



## Samuel "Sam" Vannest

March 29, 1928 - January 18, 2014

Vannest, Samuel "Sam", age 85 of Mt. Olivet, died Saturday, January 18, 2014 at Liza's Place, Wheeling.

He was born March 29, 1928 in Glencoe, son of the late Fred and Emily Kennedy Vannest.

Sam was a retired boiler operator from LCP formerly Allied Chemical Co., a US Navy veteran, member of the West Alexander American Legion, the Claysville Masonic Lodge, Elm Grove Eagles, a former fire chief for the West Alexander Volunteer Fire Department and a volunteer for the Mt. Olivet Volunteer Fire Department and a Methodist by Faith.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife: Thelma Jeane Vannest.

Survivors include one son: Brad (Dawn) Vannest of Mt. Olivet; one daughter Robin Walters of Moundsville; two brothers: James and John Vannest both of St. Clairsville; five grandchildren: Samantha Walters of NC, Amanda Murphy of Moundsville, Brady Vannest of Morgantown, WV, Sean Vannest and Alex Vannest both of Wheeling; a great-granddaughter: Avery Murphy of Moundsville and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Sunday from 3-8pm at the Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Rd., Wheeling/Bethlehem where funeral services will be held on Monday at 11:00am with Rev. Mary Ann Nolte officiating.

Interment at the convenience of the family in West Alexander Cemetery, West

Alexander, PA.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Liza's Place, 308 Mt. St. Joseph Road, Wheeling, WV 26003

# Cemetery Details

## West Alexander

West Alexander, PA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 19. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory- Wheeling/Bethlehem  
1 Ridgecrest Road  
Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV 26003  
(304) 232-0400  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

## Service

JAN 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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1 Ridgecrest Road  
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# Tribute Wall

BY

“ Brad, Dawn, Robin and family. Many good memories with Sam. I worked with Sam at the plant 1988 till it's closing in 1991. Many times after 21 shifts midnights finished up, 7am on a Friday morning, Sam and my father-in-law and I would make quite the road trip. We laughed so much our stomachs ached. We ate and drank from Moundsville to Wheeling and back. Meeting each others friends and making new ones every time. Stories of hunting , fishing, and just everyday growing up in the valley. They are times I truly wish I could get back. I'll never forget how to make Turkey calls from a Swizle Stick. aka drink mixing straw. Sam was a hard worker at the plant and well liked. In our hearts he will always be. Bill Yurisko

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**Bill Yurisko** - January 23, 2014 at 09:14 AM

MR

“ Brad, Dawn, Robin and families,  
So sorry about the passing of your loved one. We send our deepest sympathy during this difficult times. Sam is with the angels now, and he will be looking down on all of you. We have fond memories of the good times we had at Seneca Lake. Our thoughts and prayers will always be with all of you. Mary Ryncarz and family

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**Mary Ryncarz** - January 22, 2014 at 12:40 PM

PW

“ Brad, Robin & families: I'm so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I sure will miss watching his tomatoes grow on his porch thru the summer. He was such a nice man! Thoughts & prayers to you all during your time of sorrow.  
The Glasscock Family, Garvins Lane  
Penny Glasscock Wetzel

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**Penny Wetzel** - January 20, 2014 at 12:41 AM

MT

“ To Brad and Robin and families, Your Aunt Vonnie would like to send her condolences, as well, and would be with you if she could.

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**michael travis** - January 19, 2014 at 06:29 PM

MT

“ Brad and Robin,  
We have many fond memories of your father. As kids, he was always good to us and always made us laugh. He will be missed by all of us. You and your families are in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers during this very difficult time. Love,  
Michael and Roberta Travis

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**michael travis** - January 19, 2014 at 06:25 PM

MS

“ Brad, Dawn & Family,  
So sorry for your loss. Am keeping you in thought and prayers during this difficult time.

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**Monica Branicky Schemp** - January 19, 2014 at 01:57 PM

JN

“ Dawn and Brad,  
Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.  
Perry and Jayme Nardo

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**jayme nardo** - January 19, 2014 at 01:32 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time*

*May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

*May your memories of Samuel Vannest, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your work on earth is done. I thank you for your service and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.*

*Samuel Vannest, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - January 19, 2014 at 09:08 AM

JT

*Robin and Brad & Dawn & family,*

*I'm so sorry to hear your loss, your family are in my thoughts and prayers, Love you all Jill*

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**Jill Travis** - January 19, 2014 at 04:13 PM

BH

*Brad and Robin and families:*

*I'm sorry you going through this loss. It seems the months of January and February will be sad anniversaries for you. Just remember he has entered into a place where there is no pain. And, he will always live in our memories. I'll see you in July. Love Aunt Bev*

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**Beverly Hertig** - January 20, 2014 at 05:17 PM

KH

“ *Kim Carabetta, Shellie Brinkley, Laura Smith, Chrisy Horgan purchased the Written in the Stars for the family of Samuel "Sam" Vannest.*



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**Kim Carabetta, Shellie Brinkley, Laura Smith, Chrisy Horgan**  
- January 18, 2014 at 04:28 PM