



## Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton

October 8, 1959 - February 26, 2021

Samuel Anthony Pendleton was born October 8, 1959 to Samuel Howard Pendleton and Rose (George) Pendleton in Cherokee, Iowa, the oldest of six children, and passed away February 26, 2021 at BryanLGH East Hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska at the age of 61 years, 4 months, and 18 days.

Sam attended parochial schools in Lincoln & Geneva. He finished his education at Willow High School in Quimby, Iowa graduating with the class of 1978. Following graduation, he followed in his father's footsteps and began working for Harvestore, which also brought him back to Geneva, Nebraska where he lived the rest of his life. Here he met and was married to LaDonna Faye Rippe of Ohio, Nebraska on July 6, 1985, and to them two children were born, Samuel Wesley and Courtney Renae.

Sam loved working on those blue silos. For him it was not a job, it was part of who he was. He started as an entry level serviceman and through his 43 years of service worked up to being the General Manager for Nebraska Harvestore. With the knowledge he had obtained over the years he was often consulted by Harvestore owners across the nation to help solve issues they had.

Sam was an individual who loved visiting & joking with people. He had a contagious smile & belly laugh. He also loved to play baseball. As an adult his

love of baseball transitioned into coaching while Sammy was playing and then into umpiring. As an umpire, it was important to him that the youth understood the mechanics of the game and how to be safe while playing. He was always surprised and proud to receive cards after the season from parents who thanked him for his actions behind the plate. In addition to his love of umpiring he also enjoyed attending Husker baseball and football games with his family. When Sam wasn't working on a Harvestore or attending a ball game, his favorite place to be when the weather was nice was in his boat with a fishing rod in his hand. If it wasn't fishing weather, it was time to play pinochle. His brothers have often said he was an amazing player who could pull anything out of a hand of nothing!

Sam loved to contribute in any way possible and help in his community. He was very active in the Fillmore Central FFA booster club where he took great pride in how the boosters were able to help the FFA kids. He was also active at Prince of Peace where he previously served as Council President and as a member of the Evangelism and Property committees. While he enjoyed helping on any committee he was on, his greatest enjoyment came from fellowship coffee each Sunday after church.

Family was always the most important thing to Sam. While he was so excited to be a Dad, nothing compared to becoming Natalie's Grandpa. He loved each moment he got to spend with her and was looking forward to the day he could take her for her first ice-cream cone.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents and his father-in-law Wes Rippe.

He is survived by his wife, LaDonna of Geneva; son & daughter-in-law Samuel Wesley & Danielle of Friend; daughter Courtney of Tulsa, Oklahoma; granddaughter Natalie Rose Pendleton; brothers Melvin (Catina) of Sterling, Colorado, Alan (Jessica) of Lincoln, Patrick (Sandi) of Center Point, Iowa,

Kelly of Atlanta, Georgia, Michael of Anamosa, Iowa; mother-in-law Bonnie Rippe of Ohio; step-mother & husband Anita & Larry Tuttle of Spirit Lake, Iowa; brothers-in-law Craig (Kim) Rippe of Geneva, Leroy (Colleen) Rippe of Geneva; sisters-in-law Nancy (Ben) Pekar of York and Sandy (Rick) Bolejack of Tabor, Iowa; nieces, nephews, a host of extended family, friends, and his Harvestore co-workers and customers.

A Memorial Service for Sam was held on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at the Prince Of Peace Lutheran Church in Geneva, Nebraska. Vicar Tim Stacy officiated the Memorial Service.

The recorded selections "Daddy's Hands," "Shall We Gather At The River," and "The Old Rugged Cross" were played during the service.

A Committal of Ashes will take place at a later date in the Geneva Public Cemetery.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at [www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com)

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation.

# Previous Events

## Book Signing

MAR 4. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home  
242 N 10th Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present for Visitation

MAR 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

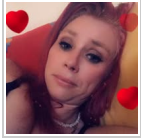
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## Memorial Service

MAR 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
1026 O St  
Geneva, NE 68361

# Tribute Wall



“ Love you unc. Memories upon memories always in my heart!  
Remember the time we had to call the ambulance? I love you and  
ladonna court and sam love u guys!!!

Miaya Pendleton - March 06, 2021 at 01:43 PM

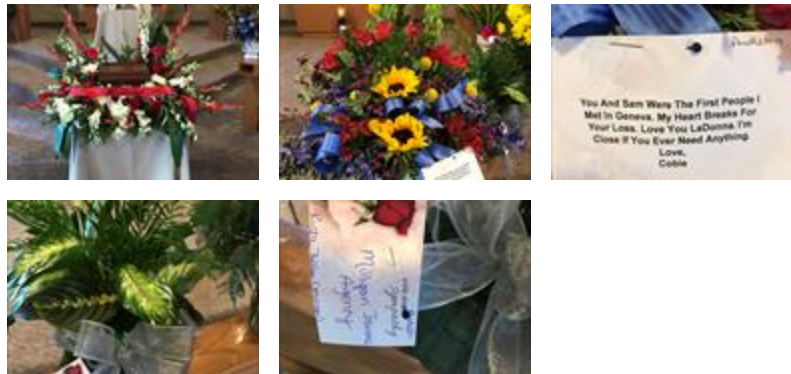


“ Sorry to hear of Sams passing. Growing up in Cherokee when the  
boys came to town it was go time for adventures and fun. Prayers to  
the boys and Sams family.

Jan George - March 05, 2021 at 07:13 PM



“ 74 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - March 05, 2021 at 01:52 PM

MH

“ *LaDonna & family - so very sorry for your loss of Sam. Please know we are keeping you in our thoughts & prayers.*



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**Mike & Lynne Houser** - March 05, 2021 at 06:03 AM

MW

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Sam's passing. My prayers are going out to you my cousins...may God help you all in this time of need.*



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**Marcia Watson** - March 04, 2021 at 07:25 PM

MM

“ *Megan Marget lit a candle in memory of Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton*



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**Megan Marget** - March 04, 2021 at 10:53 AM

BT

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers and sympathy to the Pendleton family.*



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**Barb Trapp** - March 04, 2021 at 10:27 AM

HF

“ *LaDonna, Sammy, Courtney & Pendleton Family:*

*I was so saddened to hear of the loss of Sam. Sam was such a great person, always had a smile & his laugh was so jolly. I always enjoyed our visits that always ended up with us joking around and having a good laugh. May your memories of Sam help you through this very difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you with deepest sympathy.*

*Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer*



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**Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer** - March 04, 2021 at 09:02 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton.*



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March 03, 2021 at 09:17 PM

DH

“ *Thoughts and prayers from a classmate of 78 Deb Park*

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**Deb Hyndman** - March 03, 2021 at 09:17 PM

JW

“ Jim White lit a candle in memory of Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton



Jim white - March 03, 2021 at 02:06 PM

YF

“ Your Junge Control Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton.



Your Junge Control Family - March 03, 2021 at 11:09 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton.



March 03, 2021 at 09:08 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton.



March 03, 2021 at 09:02 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton.*



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March 02, 2021 at 04:35 PM



“ *DAYLE TURNER lit a candle in memory of Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton*



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**DAYLE TURNER** - March 02, 2021 at 03:56 PM



“ *I am so glad I got to know him during our time on the FFA Boosters!! Always had a smile on his face! Prayers to his family! Jeff, Barb and Garrett*



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**Barb Whitley** - March 02, 2021 at 02:59 PM



“ *LaDonna & family:  
So sorry for your loss. May the prayers of friends & family lessen your grief & strengthen your days ahead.*

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**Lana (Stych) Daws** - March 02, 2021 at 12:39 PM

ZK

“ Zach, Amber, Aarik and Kyle purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton.



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**Zach, Amber, Aarik and Kyle** - March 02, 2021 at 11:03 AM

JS

“ LaDonna and Family-Linda and I are deeply saddened and with heavy hearts to learn of Sam's passing. He is a wonderful, courteous, and friendly individual. We have many fond memories and good times thru the years. He will live in your mind and heart everyday forever. Our deepest sympathies. We are lifting the family up in our prayers. May God Bless the Pendleton Famiky.

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**Jim Stych** - March 01, 2021 at 10:29 PM

DF

“ Ladonna and family so sorry for your loss. Sam was a very special person who will always hold a special place in my heart. He always had a smile to share..

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**Deanne Fry** - March 01, 2021 at 09:15 PM

CC

“ LaDonna, my heart, thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

*Carol Conley*

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**carol conley** - March 01, 2021 at 04:48 PM



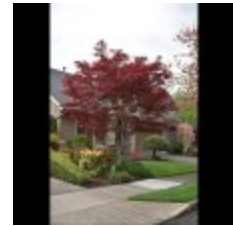
“ *Jane Woods sent a virtual gift in memory of Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton*



**Jane Woods** - March 01, 2021 at 03:32 PM



“ *Red Leaf Japanese Maple was purchased for the family of Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton.*



March 01, 2021 at 03:30 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton.*



March 01, 2021 at 02:45 PM



“ *Sam was one in a million! Always made time to stop and visit, always had a smile and was so fun to joke with. Enjoyed every minute we spent with him. Wishing you God's peace during this painful time.*

**Kim Gebers** - March 01, 2021 at 02:08 PM



“ *Carol Best lit a candle in memory of Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton*



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**Carol Best** - March 01, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*



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**Linda Schelbitzki Newell** - March 01, 2021 at 11:35 AM



“ *Deb Salmon lit a candle in memory of Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton*



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**Deb Salmon** - March 01, 2021 at 11:25 AM



“ *Melea Walters lit a candle in memory of Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton*



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**Melea Walters** - March 01, 2021 at 11:18 AM

AS

“ Alan & Pam Schroetlin lit a candle in memory of Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton



Alan & Pam Schroetlin - March 01, 2021 at 10:00 AM

TL

“ LaDonna and Family: Sam was a fun person to be around. Always had a smile on his face. We enjoyed the times we spent with him in the FFA Booster Club. Cherish your memories. Our deepest sympathy to you.

Tom & Jodene Lovegrove - March 01, 2021 at 09:04 AM

VJ

“ Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton



Virginia Johnson - March 01, 2021 at 08:54 AM

LE

“ LaDonna and Family,  
So sorry for your loss. May the good memories you have linger forever in your hearts.  
God Bless!  
Larry and Barbara Eichelberger

Larry Eichelberger - March 01, 2021 at 08:46 AM

DD

“ Am sorry for your loss. Matt worked with Sam for years. God be with you all. Matt and Debbie Durgan

Debbie Durgan - February 28, 2021 at 09:54 PM

LM

“ 19 files added to the tribute wall



Lisa Miles - February 28, 2021 at 09:00 PM

DS

“ Deb Salmon sent a virtual gift in memory of Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton



Deb Salmon - February 28, 2021 at 08:50 PM

MM

“ Our deepest thoughts and prayers are with LaDonna, Sam and Courtney. May all your great memories of Sam remain forever in your hearts. Thinking of you all!  
Mike and Brenda Motis and family



Mike and Brenda Motis - February 28, 2021 at 08:45 PM

RN

“ *LaDonna and family, our deepest sympathy to your entire family. We are so sorry to hear this. Sam was a fun loving person and will be greatly missed.* ”



**Rodney & Donna Norrie** - February 28, 2021 at 08:28 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton.* ”



February 28, 2021 at 08:21 PM

SB

“ *Scott Bahe lit a candle in memory of Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton* ”



**Scott Bahe** - February 28, 2021 at 07:22 PM

SB

“ *LaDonna and Family - I am so sorry to hear of Sam's death. I will be thinking of you and keeping you in my prayers this week. And in the weeks ahead.* ”

**Susan Biba** - February 28, 2021 at 07:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton.



February 28, 2021 at 07:01 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton.



February 28, 2021 at 06:25 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton.



February 28, 2021 at 06:22 PM



“ *Leslie Stevens lit a candle in memory of Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton*



**Leslie Stevens** - February 28, 2021 at 06:13 PM

JW

“ I am so very sorry for your loss LaDonna,  
Sammy, Dana and Courtney,

*I felt such a sadness when I heard the news,  
Sam was so full of life, and so loved his  
family. He bragged constantly about his kids and granddaughter,  
well maybe not constantly, but quite often. He was a very proud  
papa! I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to work with Sam  
and the guys. He was a very patient, and kind person, who made  
my job so much easier. May the Lord bless you and hold each of  
you and your family members tight. May you find comfort and peace  
as so many others mourn your loss.*



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**Jan Wood** - February 28, 2021 at 04:50 PM

CR

“ He was such a great man!! Prayers to the  
family at this difficult time



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**caleb Rippe** - February 28, 2021 at 04:06 PM

JU

“ My heartfelt sympathies and prayers to the  
Pendleton families. So many heartfelt  
memories. May the Lord embrace you at this  
time.



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**Janine Uldrich** - February 28, 2021 at 03:41 PM

PG

“ LaDonna, Sammy, Court, We were so saddened to hear of your loss. We are here fir you in what ever you need. Sending prayers and love. Pat and family

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**pat gewecke** - February 28, 2021 at 03:25 PM

JS

“ Sam lived with us for a couple of years when he was finishing high school. It was strange to have him living with us at first but I grew to enjoy having a big brother around - so to speak. Sam always kept thing lively around here and when he graduated and left, the house seemed very quiet although I did get my room back. Sam was the kind of guy that it would be difficult not to want to be around. He had a laugh that just made you want to join in and laugh along with him. I have thought about the time that Sam lived with us many times over the years and it always makes me smile. We will miss you Sam but you can rest knowing how many lives you touched.

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**Jon simonsen** - February 28, 2021 at 02:08 PM

PH

“ LaDonna, Sammy and Courtney; so sorry for your loss. Sam was a very unique individual, and he always had a big heart and a hearty laugh. He will be truly missed

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**Patricia Hayse** - February 28, 2021 at 01:41 PM

JM

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Jack and deb matthies** - February 28, 2021 at 01:37 PM

KT

“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Samuel "Sam" A. Pendleton*



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**Kent & Rose Theobald** - February 28, 2021 at 01:08 PM

MR

“ *So sorry to hear about Sam, he was a great guy. Always smiling, happy and usually giving me a hard time. He made working together fun! We will miss him, our Deepest Sympathy, LOVE*

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**Mark Sarah Reinsch** - February 28, 2021 at 12:43 PM