



# Sam "Slick" Relf

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**S**am "Slick" Relf, passed away on Sunday, March 18, 2018 at his home in Hurtsboro, Alabama. Funeral service will be held at 1:00 CDT, Saturday, March 24, 2018, at St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Hurtsboro, Alabama, with Pastor Brandon L. Thornton officiating. Interment will follow immediately after in the church cemetery.

Mr. Relf was born on March 5, 1936 in Gordonville, Lowndes County, Alabama to the late Jonas Relf Sr., and Tempie Coleman-Relf. He was a lifetime member St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Hurtsboro, where he served on the Steward and Trustee boards, and also as Sunday school and Bible study teacher. He attended the Russell County Training School in Hurtsboro and retired from the A.B. Carroll Lumber Company in Hurtsboro.

For more than 50 years Brother Relf was member of the Spiritualaires of Hurtsboro, Alabama, a gospel music group that performed throughout the area, on radio, and recordings. He was an avid fisherman, carpenter, and painter who performed odds and ends jobs throughout the community. He would help anyone who was in need, and he truly loved his family.

His parents, wife Mary Bates-Relf, and four sisters: Henriette Davis, Mary Jackson, Bertha Upshaw, and Annie Bell Seals; three brothers: Jonas Relf Jr, Earnest Relf and Joe Coleman, preceded him in death.

He is survived by five daughters: Debra Smith, Conley, Georgia; Jennifer Relf and Teresa (William) Mason, of Columbus, Georgia; Janice Caldwell, Charlotte, North Carolina; and Debra Jernigan, Eufaula, Alabama; four sons: Cornelius Relf, Riverdale, Georgia; Tyrone (Latonya) Relf, and Jeremiah Relf and Jabias Robinson, both of Hurtsboro; three sisters: Callie Relf, Phenix City, Alabama; Tempie Ivey and Lillie Womack, of Columbus; 30 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.



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JR

**Jabias Robinson** posted:

Dad I love you and I wish that I could have spent more time with you ❤️❤️

March 23 at 7:00 PM

JR

**Jada Relf** posted:

Grandad you will truly be missed and we had an special bond that is indescribable we all love you and truly miss you may you enjoy being in heavens gate and rest in paradise 💜💜💜💜 Love you slick

August 27 at 7:00 PM

JR

**Jada Relf** posted:

Amen. We ask God to Strengthen ALL of his family and those who are grieving 💜

August 27 at 7:00 PM

MH

**Mary Henry** lit a candle in honor of Sam "Slick".

We All At Edelman Center In Hurtsboro Gonna You Mr Relf RIP and Condolence To The Family From Joe And Mary Clark-Henry, Much Love To The Family

March 23 at 7:00 PM



AS

**Alisa Samuel** posted:

Praying for the family. Asking the Lord to give them strength as the lay there love one to rest.

March 23 at 7:00 PM



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BT

**Benjamin Thomas, Jr.** lit a candle in honor of Sam "Slick".

I offer my condolences, sympathy and prayers to the family of Mr. Sam Relf. He was an iconic figure in St. Paul and in Hurtsboro. I grew up knowing him as a man of a genuine good spirit and warm heart. He and the Spiritual Aires are historic figures in and around the Hurtsboro area. He was not only a man to look up to in stature but also a man to look up to as an example of a good and a godly man who served God with sincerity. I thank God for the sweet memories I have of Mr. Relf and of his kindness to encourage me. Benjamin Thomas, Jr. Oak Ridge, TN

March 22 at 7:00 PM



DC

**Diane Caldwell** posted:

It was great knowing you, sharing a laugh whenever we happen to meet up, and talking about the goodness of the Lord. Another great voice added to that heavenly choir! Rest In Heavenly Peace, My Friend!!!

March 21 at 7:00 PM

PF

**Patricia Dubose And Family** lit a candle in honor of Sam "Slick".

May God give the family strength to get through one day at a time. Weeping may endure 4 a day but joy comes in the morning

March 21 at 7:00 PM



LJ

**Levi Jelks** posted:

Memories are something that we can cherish no matter what? The Jelks family will always cherish those of you. Your words of wisdom and your love for God are well noted. Rest In Peace.....The Jelks Family

March 21 at 7:00 PM

FJ

**Fredrick Lamar Jelks** lit a candle in honor of Sam "Slick".

Mr. Sam "Slick" Relf you will be missed by many. You always had something to say to make me smile. May you Rest in Peace... My Condolences to the Relf and Davis family. Tell my parents and grandparents hello.

March 21 at 7:00 PM





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**Sharon** posted:

I am praying the family finds peace in knowing he is "singing in the heavily choir!" And he is once again united with my Dad who called "Slick" his friend. Debra and Cornelius, you are in my thoughts and prayers. You are family and me and my family are here for you. We are the better by have had your father in our lives. We live you.

March 21 at 7:00 PM



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March 21 at 7:00 PM



**Robert Marion** lit a candle in honor of Sam "Slick".

From Robert "Tug" Marion and family. For many years we worked, sung and traveled together. We were even neighbors. You will be missed. Our condolences to the Relf family.

March 21 at 7:00 PM



**Patricia A. Smith** lit a candle in honor of Sam "Slick".

Patricia Ann McCoy Mr.Relf you'll always be remembered,gone to see the King

March 21 at 7:00 PM



**Janice James-Jordan** posted:

Prayers and condolences to the Relf Family. May God bless and comfort you. We will keep the family in our prayers.... The Family of Ms. Alvesta James

March 21 at 7:00 PM



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YR

**Yolanda Robinson** lit a candle in honor of Sam "Slick".

What a friend. Memories that we last a lifetime from the first day I met you. Rest in peace and sing forever.

March 21 at 7:00 PM



WJ

**Wanda Chappell-Jones** lit a candle in honor of Sam "Slick".

You will be missed. I love you Uncle Slick. I missed your phone calls, our bible discussions, you will forever be in my heart. Rhank you for every thing you ever done for me, all your talks, wisdom will be cherish. I promise to make young even prouder of me.Love you.

March 21 at 7:00 PM



DC

**Diane Caldwell** lit a candle in honor of Sam "Slick".

The Caldwell Singers, sends our prayers and condolences to the family of Bro. Sam Relf. We know that it won't be easy, but the great memories will make you smile every now and then, giving you thoughts that you'll meet again!! 🙏🙏

March 21 at 7:00 PM



DR

**Debra Morris-Relf** lit a candle in honor of Sam "Slick".

Our deepest sympathies go out to Cornelius and the Relf and Davis families. May God give you the peace that you seek. Rest in Peace "Pop".Debra Relf (Daughter-in-law) and Ariel Relf (Granddaughter)

March 20 at 7:00 PM



KC

**Keith Hadley And Barbara Coursey** lit a candle in honor of Sam "Slick".

Sam was a great guy. He and I fished together. He always thanked god for every fish and the fun . My family called him "preacher". We will surely miss and remember him .

March 19 at 7:00 PM





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**Stoval Funeral Home, Inc.** posted:

Our staff will continue to keep your family in our prayers. We thank you for allowing us to serve your family.

March 18 at 7:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Sam "Slick" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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