

PALLBEARERS

ACTIVE

TRISTAN WISE JAHARI CHARLES
DEONDRE WISE ROLAND LEWIS, SR.
SIRBATHIAN CHARLES WILBERT WILLIAMS, II
 BYRON WILLIAMS, JR.

HONORARY

SAMUEL WISE, II WARREN SMITH, JR.
NATHANIEL WISE OSCAR LITTLE
V.CALVIN MATHEWS, II EARL MOORE
SAMUEL WISE, III ALROY REAUX, SR.
PAUL RAYMOND DENNIS MATHEWS

WITH OUR APPRECIATION

FROM THE DEPTHS OF OUR HEARTS, WE SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENCE, LOVE,
AND SUPPORT DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. YOUR KIND WORDS, HEARTFELT PRAYERS,
AND SUPPORT BROUGHT US GREAT COMFORT.

WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL AND MAY GOD, IN HIS INFINITE GRACE, BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY.

SINCERELY,
THE FAMILY OF SAMUEL P. WISE, SR.

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WE EXTEND THANK YOU TO DR. BUGURU AND THE EXCELLENT STAFF.  
LISA JEANLEWIS, CATERER  
ROY-AL'S OF LAFAYETTE, FLORIST

CEMETERY

GRAVESIDE SERVICE - REV. DARREL BRIGGS  
BEAU PRE CEMETERY

INVITATION TO REPASS & FELLOWSHIP

LIGHTHOUSE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
FELLOWSHIP HALL  
321 CENTER STREET, NEW IBERIA

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO:

  
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CELEBRATING  
THE LIFE OF

SAMUEL  
Wise, Sr.

SUNRISE  
MARCH 22, 1927

SUNSET  
JUNE 8, 2026

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026 | 1:00 PM  
ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
1405 ANNIE R. MOORE DR. | JEANERETTE, LA 70544

PASTOR DARREL W. BRIGGS, OFFICIATING





# SAMUEL *Wise, Sr.*

*"He died for me; I'll die for him and I'll die believing in Him." - Samuel Wise*

Samuel Wise, Sr., a native of Jeanerette, Louisiana, was born on March 22, 1927 to the late Arlene Nicholas Ewing and Eddie Wise, Sr. Affectionately called, Sam, he was the youngest of four children. Monday, June 8, 2026, our beloved, peacefully transitioned to glory.

He proudly served his country in the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946 during World War II, answering the call of duty as America fought against the Axis powers, primarily consisting of Germany, Italy and Japan.

He was affectionately called Sam, Pop, Daddy, Da, by all of his friends and colleagues. Sam worked for Coca Cola Bottling Company for sixteen years and retired from J&L Honiron after seventeen years.

On July 5, 1951, he married the love of his life, Shirley Duchane Wise. Their union was blessed with 62 years of marriage before she transitioned to eternal life. Shirley and their children were the great joy of his life.

A man of faith and a lifelong member of St. Paul United Methodist Church. He read the bible from Genesis to Revelation. Even at 99 years young, he remained independent, cared for himself, and was of sound mind with excellent vision. He joyfully celebrated his 99th birthday surrounded by family and friends.

Nothing brought him greater joy than spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He was lovingly known for being among the first to hold his grandchildren after birth. Holidays created treasured memories that his family will forever hold close.

He found happiness in the simple and meaningful pleasures of life. He loved hunting, fishing, and watching westerns, though Wild Kingdom held a special place as one of his favorites. He was also an avid baseball player, and the Houston Astros was his favorite team.

Among his most recent contributions to his community was his significant role in sharing the oral recorded history of Jeanerette. Through his lived experiences and extensive historical knowledge, his support helped Jeanerette obtain certification for Louisiana's 127th Historic Cultural District for preservation and revitalization. The area is known as Railroad Avenue Historic Cultural District. Sam was recognized in the April/May 2025 issue of Preservation in Print, a widely read magazine throughout the state and by subscribers across the nation.

To his children, grandchildren, and all who knew him, Samuel leaves behind a lasting "blueprint" of a man whose life is worthy of emulation — a legacy of faith, strength, wisdom, and love.

Cherishing his memory are his children: Calena Ruth Wise, Felicia Wise Raymond (Paul), Samuel Wise II (Wanda), and Nathaniel Wise, all of Jeanerette. He also leaves to treasure his memory 13 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren, and 37 great-great-grandchildren, and the grandchildren he helped raise as his own, Samuel Wise III, Andalicia Moore and Mariah Raymond-Noel; and godsons Tommie Lewis of Jeanerette and Trevor Washington of Vorger, Texas.

He now joins in glory his beloved wife, Shirley Duchane Wise; his parents, Arlene Nicholas Ewing and Eddie Wise, Sr.; son, Vernon Mathews, Sr.; daughter-in-law, Callie Mathews; grandson, Derrick Wise, Sr.; granddaughter, Anita Mathews; great-grandchildren, Soddrick Sirae' Little, Tydran Sirae' Little, Scere' Ji'Brill Asan Blaise, Denim Ja'Khol Blaise, Heaven Marie Joseph; brother, Eddie Wise; sisters, Mable Wise Williams and Isabella Wise; and his nephew, Wilbert Williams.

## ORDER *of Service*

MUSICAL PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN - BEVERLY PITRE

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

OLD TESTAMENT: ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8 - AYANNA BROWN

NEW TESTAMENT: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:50-54 - ROSE WAINWRIGHT, LAY LEADER

OPENING PRAYER

MUSICAL SELECTION

OBITUARY READING - LAURA F BROWN

SOLO - BEVERLY PITRE

TRIBUTES:

FAMILY - FRIENDS - COMMUNITY

WORDS OF COMFORT - VISITING MINISTERS

SOLO - BEVERLY PITRE

EULOGY - REV. ERIC FONDAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN



## I MADE IT HOME

I just wanted to let you know that I made it home.  
The journey wasn't an easy one, but it didn't take too long. Everything is so pretty here, so bright, so fresh and new. I wish that you could close your eyes so that you could see it too.

Please try not to be sad for me.  
Try to understand God is taking care of me...

I'm in the shelter of His hands,  
Here there is no sadness, no sorrow, and no pain.  
Here it is so peaceful when all the angels sing.

I really have to go for now...  
I've just got to try my wings.

*Love always,*

DAD,

If we could give you one thing in life,  
we would give you the ability to see yourself through our eyes.  
Only then would you realize how special you are to us.  
Thank you for believing in us more than we believe in ourselves.  
Thank you for your constant support, endless love and for being our lasting friend.

We will always be your little girls.  
And you will always be our greatest hero.

*We love you, Dad.  
Ruth & Felicia*

## I LOVE YOU, GRANDPA.

It's so surreal how the feeling of losing someone so close to you would be.  
It still hasn't sunk in...

The man I loved so deeply, looked up to, and was everything to me.  
He showed up, loved me unconditionally, believed in me endlessly.

I'm going to miss venting to you how bad your great-grandkids are, just for you to say, "If they bad, then they doing good, they healthy, ma."

I'll carry you with me everyday and I hope I continue to make you proud.

I love you, Grandpa.

*Mariah  
Greyson & Kane*

## WHEN WE LOST YOU

We wish we could see you one more time  
walking through the door,  
but we know that is impossible - we will hear your voice no more.  
We know you can feel our tears, and you don't want us to cry, yet our hearts are broken because we can't understand why someone so precious had to die.

We pray that God will give us strength and somehow get us through as we struggle with this heartache that came when we lost you.

*Love always,  
Your Children*



