



## Sanford Leyon Hames

November 16, 1940 - August 10, 2020

Sanford Leyon Hames, age 79 of Searcy, joined his Lord and Savior on Monday, August 10, 2020 in Searcy. He was born November 16, 1940 in Violet Hill, Arkansas to William Dean "Bill" Hames and Nova Virgie Clark Hames. He was a Deacon and a enjoyed being a member of the Praise and Worship Team at First General Baptist Church; he was a Master Mason for 55 years and member of both Searcy Lodge #49 and Melbourne Lodge #141; and worked as a maintenance supervisor for many years. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Jean Hames of the home; one son, Billy Hames and wife Nicole of Searcy; three daughters, Jerri Bangerter and husband Brad, Terri Eligh and husband Randall, Brandy West and husband Greg; 14 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one brother, Bill Hames and wife Marion of Spokane, Washington; one sister, Sandra Miller of Melbourne, Arkansas; three nephews; one niece; six great-nephews; and one great-niece. He is preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Nova Hames; one son, Richard Leyon Hames; one granddaughter, Kayla Rose Glerup; and one nephew, Mike Hames.

A memorial service in his honor will be held on Saturday, August 15th at 2:00 pm at First General Baptist Church.

Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. Due to the most recent COVID-19 directive, attendance is strictly limited to 100 people and

face covering must be worn at all times. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

First General Baptist Church  
1005 W. Booth Road  
Searcy, AR 72143

# Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Sanford Leyon Hames



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - August 14, 2020 at 11:18 AM

AV

“ In our thoughts and prayers,

*Phyllis, Alan, Paige, & Andrew Vickery*

Alan Vickery - August 20, 2020 at 07:10 PM

Kenny Joy

“ A few years ago we pulled a Boat to Spokane Wa. it was a very hot Summer and Leyon without my knowledge turned the heat on my seat. I turned the AC as high as it would go and was still burning up he kept asking what was wrong. He started laughing and finally told me what he had done.

*Miss you Brother.*

Kenny Joy - August 16, 2020 at 12:03 PM

TW

“ I rember when we all went to Arkansas. We all went fishing be and had a lot of fun.

Tim Wells - August 16, 2020 at 12:32 AM

DV

“ I'll never forget Leyon's band and how my husband and I never missed a dance when he was playing. He and Jean were our neighbors in Melbourne, many fond memories of them.

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**Deloris Vest** - August 14, 2020 at 06:42 PM

TD

“ I remember uncle Leyon fondly. When he was married to my aunt Anita I was in grade school in Leoti. He was great with kids and I always enjoyed time spent with him. He has a special place in my memories.

*Terry Downs*

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**terry downs** - August 14, 2020 at 04:56 PM

DH

“ Just want share-i think it says so much about my favorite uncle!! We found a screaming deal on a 20 foot long, 8 feet wide boat on the Internet. I live in Washington state and the boat was in Missouri, my dear uncle leyon picked up the boat and brought it up to Washington. Just 1,700 miles and then drove back-the amount of fun we have had on that boat all these years was only possible due to the incredible kindness of Leyon-He was a kind and i must say mischievous 😊, person at times, so fortunate to have known him.



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**diana hames** - August 14, 2020 at 02:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sanford Leyon Hames.*



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August 14, 2020 at 01:36 PM



“ *About a year or so ago I found Leon on facebook and we struck up a conversation about my having taken guitar lessons from him way back. He was still interested whether or not I had continued to play. I really appreciated his patience with me when I was just a kid learning to play. My Dad (Paul Hager) lectured him when he first became a member of the Lodge. I left Melbourne after high school and never really returned but his influence on my life will never be forgotten. My name is Jim Hager. May the Lord minister in your lives at this time of need.*

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**Jim Hager** - August 14, 2020 at 01:04 PM



“ *I remember Leyon as a man who always had a smile. He and Stan were such a mess when they were together. When we moved to Jonesboro we missed our friends at Searcy. Stan and Leyon were still in touch. Leyon came and visited Stan when he 1st got to Jonesboro after his accident. Leyon was such a highlight to him. Such a wonderful friend he was. My son says he remembered he was always so funny. He had a way with kids. He will always be in our hearts. It was a blessing to have known him. He kept in touch after my Stan died. I know he is in heaven now and keeping that smile he always had.*

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**Wanda Cothorn** - August 13, 2020 at 11:08 PM



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August 13, 2020 at 07:09 PM



“ *I will miss seeing Leyon  
I considered him a friend and will miss his visits  
My deepest regrets to all his family!*

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**David M Johnson** - August 13, 2020 at 06:32 PM