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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Sam Tucker extends our deepest thanks for the love and support shown to us during this time. Whether through prayers, stories, visits, or kind gestures, each expression has reminded us just how many lives Sam touched. He loved his community and it means so much to see that love returned to him and to us. We are forever grateful. May God continue to bless and keep you.

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Remembering
— THE LIFE OF —
Mr. Samuel Phillip Tucker, Sr.

Friday, April 24, 2026
1:30 PM
Morning Star Baptist Church
Hickory, North Carolina
Rev. David E. Roberts II, Pastor

LIFE REFLECTIONS

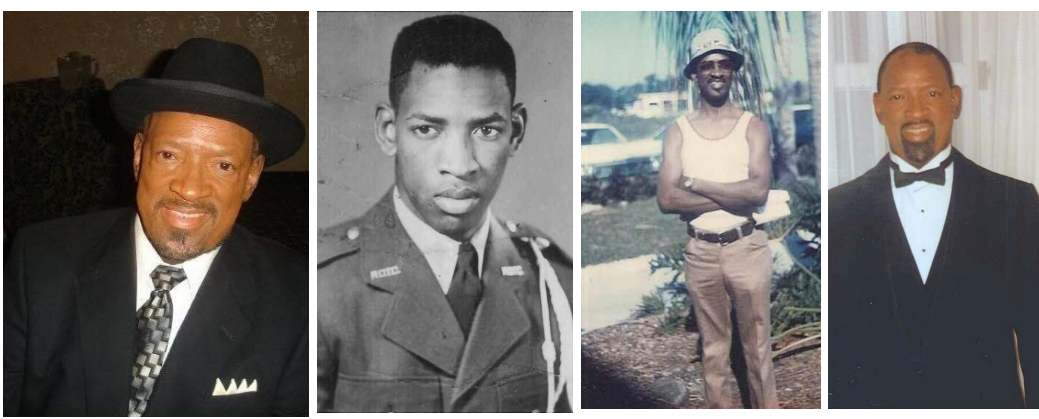
Samuel Phillip Tucker, Sr. was born on February 16, 1937 in Granite Falls, North Carolina. He passed away peacefully on Monday, April 13, 2026 in the comfort of his home. He was the beloved son of the late Henry and Carrie Bell Tucker. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine Sudderth Tucker as well as his brothers, John David Tucker, James Henry Tucker, Frank McKinley Tucker and his sisters, Inez Viola DeVaul, Annie Laura Murphy and Mary Letha Hewitt.

Sam lived a life defined by service, leadership and unwavering commitment to his community. A proud civil rights activist, he played a vital role in the integration of Hickory City Schools during the 1960's and 1970's. He worked closely with the Hickory City School Board, the Hickory Community Relations Council, the Hickory High Junior Human Relations Council and the Hickory Ministerial Association to help guide the community through a pivotal time of change. When Hickory High School faced challenges during integration and Principal Gene Miller chose not to involve police presence in the halls, Sam stepped forward. He organized a group of dedicated community volunteers who walked the school halls each day, ensuring a safe and supportive environment for students. Known for his reliability and dedication, Sam made himself available at all times---even leaving his job as a supervisor at Plastic Packaging during the workday if he was needed.

Throughout his life, Sam held many roles that reflected his strong work ethic and diverse talents. He worked at Lenoir-Rhyne College where he later earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree. He was co-owner of Derr-Tucker Cleaning Service and served as a Senior Counselor in probation and parole, focusing on treatment and resources. He was also a Mason and participated in the Army ROTC at North Carolina A & T State University. Beyond his professional and civic contributions, Sam was a man full of life and personality. He had a deep love for his cars---especially his red truck---and enjoyed watching golf on television. In his younger years, he worked as a locker attendant and shined shoes at the Hickory Country Club. He was known for his sharp mind, astute insight, and magnetic charisma. A natural jokester and gifted storyteller, Sam brought laughter wherever he went, especially during his cherished time spent at the barbershop.

Sam leaves to cherish fond and loving memories in the hearts of his sons, Samuel Phillip Tucker, Jr. of Columbia, MD; Stephen Patrick Tucker of Oakland, CA; his daughters, Rosalind Phyllis Tucker and Regina Tucker-Billups (Smith Stephen) both of Walkertown, NC; Alice Rene` Robinson of Cincinnati, OH; Robyn Weaver Tate of Wake Forest, NC; Karen Weaver Carey of Gastonia, NC. He is also survived by his special friend of many years, Trudy Bess of Lincolnton, NC; his sisters, Amanda Sue Davenport of Granite Fall, NC; Nancy Joyce Price and Virginia Neal Jones both of Evanston, IL; Betty Louise Reid of Charlotte, NC; Carrie Mae Bell of Escondido, CA. Sam's legacy continues through his seven grandchildren, twenty- three great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren along with a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends who will forever carry his memory in their hearts.

Sam will be remembered as a pillar of strength, a champion for justice, and a man whose life touched countless others. His legacy of leadership, compassion and laughter will live on for generations to come.



MOMENTS OF SHARING

Processional Clergy and Family
 Receiving of Family & Friends 1:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiating Minister, Rev. David Roberts

Processional	Clergy & Family
Call to Worship	Rev. David Roberts
Selection	Choir
Old Testament Reading	Minister
New Testament Reading	Minister
Prayer of Comfort	Minister
Selection	LaKeisha Ross Johnson
Reflections	Monica Ferguson Steven Davenport Al Henry Glenda Warren Schenck
Selection	Choir
Eulogy	Rev. David Roberts
Recessional	

