



## Charles 'Sam' Samuel Harbinson

June 13, 1950 - October 18, 2016

Charles Samuel "Sam" Harbinson passed away on Tuesday, October 18th. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Sandra Baucom Harbinson, sons Billy and Chris, mother Glennie Withers Harbinson and brother Dr. William G. Harbinson. He is preceded in death by his father, George Keener Harbinson. Other surviving family members include daughters-in-law Lori Robinson Harbinson and Staci Walker Harbinson, grandchildren Sydney, Walker, Lani, Andy and Charley and sister-in-law Sandy Gardner Harbinson. Sam was a 31-year music educator, band director and choir director who touched countless lives with his spirit and drove everyone he touched to perform to the best of his/her individual ability. He was an Eagle Scout, member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, member of professional organizations MENC, NCMEA, ASBDA, SCDBA, First Union Teacher of the Year, Catawba County Teacher of the Year, Board Member of Boy Scout Troop 327 and Director of Music Ministries at Mt. Pleasant UMC. Sam was a loving husband, son, dad, brother, uncle and papaw. He was a hero to his 5 grandchildren whom he loved dearly. He will forever be remembered as a wonderful Papaw. Please honor us with your presence on Sunday, October 23 at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Sherrills Ford, NC. Sam will lie in state from 2:30-3:00 and the Celebration of Life will take place at 3:00 with Rev. Ken Curtis and Rev. Dr. Phil DeBerry officiating. Visitation with the family will take place immediately following the service in the church's Christian Life Center. In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to the Harbinson Family Music Education Scholarship c/o

Advancement Office – Administration Bldg., Appalachian State University  
Boone, NC 28608. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the  
family of Mr. Harbinson. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Charles 'Sam' Samuel Harbinson*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Charles 'Sam' Samuel Harbinson*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Charles 'Sam' Samuel Harbinson*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Sam was a true man of God! He was a blessing to all those who crossed his path. I had "Harb" for band from 1982 to 1986. He was and always will be everyone's favorite. You will be missed in so many ways. May God bless each and everyone in the Harbinson family.*

**Tina Evans Buckner** - October 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sandy, Billy and Chris, Thinking of you all during this time. We had some good times with the band and Sam. You both gave unselfishly to the band and we will forever remember "Harb".*

October 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Dear Harbinson Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I did not know Sam, but heard about him through his parents, George & Glennie, co-presidents for the local AARP Chapter at South Iredell Senior Center which I managed at the time...it has been some years. His parents were such special people which explains the wonderful comments about Sam...& they were so proud of both sons & grandchildren. Thinking of you & Glennie.

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**Debbie Preston** - October 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Our family will always be grateful for the love of music and commitment he instilled to his students. Both Ben and Thomas have such fond memories of the Band and music at Bandys and always speak fondly of Mr Harbinson. Rest in peace "Harb" as you will forever be remembered the Clawsons

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**Bernadette Clawson** - October 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Sandy, You and Sam gave so unselfishly to our children. It remains clear that you love and cherish the time spent with them. God truly blessed us all for have knowing you and Sam. Heaven now has a beautiful and talented angel added to its choir. May God bless you all. The Halley family (Kevin, Cathy & Eric)

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**Cathy Halley** - October 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Rest in peace little Brother

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**Clif Robinson** - October 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Deepest sympathies to Sam's family and friends. Class of 1968 Mooresville Senior High

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**Millie McKenzie Hyman** - October 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Such a kind and gentle soul that loved music so much and gave from his heart to all the students and audiences in life. Seems just like yesterday that we were playing together in the 'Midnight Moods'. Sandi, I remember the gig where you came with us singing the Prelude to 'The Sound of Music', your voice, so beautiful and the band was great due to Sam being such a great musician and leader. Great memories that are etched in so many minds of the people he influenced in such wonderful ways.

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**David Bolick** - October 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Sandy, Our lives intertwined in many ways: Bandy's band through Eric and Jae, band boosters, Sam's personal band music, teaching together, and as members of the Bandy's community. You and Sam were so heavily invested in all of these activities that the saying "In for a penny in for a pound" exemplifies how deeply his involvement affected those around him. He will be missed. Peace be with you.

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**Joan & Rod Skaggs** - October 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ 82 to 86 marching band and stage band, i called you baldy, and with a smile on your face, you would look at me and call me michelle. you were far more than just a teacher. may the LORD bless the Harbinson family.

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**michael shelton** - October 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Harbinson Family, I send you many heartfelt prayers during this time. Harb was a very fond memory of mine from High School. He was truly a very special and caring person and will be missed by all who ever knew him. God bless you all.

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**Sheila Fragoso** - October 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ So very sorry for you loss Sandi. If there is anything Gary or I can do Please don't hesitate to ask we are just a a few doors down.

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**Donna Schrum** - October 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Sandy, Billy & Chris, my most sincere thoughts & prayers are with all of you. Always enjoyed my encounters with Sam. I fondly remember the occasion when I drove a bus full of Bandys fans to a basketball playoff game & Sam sat behind me & we had such a wonderful chat the entire trip. Also thanks for the way you & Sam helped keep an eye on Clay over the years.

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**Mike Howard** - October 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Harbinson Family, My thoughts and prayers I send to you. With fondness I recall the pride he took when the Trojan Band took the field.

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October 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Sandy, you and I worked together, I was never blessed to meet Sam, he sounds like one in a million. I just wanted to extend my deepest condolences to you and your family. My prayers for peace and comfort are being sent forth. I found a program called "Grief Share," through local churches to be of great help. Deborah Walsh Waldon, now of Etowah, NC.

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October 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ The Lord has a great musician in his choir of angels. God bless you Sammy and God be with your family.

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**Brett Goodnough** - October 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ When I heard the news while in New York my heart broke in half. I came to choir and to church because of the love I had for Sam. He was funny and caring. One memory I share and remember is when he ran after me one Sunday to say he heard me singing. I apologize for singing so loud. He said no I want to hear you sing loud. That is how he made me feel welcomed into the choir family. I love you Sam and will miss you so much. My prayers are extended to Sandi and the Family

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**Jackie Watts** - October 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Words can't convey the sorrow and grief that we feel at Sam's passing. I rejoice that he is Home, but I will miss seeing him every Sunday. A whole community grieves with you all.

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**Melissa Chester** - October 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ *Sandi, Billy, Chris and family, My heart goes out to you. Sam was the best teacher, mentor, and friend to hundreds. You were always there by his side supporting and taking care of him. My love and prayers go out to you.*

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**Robin Felts Vanhoy** - October 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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*Robin , Dusty Brown,*

*Charlotte, North Carolina*

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**Robin , Dusty Brown** - October 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *You will be missed Sam. I wasn't in the band, but I was a cheerleader and we all worked so closely together. You did an awesome job for Bandys. I pray your family will find comfort and peace as they go through this grieving process. Thanks again for all you gave to our Bandys community. You will never be forgotten.*

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**Susan Harkey** - October 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Mrs. Harbinson and family,I was one of Harb's many students, from 95 to 00, one of many faces. He taught me to see the strength that was inside of me, and that anything is possible thru dedication and a little hard work. He was such a good man and no doubt will be terribly missed by many. My prayers are with you and your family.

Darlah Sizemore-Chandler - October 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Harbinson family. Thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this heartbreaking and difficult time.Leta Harbinson Michael & family

October 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Dear Sandi....The Barringers are devastated over the loss of Sam. We loved him so....our sweet mama adored him. And we have the same love for you and the rest of your family. We are here for you and want to honor Sam and his legacy in any way we can. He will never be forgotten. Love from Grady.Sonya.Robin and our families

Sonya Barringer - October 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Mrs. Harbinson and family:I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Harbinson. He was an amazing teacher, I love being apart of his band class. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Gwen Goble, Bandys '93

Gwendolyn Goble - October 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Harbinson family. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Cathy Gilleland Detter** - October 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Dear Harbinson Family,I extend my sincere condolences during this time of your loss. My prayers are with you.*

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**Kaye McConnell** - October 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Chris,I am so sorry to hear about Sam. My heart goes out to you. Please know that you and all of the Harbinson family are in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.*

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**L. A. Walker** - October 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ *Sandi,Praying for you and your family at this time of loss. I was there the first day Sam arrived at Bandys. He was so enthusiastic and sure that great things were in store for us. He was right, and they were all because of him. He was a wonderful teacher and friend. His legacy is amazing and he will be missed by so many.*

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**Joan Vest** - October 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *My prayers are with family and friends. My heart aches for you all. He was a wonderful neighbor and leaves a legacy for all of Bandys.*

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**Peggy Mascaro** - October 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Sandi, I know there are no words that can express how much Harb is missed and will be missed for years to come. He taught me how to lead by example and be a soft spoken drum major. Prayers for you and your family now and in the months and years to come. Meagan Wright Godwin, Bandys 2002

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**Meagan Godwin** - October 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ I was in the Colorguard back in 83 - 86 and I well remember what a strong, positive presence Harb always was to all of us. He was a great leader and mentor and his legacy will live on in ALL of us whose lives he touched. Prayers for your family!

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**Tiffany Bolick Hughes** - October 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Sandi, We are so sorry to hear about Harb. He was truly one of a kind. Our family was blessed to have had him in our lives. Love and prayers for you and your family.

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**Deanna & Jeremy Cosby** - October 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ Mrs. Harbinson and family: My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of sorrow. Ronnie Ingram, Bandys '92

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**Ronnie Ingram** - October 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Sandra, My heart breaks as it did when Tim died! I worked and loved working with Sam! Mat God give you peace and later wonderful. Emories!

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October 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Our prayers go out to your family in this time of sorrow,*

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**Robin And Dusty brown** - October 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM