



## Samuel James Houston

April 17, 2003 - May 5, 2025

Samuel James Houston, 22, of York County, having lived a life without regrets, went home to Jesus on May 5, 2025. He was a son of Ronald and Debra Houston.

Samuel was born in Salem, Virginia, but moved to the York county/ Williamsburg area at the age of 3. He attended Magruder Elementary, Greenwood Christian Academy, Waller Mill Elementary and then moved on to Queens Lake Middle and graduated from Bruton High School in 2021. Samuel also completed the automotive mechanics curriculum at New Horizons Regional Education Center.

Samuel was an Eagle Scout in Troop 155. He started scouting in Pack 100 when he was in first grade. We found out quickly that he loved scouting and excelled at being one. In Troop 155, he served in many leadership positions to include a very long tenure as Senior Patrol Leader. Highlights of his scout career included summer camps at Camp Powhatan, (his favorite Virginia camp) and a life changing trek at Philmont Scout Ranch, through the Sangre de Cristo mountains of northeastern New Mexico. When he aged out of scouts, he became an assistant scoutmaster. He learned skills and leadership that served him well in life and made unbreakable bonds with fellow scouts and scouters alike. He truly lived the scout oath and law.

Sam came to know Jesus early in life. He was a member of Lifepointe Christian Church in Toano, Va. While not a talkative person, Samuel demonstrated his faith in God by helping others and showing kindness to all. He was funny and loving to everyone. Samuel loved the outdoors. A camper and woodsman, he loved to spend free time with friends out enjoying nature whenever he could. Samuel was also naturally mechanically inclined. He worked on cars and trucks, and as an electrician, sign maker and fabricator. He was good at whatever he set his mind to accomplishing. Samuel was also a history buff and liked to study and visit historical places. He enjoyed gaming with friends, cycling, remote-controlled cars and planes, off roading and motorcycles. He was a very happy employee of Innovated Machine & Tool Co. in Newport News, where he was well loved.

Samuel is survived by his parents, Ronald and Debra Houston of Williamsburg; his brother, Neil Houston, also of Williamsburg; grandmothers, Velma Houston of Salem, VA, and grandmother, Darlene Ratliff of Roanoke, VA; uncles, Randall Houston (Jackie) of Bedford, VA, Rodney Houston (Betty) of Franklin County, VA, and Mark Ratliff of Richmond, VA; as well as an aunt, Rhonda Houston of Columbus, OH. Samuel also has many cousins that he maintained extremely close relationships with. Importantly, Sam left so many friends that he kept as close as brothers and sisters.

A celebration of Sam's life will be held 2 p.m., June 1, 2025 at Lifepointe Christian Church 8841 Richmond Rd Toano, VA 23168.

In honor of Samuel, we ask that you plant a tree! Sam loved trees and complained every time he saw them being cut down. You can go buy one and plant it on your own or you can visit [arborday.org](http://arborday.org), where you can plant trees in memory of Sam.

If you prefer to donate to the local community instead, you can make a

donation to Lifepointe Christian Outreach (<https://lifepointechristian.net/give>)  
and 100% will go to local area ministries that help people.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

LifePointe Christian Church  
8841 Richmond Rd  
Toano, VA 23168

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ Sam was one of my brothers friends.. everytime he was over he would always take time to come talk to me and catch up. Such a genuine pure heart. With authentic words and ability to connect with others. I'm so Thankful I got to meet Sam! Beautiful inside and out! Sending my love and prayers to the Houston family, God bless  
- Sky ( Adryen Garcia's big Sister.)

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**Sky Makena** - June 01, 2025 at 12:49 PM

TF

“ Sam will always be remembered as a kind, light-hearted, and hard working young man. His conversation always lit up the room and he made everyone feel welcome. Praying that God continues to cover the Houston family and Sam's friends with comfort and strength.

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**the Gist Family** - May 29, 2025 at 03:08 PM

JG

“ I didn't talk to Sam a lot, but one thing I can say is that he was a good man. I had a few interactions with him from time to time and I can always say he had the biggest smile on his face. It was an honor to meet him. Fly high Sam. May you rest in peace brother.

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**Jason Gaines** - May 26, 2025 at 09:16 PM

BH

“ Me and Sam had a lot of good memories. Most of them were full of talking about cars and trucks hunting and guns, you know, we were just talking like boys do. I remember going on this hike with him when I was 13 or 14. The troop was heading up to three ridge mountains for a three day hike. On the 2 day I was hungry so I asked him for food and he just gave me a spoon and a tub of peanut butter. I thought that was so funny in my eye back then. I'm going to miss that goofy friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Houston family. I'm going to miss him a lot to.

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**Brett Hagen** - May 22, 2025 at 09:35 AM

PV

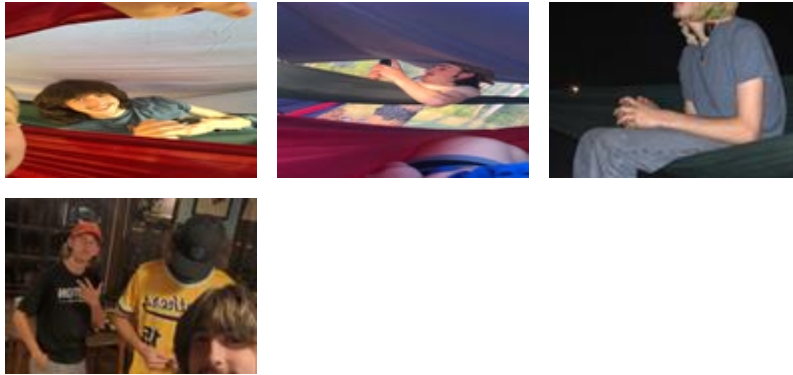
“ To the amazing Houston family. I'm so sorry for loss. Sam was nothing short of an outstanding young man. I cherish the memories he brought to our Scouting endeavors and life. He was a true Scout. The VanDyke family wishes you peace in this tough time and please reach out if you need anything. Sam is up there smiling and looking down on all of us.

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**Peter VanDyke** - May 20, 2025 at 10:41 AM

CA

“ Sam, i love you like a brother. Im gonna miss you man. You were a fantastic dude. I know youre having the time of your life life now though. Much love sam



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Calvin - May 20, 2025 at 09:31 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



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Thomas Widgeon - May 15, 2025 at 06:57 AM

PR

“ Sam a beloved member of our whose adventurous spirit and kind heart touched everyone he met. From the first hike through trails to the countless nights by the campfire sharing Boy Scout stories, Sam embodied the true essence of what it means to be a Scout-brave, curious, and always ready to lend a helping hand. Love you always!!!!

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Pablo Rosado - May 14, 2025 at 12:23 PM

CG

“ Sorry to hear about the loss of Sam.  
He was a extrodenary son, brother and friend. May God be with you  
in your sorrow.

*Sincerely*

*Cecelia and Glen Bojarski*

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**Cecelia and Glen** - May 13, 2025 at 08:51 PM

CB

“ All of my love goes out to your family. Sam was an amazing young  
man who will truly be missed.

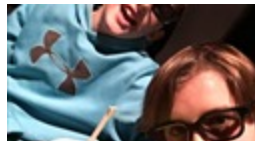
*Crystal*

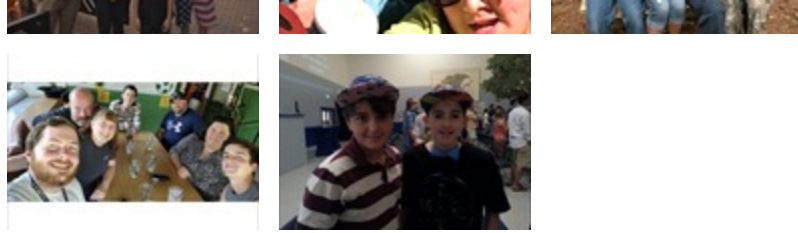
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**Crystal Burkett** - May 13, 2025 at 03:30 PM

CS

“ Our hearts have been shattered. This loss has been devastating. Please pray for our family and specifically Ron Deb Neil and Grandparents. We will forever miss Sam. Although we nicknamed he and Camren together, Samren, growing up because when we were all together you never saw one without the other. Such different personalities but yet 2 peas in a pod. As Caleb got older and had much in common with Sam he became a third pea, but he was never so caught up he didnt spend time with Alyssa as well, running to wendys or some other food place or playong a board game with all of us. It’s hard to believe the same little boy I had to bribe with a slushee from 7 eleven to get on a roller coaster with us grew up to be such an adventurous free spirit. We picked on each other about this in later years. I had a tendency to nag Sam a little about his adventurous ways as I myself am not. He made me nervous, lol, but I’ll never forget what he would tell me, something could happen to me at anytime, even if I wasn’t Rock climbing etc. (what I happen to be talking about at the time) and I would rather do as much stuff as I can, and live my life now. I’m not scared because what’s the worst that could happen? I wake up in Heaven! If something happens I know where I’m going! He was always laughing and smiling and we loved when he came to visit to live out his country side with four wheelers, guns, bows and hiking. His excited yelling of “THE SAMPSONS” as he would run out to greet us with hugs when we’d visit. A private memory but at Alyssa’s wedding at one point I was semi alone but very emotional and Sam came up to me and just gave me the biggest hug, and was comforting me with his humor. One of the funniest guys I’ve ever known. He was willing to go, do and help with just about anything. Just jump right in if I was making the kids do something. We will truly miss his visits, his sweetness, affection, (never afraid to give a hug or say I love you when one of us were leaving) and that little laugh he always did. Our lives are forever changed, we love you Sam.





**Crystal Sampson** - May 13, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ *He cared so deeply and loved so well. I will miss his grin and easy laugh. His loss is devastating.* ”



**Jamie Hatfield** - May 13, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Sam* ”



**Vincent Funeral Home** - May 13, 2025 at 11:53 AM