



## Blannie Lucreta Ritchie Sams

September 16, 1933 - December 7, 2022

Graveside services for Blannie Lucreta Ritchie Sams, 89, of Gilmer, Texas, are scheduled for 4:00 pm, Sunday, December 11, 2022, at McWhorter Funeral Home, with Brother Wade Mayberry officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of McWhorter Funeral Home.

Blannie was born on September 16, 1933, in Cardens Bluff, Tennessee, to James Clarence and Lucille Shaw Ritchie, and went to be with her Lord on December 7, 2022, in Longview, Texas.

Blannie loved visiting and working with people where she never seemed to meet a stranger. She worked with her church at home and did foreign mission work in the Philippines and Brazil. She stayed in contact with the refugees and youth she helped. Blannie was a faithful member of Glenwood Baptist Church and a former member of East Mountain Baptist Church. She worked in the cafeteria at Pinetree ISD until her retirement.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Phyllis Constantine (Jim), Douglas Sams (Deborah), David Sams, and Madalyn Sams Gunn; 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, F. D. "Sam" Sams; sister, Shirley Williams; brother, Herbert Ritchie; and grandson, Brandon Sams.

Pallbearers are Gordon Gunn, David Sams Jr., Daniel Sams, Luke Sams, Ben Sams, Zech Sams, Jason Gunn, Martin Sams, Austin Sams, Carlos Sams.

Honorary pallbearers are Jim Constantine, Jim Williams, and Jimmy Williams.

Memorial donations can be made to Hearts Way Hospice, 4351 McCann Rd.,

Longview, Texas 75604.

Please visit Blannie's online registration book at [www.mcwhorterfh.com](http://www.mcwhorterfh.com) to leave a memory for the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Glenwood Cemetery

6205-6721 Nightingale Road  
Gilmer, TX 75645

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 11. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Blannie Lucreta Ritchie Sams*



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**McWhorter Funeral Home** - December 10, 2022 at 04:24 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Blannie Sams Funeral Service*



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**McWhorter Funeral Home** - December 12, 2022 at 11:24 AM

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“ *From our visit a few years ago. Love and prayers with you all today*  
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**Angela Ritchie** - December 11, 2022 at 03:48 PM

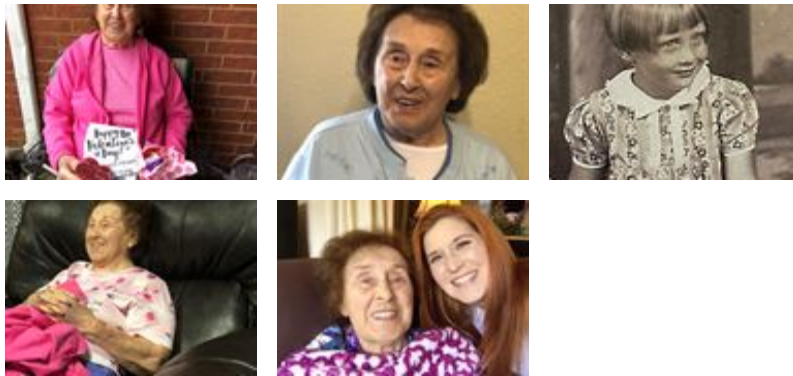
TP

“ I got to know Mrs Sams through my sister and brother in law. She was always so sweet and full of laughter! One memory that stands out is my first trip to Tres Dias retreat - I remember making eye contact with her during one of the events and she starting praying for me- very strong emotional moment and weekend!! She was filled with the word of God and love to share it! ❤️❤️ T Parks

T Parks - December 11, 2022 at 09:37 AM



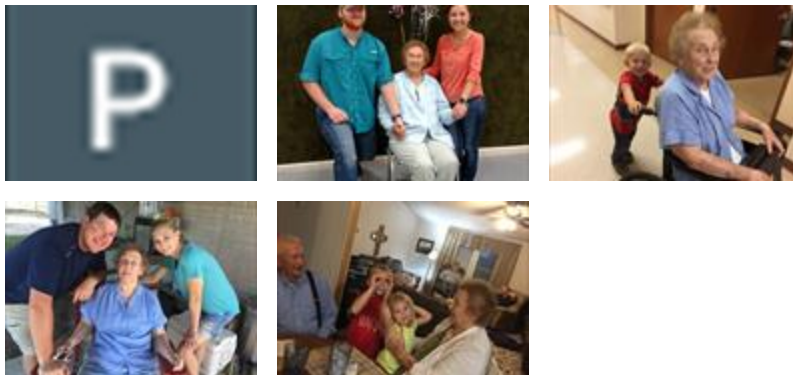
“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes



McWhorter Funeral Home - December 10, 2022 at 04:23 PM

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“ 12 files added to the album Gramma Heidi



Doug Sams - December 10, 2022 at 10:58 AM

HC

“ *Helen Shaw-Campbell & Rebecca Chesser purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Blannie Lucreta Ritchie Sams.*



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**Helen Shaw-Campbell & Rebecca Chesser** - December 10, 2022 at 02:17 AM

BG

“ *I first met Blannie at a most memorable event- the wedding of our daughter and her son. My next most vivid memory is of the birth of my first grandson which we shared. We shared many good family moments thru-out our relationship during our long lives. Even though she will be missed by so many I know she now resides with our Lord God in Heaven. Prayers to all the family. Betty Gunn, Picayune, MS*

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**BETTY D GUNN** - December 09, 2022 at 08:31 PM

BC

“ *I will always love her like a second Grandma. She will also always be credited with me first knowing our Lord and Savior. Even though my heart is broken from having lost my Mom several months back, I am comforted with the knowledge that she is with Blainie. Grandma has one of her best friends of all times by her side. I love you all. I am so sorry for the loss and the pain you guys are experiencing. I will have y'all in my prayers for comfort and love along this hard journey that y'all now walking. If y'all need someone that understands, please reach out to me. Love y'all!*



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**Bobbie Jean (Smith) Cabello** - December 09, 2022 at 07:05 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Blannie Lucreta Ritchie Sams.*



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December 09, 2022 at 05:04 PM



“ *Yall are in my prayers, she was such a sweet lady.*

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**Pamela Pyeatt** - December 09, 2022 at 01:13 PM

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“ This is for all of Aunt Sis kids. I have lots of fond memories of Sis but when I remember this memory it always put a big smile on my face and I hope it does the same for all you kids even in this time of sadness and mourning. This goes back to when you all lived in Gary, Indiana just to let you know how long ago it was. You all came back to Tennessee to visit Granny and then came down to visit mom and dad. Uncle Jim and aunt Shirley came over too so we had a house full. Mom had custody of Winston and Herbie who were still babies at that time. Mom had fixed hamburgers and hot dogs for supper. The kitchen was full of everybody fixing their food. Aunt Sis said "somebody check that babies diaper I think Winston has messed, I smell something". Randy who was her favorite one of all us 5 boys was standing near Winston said "I will." As Randy passed the table her grabbed the mustard and put some on his index finger then bend over like he was pulling the back of Winstons diaper open then raised up and showed Sis his finger and stuck his finger in his mouth and licked it off and said "Yep he sure did." Poor Sis started gagging trying so hard not to barf. I will never forget the look on her face. It was a look of total shock and disbelief at what she thought she had saw. Randy being Randy looked at Sis with a big smile on his face and said "Sis it's mustard" then Sis instantly flew mad and said "Boy I will beat your butt off for doing that to me." Randy being Randy walked over to Sis and gave her a great big hug and all was forgiven. That's the Sis I loved and remember. I hope you all have thanked God for the Mother He gave you because He gave you a Gem. I've said this before and I'll say it again "When you lose your Mom you've lost the best friend you'll ever have on this side of life." As much hurt and saddness as you all are feeling right now never forget that thru Jesus Christ we have the hope of being together with our loved ones again on the other side of life. I love you all, your cousin Butch.

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Scott Ritchie - December 08, 2022 at 11:06 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Blannie Lucreta Ritchie Sams.*



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December 08, 2022 at 08:05 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful person and always treated me like family. Much love to all of you.*

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**Marie Sturdy** - December 08, 2022 at 05:48 PM