



# Joseph "Sam" Samuel Creecy

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**S**am Creecy died peacefully in Tallahassee on March 31, 2023, in the loving care of his wife, Janne. His parents, Joe and Helen Creecy, had passed away years ago, and he leaves behind his children, Karyn Lyn Tapley of Pensacola and Lesley Ryan Creecy of Tallahassee. Sam and Janne did not have children, but loved their cats. They had 12 of them over the years, but Sam's favorites were Pippin, Buddy and Scruffy. Now, of all the cats, only Gracie is left to keep Janne company.

Sam grew up in Texarkana, Texas and his family moved to the Fort Myers area when he was seven years old. Sam was proud of his service in the United States Air Force. In the Vietnam era, he was stationed in Okinawa, Japan as an electronics specialist. He developed a love for radio and small device engineering, and came to Tallahassee to work at DataMaxx, a local computer engineering company. There he met Janne, and in spite of his transfer to another company, they kept up communication and eventually were married in Tallahassee on May 25, 1991—32 years ago. They enjoyed travel with family to England and Scotland and by themselves to Italy and other places in Europe. They bought property and built a house together in Havana, Florida. In recent years, Sam had renewed his interest in ham radio, and spent time talking with people across the country and the world, using antennas that he strung through the trees at the Havana homestead.

Sam and Janne joined Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church in 2006, where they both enjoyed a more traditional worship service, with Janne often playing flute and Sam visiting with friends. In 2020, Sam was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma, a bone marrow disease that causes the bones, body, and mind to gradually deteriorate over time. As the disease progressed, Janne took over all the driving and the management of his care. Through ancestry DNA studies, Sam found some long-lost relatives. Janne took him to Arkansas to meet some of them, including Dawne Reynolds, a double first cousin and her daughter, Missy Sims Bass.

The last few months were more and more painful for Sam, and he couldn't think clearly. That did not keep him from going with son Ryan to see the World War II planes at the Tallahassee airport in February. But after that, he didn't rouse himself from his easy chair very much. In the last



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couple of weeks, Janne had some help from Big Bend Hospice. Eventually Sam was transferred to the Dozier Hospice House to get the pain under control. After visits from Karen, Ryan, and Janne's friends Michelle and Heather, Sam died at 1:30 in the afternoon of March 31, finally at rest.

A visitation for family and friends will be held at the Lifesong Chapel in Quincy, 20 S. Duval St., Quincy, FL, from 6-8:00 PM on Thursday, April 6, 2023. Interment with military honors will be at 10:00 AM at the Tallahassee National Cemetery on Friday, April 7th. A memorial service will follow at 11:00 AM at Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 814 N. Gadsden St., Tallahassee, FL.



# Events

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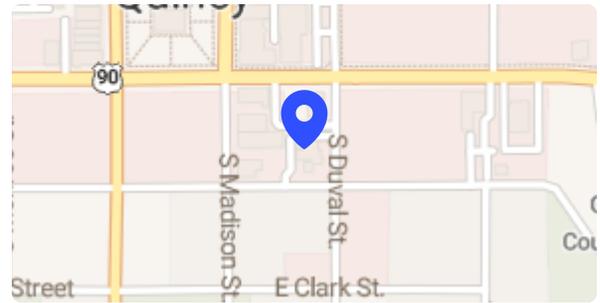
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## Visitation

**Thursday**, April 6, 2023

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

**Lifesong Funerals & Cremations - Quincy**  
20 S Duval St, Quincy FL 32351



## Service

**Friday**, April 7, 2023

10:00 AM ET

**Tallahassee National Cemetery**  
5015 Apalachee Pkwy, Tallahassee FL 32311

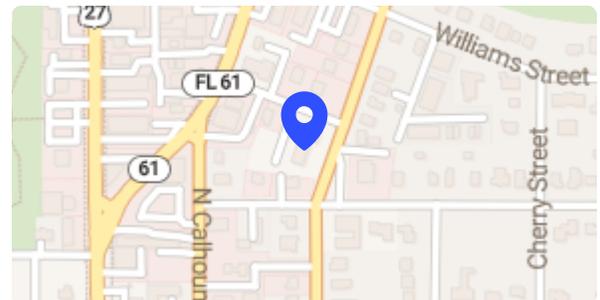


## Memorial Service

**Friday**, April 7, 2023

11:00 AM ET

**Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church**  
814 N. Gadsden St., Tallahassee FL 32303





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ML

**Mike Ter Louw** posted:

Uncle Sam was always generous with his time and had a wonderful sense of humor. He and Aunt Janne welcomed me to Tallahassee whenever I would visit and stayed for dinner with Janne's parents (my grandparents) where we would catch up, tell stories, listen to Sam's thoughts on life and history, and be reunited as a loving extended family. Sam would set up his camera and tripod each time to take group pictures. In quieter moments, Sam shared perspectives on his own experiences, which helped to fill in some missing pieces for me and for which I will be forever grateful. In recent years, we were able to keep in touch with Sam on video calls, and it was reassuring to see him and know that he was doing so well in Janne's care. I will miss you, Uncle Sam.

April 9 at 6:12 PM

MW

**Mr And Mrs Bruce Warnock** posted:

Sam, we will always remember the "mini burgers".....

April 4 at 6:10 PM

KZ

**Kenna Pomeroy-Zakrzewski** posted:

When I think of Sam, I always have a smile on my face. He was a wonderful storyteller and an extremely intelligent man. Janne and Sam had fun together throughout the years and they were nurturing and to the cats. Sam has a good heart and really cared about other people. I will miss him.

April 4 at 9:27 AM

CM

**Charles Melton** lit a candle in honor of Joseph "Sam".

I worked with Sam at FSU where he retired from. RIP Sam.

April 3 at 10:19 AM





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

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



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