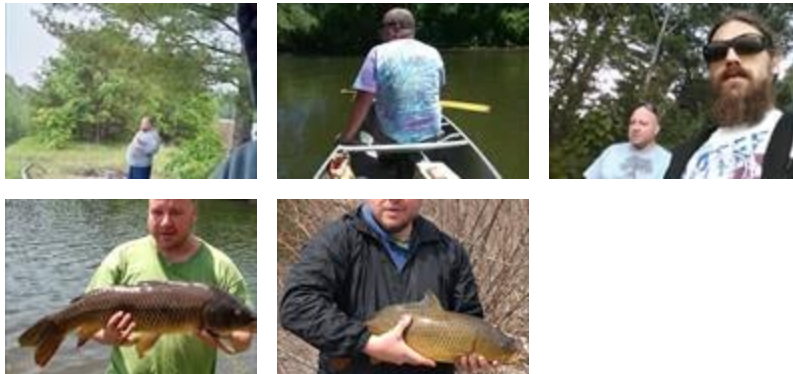
JC

“ I send my condolences again. I shared many memories with Sammy over the past 12 years. Mostly good a few not so good. I learned many things from him and hope he picked up a few from me along the way. He was like a brother to me. If he needed me I was there, no questions asked. Until we meet again rest easy brother

Jeff Crouse - August 08, 2024 at 01:51 PM

JC

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Jeff Crouse - August 08, 2024 at 01:47 PM

CH

“ Sally, Marty and family, please accept my deepest condolences for the loss of Sam. I have no words to adequately express how sad I am for all of you. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Charlene.

Charlene - August 07, 2024 at 06:29 PM

EY

“ Marty & Sally, my heart breaks for the loss of your son Sam. Hold on tight to each other and all the memories you've made. In friendship and with love 🙏❤️🙏  
Ellen Bradford Yates

Ellen Bradford Yates - August 07, 2024 at 01:59 PM

AT

“ Marty , Sally, Stacy and Court. My deepest condolences. Sam was a great friend to me. Some of my fondest memories were at The Candle Stick Lodge. Sending my love to you all.

Alan Thobaben - August 07, 2024 at 01:51 PM

 Bobbi Jones

“ Sally, Marty & family, our sincere condolences for your loss. Our hearts & thoughts are with you. Dave & Bobbi Jones

Bobbi Jones - August 07, 2024 at 10:41 AM

CK

“ Sending our condolences and love, we're so sad to hear about Sam. Keeping all of the people that love him in our hearts.

Chelsea Caraco Karpoy - August 07, 2024 at 07:06 AM

AC

“ I was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of a legend. Whether it was spinning Lightfoot records, biking around the lake, or camping on a cold January night, his joy was infectious. Everyone that knew Sam can share a story that will make you laugh. RIP Sammy panther

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**Adam Caraco** - August 06, 2024 at 07:15 PM

BG

“ RIP "Slammin" Sammy...save some of those whoppers for me....I know you will, our secret spots are forever sealed, as well as your techniques, I will miss you! My condolences go out to Sammy's family

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**Bill Gifford** - August 06, 2024 at 05:51 PM

BK

“ Marty, Sally, Stacy & Courtney, my heart goes out to you....many of my best memories in life were spent with, and often as a direct result of Sam. He had a great impact on me and I will never forget those long, adventurous days together. I hope you can find some kind of comfort in knowing he will always be legendary to those who were blessed enough to ride along on his journey.

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**Ben Kline** - August 06, 2024 at 04:31 PM

DS

“ Sally, Marty and family, So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.  
Debbie & Aaron Smith

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**Debbie Smith** - August 06, 2024 at 11:58 AM

SF

“ *Sally, Marty and family, our sincere condolences to you and your family at this difficult time. Heartfelt thoughts and prayers to you.*  
*Sherrie and Doug Fonda*

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**Sherrie Fonda** - August 06, 2024 at 10:49 AM