



## Samuel "Sandy" Beckham

March 24, 2021

Darlington, South Carolina

Samuel Leon Beckham, Jr., Sandy, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, March 25, 2021, at his home. He was born in Darlington, on September 15, 1945, son of Leon and Dot Beckham. He graduated from St. John's High School and Wofford College and had a master's degree from the Citadel. He taught and worked all around the state, but his Darlington roots were deep and when he retired he moved back to Darlington and renovated an old house in the historic district. He and his wife, Linda, were reunited in 2002 after knowing each other in high school, and their marriage was a testimony to second chances. Three years ago, they found their dream house on the golf course where Sandy could indulge his favorite sport. Always a good athlete, Sandy not only excelled in golf, but played first string guard on Coach Jimmy Welch's championship football team in 1962.

In addition to his wife, Linda, Sandy, affectionately known as Nut or Sox, is survived by his sister, Linda Shillinglaw, nephews Ryan (Lynn) and Sam and niece Kaitlyn and nephew Zack. He was a stepfather to Lee (Jaime), Paul (April), and Tommy (Geovanna) Gremillion, and Papa Sandy to six grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents and a nephew, John Shillinglaw.

Sandy was a faithful member of St. Matthew's Anglican Church where he served on the vestry. He was a good and faithful friend, a near perfect husband, smart, industrious, athletic and artistic. He loved to tell a good story,

sometimes embellished, and I think he would have loved to see all his friends gathered and telling "Sandy stories". Please join us at the Grand Old Post Office, 201 Pearl St., at 3pm Sunday for a celebration of his life. A small private service will be held at St. Matthews Church for the family.

Memorials may be made to The Lord Cares, PO Box 1457, Darlington, SC 29540.

Arrangements are being handled by Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at [www.kistlerhardeefuneralhome.com](http://www.kistlerhardeefuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Samuel "Sandy" Beckham.*



March 30, 2021 at 08:56 AM



“ *Edna 'Dell' Gurley & family*



**G. Gurley** - March 29, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ *Linda, I was so saddened to read in today's "State" about Sandy's death. Please know how much you will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Love and sympathy, Sylvia Slagle Shoemaker*

**Sylvia Shoemaker** - March 28, 2021 at 08:32 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Sandy's passing. What a fine man he was. I know he will be missed. Please know you all are in my prayers.*

**Olivia McDonald Baird (Livvy)** - March 28, 2021 at 12:20 PM

SO

“ Susanne Owens lit a candle in memory of Samuel "Sandy" Beckham



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**Susanne Owens** - March 28, 2021 at 10:08 AM

SO

“ Linda and Family,

*I am So Sorry to hear about Sandy...My thoughts and Prayers are with you.*

*Susanne Owens*

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**Susanne Owens** - March 28, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Samuel "Sandy" Beckham.



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March 27, 2021 at 06:51 PM

FW

“ Frazier and I send our condolences to all of you. We know you all loved Sandy. We thought a lot of him also.  
Frazier and Jane Waldrop

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**Frazier and Jane Waldrop** - March 27, 2021 at 01:27 PM

FG

“ *Our condolences and thoughts for the family.*



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**Frank Grasso** - March 27, 2021 at 12:18 PM

PN

“ *Pat Norton lit a candle in memory of Samuel "Sandy" Beckham*



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**Pat Norton** - March 27, 2021 at 09:20 AM

PN

*Remember Sandy from 1st grade at SJE. (Mrs Shepard's class). He attended a drop-in that the class of 62 had at the Wilds-Edwards house in 2019. Sending prayers for all of his family.*

*Patricia Bryant Norton*

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**Pat Norton** - March 27, 2021 at 09:32 AM

TC

“ *So Sorry to hear about Sandy .. He was an institution in Darlington and ALWAYS had a story to tell ... my condolences to all his family... I knew Sandy all my life .. and his parents and sister Linda ..*

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**Tim Cunningham** - March 27, 2021 at 07:53 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel "Sandy" Beckham.*



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March 27, 2021 at 03:03 AM



“ *Angela Spencer lit a candle in memory of Samuel "Sandy" Beckham*



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**Angela Spencer** - March 27, 2021 at 01:19 AM



“ *Linda, I am so sorry to hear such sad news. I remember meeting Sandy once when we came back to Florence for a visit, and we were glad to see you so happy. Much love to you and Sandy's family.*  
*Gradine Boyett*

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**Gradine Boyett** - March 26, 2021 at 09:36 PM



“ *He was such a pistol! All my love to you and your family...*

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**Dawn Larsen** - March 26, 2021 at 09:21 PM

KL

“ Linda, Ryan and family, I am so sorry and to hear of Sandy's passing. He was such a great guy. I always enjoyed hearing his stories when he was by the bank. He will be missed in Darlington by so many!!

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**Kathy Lawhon** - March 26, 2021 at 08:56 PM

ED

“ Linda , family & friends,  
we were sorry to learn of your loss. i think i met him in 1956 . It was a pleasure being around his family & Linda's family. He was easy to like & hard to forget or lose. May GOD grant you Grace.

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**ed davis** - March 26, 2021 at 07:17 PM

SC

“ I have fond memories growing up with Sandy (Nut). We played Little League Baseball together. Sandy was always smiling and joking. I enjoyed talking with him at the golf course. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. He will dearly be missed.  
Steve Crosby

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**Steve Crosby** - March 26, 2021 at 06:30 PM

CC

“ Sandy was a super guy always smiling always friendly. He will be missed not only by his friends but his family. My prayers and thoughts are with his family at this time

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**cecil chandler** - March 26, 2021 at 06:01 PM

GO

“ Ryan and family I'm sorry for the loss of your Uncle. Pleast know that I have you in my thoughts and prayers. Always reflect on the memories you cherish with him. They will last a lifetime. Sincerely Grady L O'Neal..SJHS Class of 85

Grady O'Neal - March 26, 2021 at 01:53 PM



“ Teresa Floyd Dickerson sent a virtual gift in memory of Samuel "Sandy" Beckham



Teresa Floyd Dickerson - March 25, 2021 at 09:43 PM



Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Teresa, Blan, Allison, and Dylan Dickerson

Teresa Floyd Dickerson - March 25, 2021 at 09:44 PM

JH

“ Josh And Tracy Harbert lit a candle in memory of Samuel "Sandy" Beckham



josh and Tracy Harbert - March 25, 2021 at 07:10 PM

SH

“ Sharon Howle lit a candle in memory of Samuel "Sandy" Beckham



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sharon Howle - March 25, 2021 at 02:55 PM

SH

Linda and Family,  
I am so sorry to hear about Sandy's passing. To know Sandy was to LOVE him! Prayers for you all! Wayne and Sharon Howle

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sharon Howle - March 25, 2021 at 02:59 PM

RK

“ I just heard the sad news. We had such fun in our days of youth. Sandy was such a beautiful human being. My cousin, Diane Young, and I sang "I'm Gonna Miss You" by the Artistics the night before he left Darlington for his first job many years ago; and now I'm singing it again -- Peggy Rouse Wolinsky

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Randi Kirkley - March 25, 2021 at 02:35 PM