



Dr. Sanford Hunter "Sam" Holland

October 2, 1946 - September 6, 2021

Dr. Sanford Hunter (Sam) Holland passed away Monday, September 6, 2021, at UAB Hospital due to complications from Covid. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mary Ann Harris Holland, daughter Julie Holland Griggs, son Alex Hunter Holland (Betsy), and grandchildren Holland and Tess Griggs, and Annie, Elle and Drew Holland; brothers, Ralph Holland and Paul (Sherry) Holland; and several nieces and nephews.

Sam was born in Scottsboro, Alabama, on October 2, 1946, to Mattie and Sam Holland. He was a 1965 graduate of Scottsboro High School, and graduated in 1969 from Auburn University and in 1972 from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry. He went on to have a successful dental practice in Scottsboro for over forty years.

An active community volunteer in his younger years, Sam spent countless hours as a member of the Jackson County Hospital Board, Goose Pond Board, and Jackson County Auburn Club, of which he was a past president. He greatly enjoyed his time as a member of Rotary International, and was still regularly attending meetings until the time of his death.

Scottsboro First Baptist Church was especially important to Sam throughout his life. He thought of the Worrell Sunday School Class as his second family and was an active deacon for many years. When he was younger, he was a teacher in FBC's children's ministry, leading RA's as well as volunteering in the church nursery.

Sam had many interests throughout his life. He especially loved golf and

spent much of his time playing both locally and at Shoal Creek, where he was a member. He had a passion for snow skiing in his early adulthood and made many trips to his favorite destination of Beaver Creek, Colorado. He enjoyed buying and selling cars of all kinds. Anyone who knew Sam knew there were few things he enjoyed more than watching Auburn athletics and cheering on the Tigers.

His greatest soft spot, however, was always for children. Sometimes called “the baby whisperer” by his friends because of his gentle and loving ways with children, he was able to soothe almost any youngster. Whether it be his own grandchildren who brought him enormous pride or strangers he passed on the street, children had a natural affinity for him. His heart especially went out to little ones he feared might be hungry or in need. For these reasons, the family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alabama Baptist Children’s Homes at www.alabamachild.org, or a charity of your choice.

Scottsboro Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements for a private family funeral.

Tribute Wall

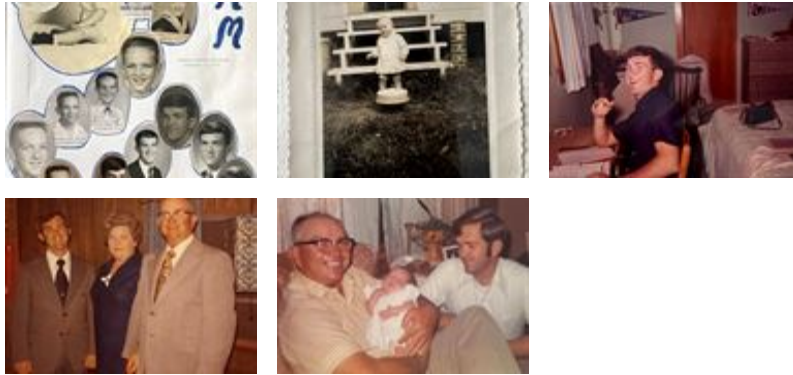


“ *Dr. Sanford Hunter "Sam" Holland*

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Scottsboro Funeral Home and Pinehaven Memorial Gardens - September 09, 2021 at 09:47 AM

JD

A beautiful family and so many wonderful memories. My love and prayers dear Mary Ann and family

Joan Dieperink - September 10, 2021 at 07:47 AM

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Sam Holland loved Mary Ann, their children and beautiful grandchildren. He took pride in his profession, and in the town of Scottsboro. He was a welcoming host and enjoyed giving a tour of the town, the lake and countryside around. We cherish our long years of knowing Sam. Elizabeth and Brady

Liz Williams - September 10, 2021 at 04:10 PM

AB

Sam had such a joyful and generous spirit. He was one of my favorites! My thoughts and prayers of peace and comfort are with Mary Ann and their family. Anne Hearn Bussian

Anne Hearn Bussian - September 13, 2021 at 10:56 AM

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“ *Nina Dean lit a candle in memory of Dr. Sanford Hunter "Sam" Holland*



Nina Dean - September 09, 2021 at 09:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Sanford Hunter "Sam" Holland.*



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“ *DR. HOLLAND WAS A WONDERFUL MAN AND DENTIST. HE GAVE ME A CHANCE YEARS AGO HE BELIEVED IN ME. I WAS IN DENTISTRY FOR 35 YEARS BECAUSE OF HIM. ALL THO IM NOT IN DENTISTRY ANYMORE I WILL NEVER FORGT THE OPPORTUNITY HE GAVE ME. RIP DR. H YOU WILL BE MISSED! DEBORAH BADGETT STACY*

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