



Samuel Jackson Elder

September 13, 1976 - December 27, 2025

Samuel Jackson Elder, age 49, of Suwanee, GA passed away during the early hours of Saturday, December 27, 2025. He is survived by his father, Bill Elder of Suwanee, mother, Rosaleen Burke Elder of Suwanee; sister, Jena (Peter)Camacho of Flowery Branch; nephews, Dominic Camacho, Xavier Camacho; aunts, Jean Hintz, Marie (Kenny) McIntosh, Nonie Burke, Irene (Thomas) Scarlett; uncles, John (Mary) Burke, Robert Burke, Martin Burke; great uncles, Patrick (Catherine) Doherty, and Shawn (Kathleen) Burke of Donegal, Ireland; and several cousins. Mr. Elder was born on September 13, 1976 in Derry City, Ireland and was a 1995 graduate from Buford High School where he played football and baseball. He was employed with ULTRA Commercial Interiors and was of the Catholic faith. Mr. Elder loved baseball, football, the Braves and spending time with his nephews and family. Requiem Mass will be held at Prince of Peace Catholic Church on Saturday, January 3, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. The family will receive friends at Flanigan Funeral Home on Saturday, January 3, 2026 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon and again at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church on Saturday, January 3, 2026 from 12:30 p.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 South Lee Street
Buford, GA 30518

Visitation

JAN 3. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
6439 Spout Springs Rd
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Requiem Mass

JAN 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AH

“ Sam , you were only 49, younger than me and way too young to be taken away. All I can think of is that god needed you in heaven , so God has gained another angel.

Just because you can't be seen , doesn't mean you are not there and around looking after your loved ones.

When I think of you , one of my earliest memories was when we were kids in Creggan, when you and Martin used to pick on me ... teasing and winding me up until I was raging. I would of course run to aunty Roseleen and my mum to snitch, exaggerating and dramatising everything. I would then watch you both get told off and sit back and giggle thinking “they won't do that again “ ... but I was wrong , you both did.

As we grew up , life took us in different directions and far apart. You in America and me in England , which meant we didn't see each other , otherwise we would have definitely been in each others lives and shared more memories.

That is something that I will always wish for and think about. My heart breaks for the pain and huge loss that all of us loved ones , family and friends are feeling right now without you.

So Sam it is not goodbye , it's I will see you again one day and we can make more memories...

Lots of love , hugs and prayers
Ashleen your loving cousin xxx

ashleen hill - January 01 at 12:04 PM

MA

“ Sam was always welcome in our home. Our daughter and son in law were good friends. During hs (Buford 'class 95) saw the group quite a bit. Sam was always appropriate in all situations. Loved his eyes! God bless him Jim & Mary Anderson

Mary anderson - December 31, 2025 at 09:19 PM

SA

“ Living so far away in England I got to meet my cousin Sam at Jena's wedding at the Clanree, I'd seen photos and heard stories from my mum, my memory is of him trying to get me up dancing, I was pregnant and his words I think were cranky pants. Sam had a lovely presence about him, he will live on in those he leaves behind my aunt Rosaleen, Jack, Jena and boys, my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Xxx

Sarah - December 31, 2025 at 03:51 PM

GB

“ I was totally shocked by the news Sam had passed away at such an early age of 49, and my sincere condolences go out to Bill, Rosaleen, and Jena, and the rest of the extended Elder family for your loss. The Elders are my neighbors and my first experience I had with Sam was back in 1985 when Sam, at about 9 years old, offered to help me to put up my fence. I thought at that time it was so thoughtful of him to offer his help, and it showed that he had within himself good character. His good character remained in the years ahead as I have always known Sam to be a very friendly person, polite, and helpful person, especially to his aging parents. He will be sorely missed by all. George Beck

George Beck - December 31, 2025 at 01:53 PM

CS

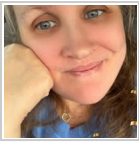
“ I've thought about this for many many days and played childhood summers back in my mind. Cousin time at nanny's, you were the baseball champ- so cool and so larger than life to me even though we are only 3 years apart. Your jet black hair and your blue eyes and such a great smile. You were fast as lightning and used to pull us by man made horsepower up and down that little stretch of road in front of the apartment for hours and we loved every minute of it. I spent the summer in GA one year and remember tagging along to countless baseball games you played, but you were the apple of your momma and daddy's eye. There is no comfort in loss like this, at such a young age in the prime of life. But your heavenly father had other plans for you. Many prayers sent to Aunt Rosaleen, Uncle Bill, Jena and her family also. Peace be with you, Blue eyed Angel. See if you can find Sean and tell him we love him too. Love from Maryland. Cousin Cindy and family.

Cindy Schrock - December 31, 2025 at 11:26 AM

SM

“ Although, I only saw Sam at the office a few times, the stories Jena shared spoke volumes about what a loving brother, uncle, and son he was. Keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Suzy Mossman - December 30, 2025 at 02:36 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies and condolences to the family. I went to school with Sam way back in the 90’s. I recall him being overall a nice guy. We were in Bel Canto together and graduated in the same class. I am truly sorry for your loss.*



Angela Casper Hernandez - December 30, 2025 at 01:40 PM



“ *Sam was a truly good guy he regularly dropped off tennis ball’s for my dog his last trip was about a week ago I was out of town and didn’t have the chance to visit with him. RIP Sam*

Scott Lockridge - December 30, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ *Sam was just a great guy. He paid attention to those around him and was always ready to step up. As a neighbor, we often exchanged waves and pleasantries. As a friend to his mom, I got to witness an amazing son. Sam adored his family and seemed to truly "get" his nephews. His positive presence will be sorely missed.*

Dottie Cummings - December 30, 2025 at 09:05 AM





“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



marie mcintosh aunt - December 29, 2025 at 04:53 PM



“ *Sam was the most beautiful baby with the most beautiful blue eyes and as he got older he was such handsome” and beautiful soul and so loving and careing and he loved,his family so much, he will be missed so much by us all” his death has come, a shock to us all hes, in God arms now we all love you Sam from your family across the water Ireland derry, Donegal,and Manchester England, xxx* 


marie mcintosh aunt - December 29, 2025 at 03:46 PM

AC

Prayers on way in Jesus name which I know him since my son Peter got merry with his sister such a lovely man rest in peace 🙏 Amen

Ann Camacho - December 30, 2025 at 12:16 AM

AC

From Chicago Illinois

Ann Camacho - December 30, 2025 at 12:18 AM

TN

“*Knowing Jena, Dominic, and Xavier, I felt like I knew a piece of Sam through the stories of his devotion to them. He was clearly a 'top-notch' uncle who never missed a chance to cheer on his nephews. His love for his family was unmistakable, and he leaves behind a beautiful legacy as a proud brother and uncle. My deepest condolences.*

Tom Neuenhaus - December 29, 2025 at 03:45 PM

MM

“*marie mcintosh lit a candle in memory of Samuel Elder*

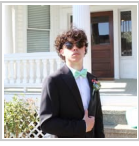


marie mcintosh - December 29, 2025 at 03:37 PM

MM

“*My memory is like a fossil; aged and with Imperfections, and yet, despite, I find the memory of meeting you to be as vivid as the memory one has of learning to ride a bike. It wasn't grand, nor extravagant. It was simple, ordinary, and welcomed. Our first conversation of many, is one I've found myself replaying over these past coming days; like one replays an old record they've left for dust, or one replays an old video for comfort. Your first words to me, were how you were comforted to find someone as quiet as yourself in a room full of characters. I understood that feeling, the rareness of finding another wallflower among a swarm of blossoming roses. But like all flowers, we all eventually wilt, some sooner than others. Grief, I've found is simply an expression of all the unexpressed love we never get to share with those We've lost, and I think it's safe to say, we are all drowning in grief at the sudden loss of yourself. You were a kind soul, perceptive in nature, and as welcoming as a plane ride home. To quote the great gatsby "You're worth the whole damn bunch put together." Love your cousin Mimi written with the help of our lovely Carly I gave her my memory's and she put it in to the best words that could be found. Xxx*

marie mcintosh - December 29, 2025 at 03:34 PM



“ This was at my confirmation as a Catholic (I’m on the right) on June 28th, 2025. I was so glad to have him there, and my brother and I are so blessed to have had someone as amazing as him in our lives. I’ve never seen a look of greater pride on his face than in this photo. He was so proud to be ours.



Dominic Camacho - December 29, 2025 at 03:20 PM



“ Eternal rest Sam you are now in the arms of the Angels RIP.

*John & Mary Burke
Derry*

John Burke - December 29, 2025 at 02:36 PM



“ When i got my first pair of contact lenses as a teenager, sam sat with me at his kitchen table and helped me practice putting them in and out for what felt like hours ... so much patience. R.I.P cousin

Christine mcgeoghan - December 29, 2025 at 02:05 PM



“ marie mcintosh aunt sent a virtual gift in memory of Samuel Elder



marie mcintosh aunt - December 29, 2025 at 01:48 PM