



## Samuel "Sam" Akin

July 30, 2004 - October 28, 2017

Celebration of Life Service for Samuel "Sam" Taylor Parks Akin, 13, of Enid, will be 2:00 PM, Wednesday, at Emmanuel Baptist Church with Rev. Kevin Morgan officiating. Arrangements are by Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home & Crematory.

Sam was born July 30, 2004 to Joseph Parks and Brandi Renee (Hess) Akin, and passed away on Saturday, October 28, 2017, in Oklahoma City at Children's Hospital.

Sam grew up in Enid, attending St. Paul's Lutheran School, McKinley Elementary, and Emerson Middle School. He had a vibrant personality and loved life every single day. He was known for his compassion and beautiful smile that had the power to make everyone feel a special connection. His fun-loving personality would instantly lighten up any situation and bring laughter to those around him. He was a friend to anyone who needed one and never knew a stranger, many times going out of his way to make someone feel at ease.

He had a passion for football and played for the Soldiers and Enid Plainsmen. He was a dedicated brother to his teammates and thrived on the field every chance he had. Sam's dream was to play for the Oklahoma Sooners and eventually go into the NFL. Anyone who had the chance to see him play knew he would get there and that he had a bright future. There was no doubt his hard work and dedication made him the great player he was. His compassion made him a constant leader and he encouraged others to do their very best

every chance he had.

Sam was in Cub Scouts for five years and lived his life representing all the traits of a Scout. He was trustworthy and loyal, never missing the chance to be cheerful every day. He was helpful, courteous and kind, making sure to assist others when given the chance. Sam was so brave and always respectful of others, and somehow still managed to make everyone laugh and smile along the way.

Sam also enjoyed skateboarding, riding his scooter, playing basketball, going camping and fishing. He played video games and liked to dance, but would spend time outdoors when given the chance. Even though his desire was to always be outside doing something, he was an outstanding student and was doing very well in his advanced classes.

Sam was a loving person who lived life to the fullest and although he was tragically taken from those who love him, he will live on in their hearts forever. His memory will inspire others to do what they love while never giving up on their dreams.

Even in death, Sam showed us how to be selfless by being an organ donor and saving the lives of others. John 15:13: "Greater love has no one than this; to lay down one's life for one's friends." Sam's faith in God encouraged him to be saved in 2012 and we feel confident that he's been called to serve a stronger purpose than what he could do here.

Sam is survived by his parents, Joe and Brandi Akin, his sister Mackenzie Akin, 'Gramma' Doris Akin of Hobbs, New Mexico, 'Papa' Jim and 'Nana' Lucy Hess of Enid, 'Papaw' Roy and 'Menaw' Judy Martin of Hobbs, New Mexico, uncles, aunts, cousins and other relatives.

Sam is preceded in death by his 'Pop' Jim Bob Akin.

The family encourages everyone to wear team jerseys and school shirts, or consider wearing pink as it was Sam's favorite color. Casual dress is appropriate and recommended.

Memorials may be made through the funeral home to Alva State Bank, Brandi

Akin account.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

Emmanuel Baptist Church  
2505 W. Owen K. Garriott  
Enid, OK 73703  
(580) 237-0602

# Tribute Wall

RG

“ *Ryan Garvey lit a candle in memory of Samuel "Sam" Akin*



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**Ryan Garvey** - December 29, 2025 at 11:31 PM

VA

“ *I don't know Sam, but I woke up this morning with his name in my head. I hope you are well.*

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**Vanessa** - July 15, 2020 at 10:12 AM

SB

“ *His influence made me like the color pink again.*



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**SB** - February 21, 2019 at 04:02 PM

KA

“ *when i was having a bad day sam would make it easy*



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**katrina** - May 11, 2018 at 12:23 PM

MT

“ *Maygan Thompson lit a candle in memory of Samuel "Sam" Akin*



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**Maygan Thompson** - January 31, 2018 at 07:00 PM

TP

“ *Sam Akin was the greatest guy I have and will ever meet. I wish I would have told him how I felt when I had the chance. Thank you so much for blessing my life with Sam. He is still here, and nothing will change that or the influences he posted upon us all. -xo*

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**Thea Phillips** - January 12, 2018 at 09:38 PM

MT

*sam is so funny i only got to see him 6 times but those were the best times on my life-xoxoxo*

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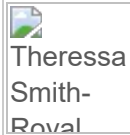
**Maygan Thompson** - January 31, 2018 at 06:58 PM

KF

“ *Sending our heartfelt condolences for your loss. Words will never remove the deep pain of losing someone special but may they show that others do care. Daily may God give the needed help (Ps.34:18) as you try to cope with such a sad loss. Sam will be greatly missed and will always be fondly remembered.*

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**Kindred Family** - December 09, 2017 at 04:02 AM



Theresa  
Smith-  
Royal

“ *My friends!  
We love you!  
Mr and Mrs. Akin and Family  
Eternally grateful , boastfully humble to be  
able to say thank you for introducing me to  
your son, Sam.  
What a Legacy.  
You, His Parents, have a profusion of proof of your loving, nurturing,  
unparalleled Parenting you gave him.  
Prayers, Thoughts, and Love!  
Mr. and Mrs, Willie Royal, III*



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**Theresa Smith-Royal** - November 02, 2017 at 09:44 PM

BB

“ *Joe, Brandie, Mackenzie, and Family: I am so  
sorry for your loss. I know it can be hard and  
even devastating to loose someone you love.  
May you get strength to carry on, may you get  
peace of mind,and may time heal your deep  
wounds. I'm so thankful we have a loving and caring Lord who will  
never leave Brandi, Joe, Mackenzie, family, and friends through this  
extremely difficult time! Love you all. We miss u. We love u. u will  
never be forgotten sam. RIP. #20 #neverforgotten #samstrong  
#SAM!*



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**Brianna Bolenbaugh** - November 02, 2017 at 01:37 PM

NA

“ *Nancy Anthis lit a candle in memory of  
Samuel "Sam" Akin*



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**Nancy Anthis** - November 01, 2017 at 08:30 PM

MH

“ Joe, Brandie, Mackenzie, and Family: I am so sorry for your loss. I know it can be hard and even devastating to loose someone you love. May you get strength to carry on, may you get peace of mind, and may time heal your deepest wounds.



Misti Hess - October 31, 2017 at 07:43 PM

RL

“ I was Sam's kindergarten teacher and loved having him in my class ❤️❤️❤️!!!! I'm so thankful we have a loving and caring Lord who will never leave Brandi, Joe, Mackenzie, family, and friends through this s extremely difficult time! Love you all ❤️❤️❤️ Mrs. Lamle

Rhonda Lamle - October 31, 2017 at 01:53 PM

LK

“ I did not know you very but I watch as you played football on the field and now you will be able to continue the legacy in heaven Rip Sam

Leslie King - October 31, 2017 at 08:57 AM

SG

“ Shana Glasgow purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Samuel "Sam" Akin.



Shana Glasgow - October 31, 2017 at 06:59 AM

NH

“ Joe, Brandi, Mackenzie, Doris and family: I cannot imagine the heartbreak you're feeling but the way you've dealt with the loss of your precious boy Sam is truly inspirational! Your grace and dignity is a true testament of how strong your faith is that this is not the end! I pray that happy memories fill your hearts and dry your tears very soon. What an impact that cutie had on your friends and family! And what an unselfish blessing you've given to so many more! All my love...

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**Nikki Held** - October 30, 2017 at 09:44 PM

BA

“ i miss sam so much and so does his very best friend evan he was raised so well and at my school waller jr high they are doing alot of things for sam thanks for having him in my life Blake

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**blake allen** - October 30, 2017 at 07:20 PM

CF

“ I have lived next to the Akin family for over a decade. They are like a second family to me and Sam was like my little brother. We used to hang out all the time together whether it was fishing, swimming, or just watching movies. Sam was an amazing person. He always thought about others before himself and was one of the most caring people I know. I loved him dearly and I will always love him. It hurts me to know I'll never see him grow into the amazing man I knew he was going to be. More than anything I wanted to see him get his license, graduate, and fulfill his dreams. I am thankful that he had the most loving and amazing parents a child could ask for. Brandi and Joe never stopped loving Sam and never will. I love you Aunt Brandi, Uncle Joe, and my sister Mackenzie.

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**Casey Foster** - October 30, 2017 at 03:17 PM

VI

“ Vickie lit a candle in memory of Samuel  
"Sam" Akin



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vickie - October 30, 2017 at 02:28 PM