



## Samuel Allen Goodin

May 27, 1946 - July 27, 2017

### Samuel Allen Goodin

71, of Greenfield passed away July 27, 2017. He was born on May 27, 1946 in Columbus, OH as the son of Carl and Louisa (Ellis) Goodin. He graduated from Grove City High School in Ohio and attended IUPUI-Indianapolis, IN. Sam enlisted in the Ohio National Guard on March 1, 1965 and graduated from O.C.S. as a Second Lieutenant on July 3, 1967. He was promoted to Captain during a short stint in the Ohio National Guard. Transferring to the Indiana Army National Guard in 1980 and promoted to the rank of Major in 1984 and then to the rank of Lt. Colonel in 1988 in the U.S. Army Reserves. During his active reserve services, Sam graduated from the USAF Air Command and Staff College, USAF Nuclear Warfare School, The U.S. Army Command and the General Staff College. During his years with the 5030th U.S. Army Reserve School (1988-1993) at Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN, he served as the School Adjutant and the USAR Junior Officer Career School as the School Commandant. All total LTC Samuel A. Goodin had 28 years active reserve service and when he was Honorably retired by the U.S. Army on May 27, 2006, he had also been "On Call" for a total of 41 years. During his civilian career, Sam was a service technician for the Addressograph-Multigraph Corp. of Cleveland, OH for 20 years. Going into the sales arena with a microfilm spin-off company when A-M Corp. was downsizing in 1982. Eventually, staying in the office equipment business until he found a real niche with Shirley Brothers Mortuaries as a Family Service Counselor, helping families'

pre-plan funerals. He found a great satisfaction in seeing the pressure and stress leave a families' mind after everything was planned and the tough decisions were made and set aside. Sam often said of his experience with Shirley Brothers that in all of his sales career, he had never been treated with such respect and professionalism as he was by the Shirley family and their wonderful staff. Sam also was a substitute teacher for Greenfield Central High School for 10 years and was a member of Bradley United Methodist Church, the NRA, and the American Legion. Visitation will be Sunday, July 30, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St., with funeral services Monday at 11:00 a.m. Military rites will also be conducted by the Greenfield Veteran's Honor Guard. Interment will be at Park Cemetery, Greenfield at a later date. Sam is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Cheryl (Heck) Goodin; Nieces; Lavonne Goodin Reeves, Suzanne Dean (Kevin); nephew, Dwight Goodin; sister-in-law, Jane Goodin; Great-niece, Lindsay Clifford (Dylan); and great-great nephew, Gabriel. He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Louisa (Ellis) Goodin; and brother, David Goodin. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Bradley United Methodist Church, 210 W. Main St., Greenfield, IN 46140 and/or the Greenfield Veteran's Honor Guard, 1104 Grayson Dr., Greenfield, IN 46140

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 30. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

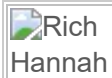
Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel  
9606 E. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46229  
(317) 897-9606  
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Cheryl. I'm saddened by the loss of a brother. You know more than anyone this man's heart. It was forever full of love for all in his life. There was never a time in my life that Sam did not bring me happiness. I will always remember your wedding as a wonderful party, interrupted by a beautiful ceremony, followed by a wonderful party. I had the honor of videoing the event. I hope the audio from Brant is still there. I miss all the slushers -the best of friends.

Love Always,

Rich Hannah  
Dr.richhannah@gmail.com

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Rich Hannah - July 20, 2019 at 10:38 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - August 01, 2017 at 08:24 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Samuel Allen Goodin.



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July 31, 2017 at 08:29 AM

JH

“ I served with LTC Goodin during his entire time with the 5030th. He was always jovial, with a smile on his face, and usually a wisecrack just waiting to come out. My memories of him are pleasant and he made serving with him a privilege. He was a fine man who always cared for his soldiers and put them ahead of him. There is no higher tribute I can offer. Rest in peace, Sam. You were a leader among leaders and had a character everyone should strive to emulate.

*MSG Joseph J. Hunter-Lattak, MSG, USA, Ret*

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**Joe Hunter-Lattak** - July 30, 2017 at 07:15 PM

CC

“ Cheryl, was very sad to hear about Sam. Have very fond memories of our last high school reunion together.

*Sam was always so cheerful and always seem to have the right words for every situation. Also, he was a great MC for our last reunion.*

*Charlie Collins*

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**Charlie Collins** - July 29, 2017 at 11:45 PM

RP

“ I remember Sam as very funny & generous / everyone loved him in Grove City High. Never a negative thought. Chased the girls & they liked it.. I have not seen him since 1964.....Sam.... It's now smooth sailing through calm seas ...we all will be with you in time.  
Aloha from Hawaii.... Ron Pestel



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**Ron Pestel** - July 29, 2017 at 02:54 PM

DL

“ Cheryl,

*Cliff & I send our deepest condolences to you and your family. We have many fond memories of times spent with Sam at the pitch-in dinners, happy hours, & Christmas parties shared with the "Tech Crew". May your memories of the wonderful life you were able to share with him bring you comfort in the days ahead.*

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**Donna Lisle** - July 29, 2017 at 12:45 PM

LG

“ Lindsay, Dylan and Gabriel purchased the Home of the Brave Memorial Framed Art for the family of Samuel Allen Goodin.



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**Lindsay, Dylan and Gabriel** - July 29, 2017 at 10:19 AM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Samuel Allen Goodin.*



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July 28, 2017 at 07:19 PM



“ *Bill, Joni, Christopher, Kaydee & Jessi purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Samuel Allen Goodin.*



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**Bill, Joni, Christopher, Kaydee & Jessi** - July 28, 2017 at 04:57 PM



“ *The passing of Sam leaves an empty space in our hearts as he was a special friend. His laughter will be remembered.*



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**Bob & Sue Collins** - July 28, 2017 at 04:06 PM