



## Mr. Samuel Aldridge Hecko

December 4, 1949 - May 6, 2023

-Samuel Aldridge Hecko, 73, husband of Mary Hecko of Seneca, passed away Saturday, May 6, 2023, surrounded by his family.

A native of Greencastle, Indiana, Mr. Hecko showed great commitment to the country with over thirty years of military experience. He enjoyed weaving stunning baskets which have been shown in gallery exhibitions throughout the northeast and southeast; playing golf with his great friend Arthur "Greasy" Reeves; taking his beloved dogs, Maggie and Mollie, to Chick Fil A for nuggets and ice cream; spending time with his son, Matt, daughter, Amy, and granddaughter, Milah; and cruising the Caribbean with his wife, Mary.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Hecko is survived by his children: Matthew Hecko (Cynthia) of Florida, Amy Barrett (Brian) of Walhalla; brothers: Michael Hecko and Jerry Hecko of Indiana, and Dan Hecko of California; sister: Flo Hatcher of Connecticut; and his granddaughter: Milah Hecko of Florida.

Mr. Hecko was preceded in death by his parents: George and Dodie Hecko of Indiana; brother: Joseph Hecko of Indiana; sister: Becky McCann of Indiana; and his two adored dogs: Maggie and Mollie Hecko.

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday, May 13, 2023 at Davenport Funeral Home Chapel at 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Wounded Warriors Project, 4899 Belfort Road Suite 300,

Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

The family is at the home.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home

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# Tribute Wall

TH

“ *Mary & Family,  
We were saddened to hear about Sam. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Gerald, Christa, Andrew & Hannah Howard*



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**The Howards** - May 12, 2023 at 08:49 PM

JH

“ *When I was a kid, our family went to South Carolina to visit with Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary. Uncle Sam dealt in sporting goods at the time and he asked my brother and I what sports we were playing in school. Being Summer, we knew that football was up next in the Fall, so we said football. Uncle Sam sent us back to Greencastle with new football gear and new Riddell helmets. I was the only kid on my 7th grade football team with a white helmet. Every time another kid would ask me why my helmet was different than the other players, I would proudly say - it is from my Uncle Sam.*

*A few Summers ago, Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary visited Amber, Wilson and Leo at our cabin in Greencastle. He took the time to get to know our two boys and upon returning to SC, he sent Wilson new running shoes and Leo a box of art supplies. Somethings never change. He cared about our next generation of Heckos, McCanns and Hatchers.*

*Uncle Sam - Your kindness, voice and unrelenting sense of personal history will never be forgotten. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your life.*

*John Hecko*

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**John Hecko** - May 11, 2023 at 09:25 PM

CD

“ *Cynthia Dilworth lit a candle in memory of Samuel Hecko*



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**Cynthia Derrill Dilworth** - May 11, 2023 at 03:04 PM

FH

“ Once upon a time, there were seven children born to a Czech police officer and his artist wife. Two girls were first and then five boys. Blond hair and blue eyes, brown hair and blue eyes, and brown hair and brown eyes distinguished them.

They were all taller than their colleagues and were highly opinionated about all matters. Sam was child number seven and eventually became an only child when his older siblings left home for college, military service, or jobs.

He became the family chronicler reminding us of important family occasions. He was also a talented artist who wove exquisite baskets, perfectly shaped, colored, and useful.

He leaves behind his own remarkable family who will mourn him as they remember him.

Sam, we love you and honor you. We will miss you terribly.  
Flo (Hecko) Hatcher (child #1) and Lisa Hatcher

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Flo Hatcher - May 11, 2023 at 02:35 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Samuel Alridge Hecko.



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May 11, 2023 at 07:09 AM

FW

“ Frankie Williams lit a candle in memory of Samuel Hecko



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Frankie Williams - May 10, 2023 at 10:56 PM

BP

“ Barbara Pearson lit a candle in memory of Samuel Hecko



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Barbara Pearson - May 10, 2023 at 04:15 PM

LP

“ *Mary, thinking of you and your family at this time of sadness.*

Leland Pettit - May 10, 2023 at 05:42 AM

LJ

“ *Mary and family, I am so saddened to here of Sam's passing. Thoughts of you telling me about your cruises together. Praying for you my friend.*

Lita Justus - May 10, 2023 at 05:41 AM

DN

“ *Mary, Amy, Matt and family you all are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God give you strength in the days and weeks ahead. We love y'all Doug and Linda Nix*



Doug and Linda Reese Nix - May 09, 2023 at 09:08 PM

TR

“ *Tracy Richardson lit a candle in memory of Samuel Hecko*



Tracy Richardson - May 09, 2023 at 06:52 PM

LL

“ *Leonard Loudermilk lit a candle in memory of Samuel Hecko*



Leonard Loudermilk - May 09, 2023 at 03:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Samuel Alridge Hecko.*



May 09, 2023 at 02:50 PM

CH

“ *Chris Hamor lit a candle in memory of Samuel Hecko*



Chris Hamor - May 09, 2023 at 02:37 PM

 Cathie Nowell

“ *Greg and Cathie Nowell*



Cathie Nowell - May 09, 2023 at 01:42 PM

LB

“ *Lane Caroline Burgess lit a candle in memory of Samuel Hecko*



Lane & Caroline Burgess - May 09, 2023 at 01:41 PM

WS

“ *Walt Judy Deal Stephens lit a candle in memory of Samuel Hecko*



Walt & Judy Deal Stephens - May 09, 2023 at 09:29 AM

SN

“ *Mary, Amy, and Matt, may God bless and comfort you and your families during this most difficult and stressful time and in the days to come. Sending love and prayers.*

Susan Neal - May 09, 2023 at 08:07 AM

SN

“ Susan Neal lit a candle in memory of Samuel Hecko



Susan Neal - May 09, 2023 at 08:02 AM

PN

“ Mary and family my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Patti Nelson



Patti Nelson - May 08, 2023 at 11:30 PM

DA

“ Don & Darlene ALBERTSON sent a virtual gift in memory of Samuel Hecko



Don & Darlene ALBERTSON - May 08, 2023 at 10:15 PM

KH

“ Karen Harmon lit a candle in memory of Samuel Hecko



Karen Harmon - May 08, 2023 at 07:19 PM

JW

“ I'm so sorry to hear this and my prayers are with Mary and the family.



JulianDeweena Williams - May 08, 2023 at 07:10 PM

AB

“ Prayers for the family



Audrey A Barker - May 08, 2023 at 06:42 PM

JC

“ Jan Cobb lit a candle in memory of Samuel Hecko



Jan Cobb - May 08, 2023 at 06:20 PM

BJ

“ Buck Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Samuel Hecko



Buck & Tammy Johnson - May 08, 2023 at 04:59 PM

BJ

“ Buck Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Samuel Hecko



Buck & Tammy Johnson - May 08, 2023 at 04:58 PM

SB

“ Stacy Belue lit a candle in memory of Samuel Hecko



Stacy Belue - May 08, 2023 at 04:46 PM

DL

“ *David Carolyn Littleton lit a candle in memory of Samuel Hecko*



David and Carolyn Littleton - May 08, 2023 at 03:48 PM

WS

“ *Wayne Peggy Sibbett lit a candle in memory of Samuel Hecko*



Wayne and Peggy Sibbett - May 08, 2023 at 02:50 PM

RP

“ *Robby Lisa Peden lit a candle in memory of Samuel Hecko*



Robby and Lisa Peden - May 08, 2023 at 12:56 PM

FB

“ *Frankie Burrell lit a candle in memory of Samuel Hecko*



Frankie Burrell - May 08, 2023 at 11:42 AM

SA

“ *Sherry Matthew Abbott lit a candle in memory of Samuel Hecko*



Sherry and Matthew Abbott - May 08, 2023 at 11:24 AM

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Sherry and Matthew Abbott - May 08, 2023 at 11:24 AM

KD

“ *Mary....so sorry to hear this. Prayers for you and your family.*

Kim Reese Davenport - May 08, 2023 at 11:09 AM

CG

“ *So sorry for the family and your loss Mary.*

Chris & Vicky Guenther - May 08, 2023 at 11:02 AM

SM

“ *Steve Deb Morehead lit a candle in memory of Samuel Hecko*



Steve and Deb Morehead - May 08, 2023 at 10:43 AM

LQ

“ *Mary and Sam you both were good friends. When I retired I was blessed to receive one of his beautiful baskets. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.*



Linda L. Quarles - May 08, 2023 at 10:41 AM

SC

“ *Susan Crane lit a candle in memory of Samuel Hecko*



Susan Pickett Crane - May 08, 2023 at 10:32 AM

BJ

“ *Becky Johnson lit a candle in memory of Samuel Hecko*



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**Becky Johnson** - May 08, 2023 at 10:07 AM

RB

*Mary, I just now read of Sam's death. You are in my prayers for God's peace. One of Lamar's prized possessions was one of Sam's exquisite baskets which was his magazine holder sitting beside his lift chair.*

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**Rosemary Bailes** - December 06, 2023 at 12:51 AM