



Samuel "Sam" Joseph Earnhardt

November 2, 1962 - February 5, 2026

Samuel "Sam" Joseph Earnhardt, 63, of Salisbury, NC passed away Thursday, February 5, 2026 at Novant Health Rowan Regional Medical Center.

Sam was born November 2, 1962 in Weirton, West Virginia to Gladys G. Earnhardt of Salisbury and the late Lacey J. Earnhardt. He was a graduate of North Rowan High School class of 1981 and attended Johnson Bible College. He enjoyed acting in the local community theatre and cooking, having worked as a chef around town.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lacey J. Earnhardt.

Surviving is his mother, Gladys G. Earnhardt; sister, Sharon Earnhardt (Robert Paolino); nieces and nephews: Erika Young, Shafiq Moujahed (Jasmine), Sara Bryant (Brandon); great-nieces and nephews: Johnathan, Gavin, Evan, Logan, and Hazel and great-great niece, Hadlee.

The family will receive friends Wednesday (Feb 11) from 1-2 PM at Summersett Funeral Home. A funeral service will follow at 2 PM in Summersett Memorial Chapel, officiated by Pastor Jonathan Laws. Burial will follow the service at City Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to First Christian Church, 613 Statesville Blvd, Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Earnhardt family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

City Memorial Park

1316 West Innes St
Salisbury, NC 28144

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 633-2111
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

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“ Birdie, Tina & Teresa planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel "Sam" Joseph Earnhardt.

Birdie, Tina & Teresa - February 08 at 05:00 PM

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“ The Noble Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel "Sam" Joseph Earnhardt.

The Noble Family - February 08 at 08:47 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Samuel "Sam" Joseph Earnhardt.



February 08 at 08:47 AM

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“ On stage with Sam. I know he got a kick out of acting and I was charged by seeing his glee. Don't remember how many laughs we got but I know we nailed it.

Rick Godby - February 08 at 08:47 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Samuel "Sam" Joseph Earnhardt.



February 07 at 10:16 AM

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“ Jenny and Ryan Rudy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel "Sam" Joseph Earnhardt.

Jenny and Ryan Rudy - February 07 at 10:16 AM