

Samuel Talmage "Sam" Pilkinton, III

Birth: Aug. 23, 1949
Death: Mar. 13, 2016

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Samuel Talmage "Sam" Pilkinton III was born August 23, 1949. He passed away March 13, 2016.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel Talmage Pilkington Jr. and Helen Clark House Pilkinton. He is survived by his wife, Melinda Walls Pilkinton; son and daughter-in-law, Samuel Talmage Pilkinton IV and Shauna Staryak; siblings Hedi Konieczni, David, Charlie and Jim; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, his sisters-in-law, and friends.

Sam left Marion Military Academy in 1969 to volunteer for service in the Army. After basic and advanced training, he deployed to Vietnam, where he served with many honorable and brave men in the Army, including those from the 23rd Infantry Division ("Big Red One".) Between the two combat deployments he served 25 years at various postings and temporary duty assignments in Louisiana, Missouri, Washington, Virginia, Alaska, Kansas, New York, California, Georgia, Korea and Germany. He retired as a Chief Warrant Officer 4 in 1993. He earned decorations including five Army Achievement medals, three Meritorious Service Medals, three Purple Hearts, Bronze Star with Valor and Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Legion of Merit. His awards include numerous campaign medals from the Republic of Vietnam and Southwest Asia.

Following military retirement, he co-owned and built Pilkinton Brothers Catfish Farm where he worked 18 years. Sam was self-employed at the time of his death.

Sam died suddenly on his farm. His passing leaves a void not only in his corner of the world, but ripples outward in every direction. With loved ones scattered far and wide, he will be missed.



Cemetery Photo
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Sam donated his body to the Anatomical Gifts program at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. A memorial service was held March 19 at Magawah Gun and Country Club. A private burial will take place at Mayhew Cemetery. The family appreciates the outpouring of sympathy and support that the community has shown during this difficult time.

Family links:

Parents:

[Samuel Talmage Pilkinton \(1922 - 2002\)](#)

Burial:

[Mayhew Cemetery](#)

Columbus

Lowndes County

Mississippi, USA

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