



Sam G. Hughes

May 20, 2004 - March 27, 2024

Sam George Hughes of Albany, NY and Bellingham, MA died by suicide on March 27, 2024 after a long courageous battle with a mental health disease which he fought so hard against.

Sam was a remarkable person with an unpredictable spirit. Born in 2004 to parents Nicole (O'Brien) Buckley and John Hughes. Confident and cool, there was no one Sam couldn't make smile with his rich humor and innate kindness. A team player, Sam thrived on the basketball court and baseball field. The silence now without his dribbling basketball at all hours will be harsh and empty. He preferred candy to food even at 19, and you'd never catch him in a pair of jeans. He preferred colorful clothes, bright blues and greens which brought out his blue eyes. Sam never wanted to let anyone see how much he struggled, and his extremely long and tortured battle with mental illness was overwhelming. He was searching for peace in life in which he has now found. Sam is survived by his 5 siblings Jack Hughes, Jack Buckley, Molly Hughes, Juliana Buckley, and Ben Hughes and parents Nicole Buckley, John Hughes, and step father John Buckley.

Sam also leaves behind his grandparents Robert Hughes (predeceased) and Connie of Albany, NY. His grandparents William O'Brien and Marybeth O'Brien of Manomet, MA.

Grandmother Michaela McCabe (predeceased), and his great grandmother Lorraine McCabe of Brockton, MA. He also leaves behind many aunts, uncles, and cousins who loved him dearly.

Sam attended school in Bellingham, MA through his junior year, until he moved to Albany, NY and graduated high school in January of 2022. He was an athlete in Bellingham Youth Sports, as well as at Bellingham High School, playing both baseball and basketball.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday morning April 4th at 11 am at Magin and Keegin Funeral Home in Albany NY, relatives and friends are invited and may call at the funeral home on Wednesday April 3rd from 4-7. An additional service will be held in Bellingham MA at Cartier Funeral Home, details to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a memorial donation be made to Alliance of Hope for Sam's Memorial Fund.

<https://support.allianceofhope.org/fundraiser/5390102>

Tribute Wall



“ Susanne M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sam G. Hughes.

Susanne M. - April 17, 2024 at 09:08 AM



“ I am sorry for your loss. I did not know Sam but he was friends with my nephew. My only child is struggling with mental illness and for 7 years they told me they wish they were dead. Just know it's not your fault and he's in a better place. Stay strong John.

Sasha Feirce - April 14, 2024 at 02:56 PM



“ John and family,

*My deepest sympathies.
Mental wellness and suicide are far more common than most realize and have impacted my life repeatedly. While it must be incredibly difficult to share, I commend you for having the courage to do so, Sam's journey can help others and it's so important to raise awareness. With that said I can't even begin to imagine the pain and tremendous loss. Please know that many are thinking of you all.
My heart goes out to you all.*

Deepest condolences,

Denise DuBois (Wadsworth Center)

Denise DuBois - April 10, 2024 at 09:32 AM

EU

“ Mike, please accept my sincerest sympathy with all of your family in the loss of your beloved Sam... I know very well how the loss of a child can be heart-breaking, but I hope you can all find comfort in the memories of Sam. While the pain never gets better, it becomes bearable. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love you more!

Aunt Ellen

Ellen Uhl - April 09, 2024 at 12:23 PM

KA

“ I did not know your son, but my heart aches for you and your family. Praying everyone who knew and loved Sam will find God's help and comfort. May He guide each of you through this dreadful thing, which I do not think possible without His help. The storm is just too great to bear alone.

Karla - April 09, 2024 at 09:25 AM

PR

“ John, my heart aches for you in this unbearable time. Please know that you are not alone. May Sam's memory be a blessing.

Paul Rosano - April 05, 2024 at 09:47 AM

SC

“ To the family and friends of Sam I send my condolences for your loss. I also commend your courage to share the loss of Sam by suicide. I know that this step alone can inspire others to speak up to save future lives.

Sharon Carpinello

SHARON CARPINELLO - April 04, 2024 at 02:54 PM

KF

“ *My deepest condolences to John and Family...praying for you during this most difficult time.*

Kat Flowers - April 04, 2024 at 02:25 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Sam G. Hughes.*



April 04, 2024 at 10:42 AM

KS

“ *John and Family - my deepest condolences to you in this time of grief. I wish you peace and healing. Thank you for your willingness to share Sam's life frankly and bring awareness and understanding to the suicide loss experience.*

Karolina S - April 03, 2024 at 09:24 AM

AP

“ *Wrapping all of you in our love. What a terrible loss of a beautiful soul. We have such happy memories of our young family days together. Praying for peace for all of you. With love from Anne, Dan, and the whole Penna family*

Anne Penna - April 03, 2024 at 09:15 AM

AS

“ Our deepest condolences for this tragic loss. May the good memories help you through this difficult time. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Amy, Lexi and Cait Savoie

Amy Savoie - April 02, 2024 at 08:03 PM

JH

“ I am so deeply sorry for your loss; may the strength of your family's love carry you through these difficult days.

Sincerely,

Jen Houlihan

(Kristi's sister-in-law, Mikey's teacher, and Lexi's supervisor)

Jen Houlihan - April 02, 2024 at 02:38 PM

KA

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of your son, Sam. Sending you and your family my deepest condolences. May his pain and suffering show others how to get help.

Kara - April 02, 2024 at 01:26 PM

 John
Ace
Freeman

“ John, I am so sorry for the loss of your son Sam. Please accept my sincere condolences to you and all of your family in these difficult times.

John Ace Freeman - April 02, 2024 at 10:56 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Sam G. Hughes.*



April 02, 2024 at 10:55 AM



“ *Condolences to you and your family, John. Thank you for spreading the word and awareness.*

James Chithalen - April 02, 2024 at 10:52 AM



“ *John, so sorry for you loss. My condolences to you and all your family during this difficult time.*

Corey Bennett - April 02, 2024 at 10:01 AM



“ *Thank you for defeating silence and sharing Sam with all of us. With much sadness, I offer my condolences.*

George Mead - April 02, 2024 at 09:42 AM



“ *John and Family, I am so so sorry for your loss. As a parent of a similarly aged kid, my heart breaks for you all. May Sam rest in peace from his torment.*

Karen Chave - April 02, 2024 at 09:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sam G. Hughes.*



April 02, 2024 at 08:50 AM



“ *My heart is reaching out to you in sympathy. May time be a source of healing to John and the entire family.*

Bev R - April 02, 2024 at 07:46 AM



“ *Patrick P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sam G. Hughes.*

Patrick P. - April 02, 2024 at 07:44 AM



“ *So very sorry to hear this tragic news. May he be forever happy and in peace. My deepest sympathies to John and the family.*

Joe - April 02, 2024 at 06:54 AM



“ *John and family- I am heartbroken to hear about your son. My thoughts and prayers to all of you ! God bless. 🙏*

Maryellen Carl - April 01, 2024 at 10:25 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Sam G. Hughes.*



April 01, 2024 at 04:57 PM



“ *Ticia M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sam G. Hughes.*

Ticia M. - April 01, 2024 at 04:23 PM



“ *Every parent feels this. May your beautiful beautiful son now be at peace. May your memory be eternal dear Sam. Sending love and prayers to his family and friends. Kathryn Quigley*

Kathryn Quigley - April 01, 2024 at 03:38 PM



“ *John and Family,
Offering my deepest condolences and lifting
your family in prayer in this difficult time. Rest
in peace Sam.
Colleen Leonard*



Colleen Leonard - April 01, 2024 at 03:29 PM



“ *So very sorry for such a devastating loss. Rest in love and peace Sam and may your family find solace.*

ED - April 01, 2024 at 11:40 AM

MR

“ God Bless Sam and family. Rest in eternal peace Sam! With Love and prayers, a Mom & Dad in East Greenbush, NY

Mr & Mrs Riley - March 31, 2024 at 03:50 AM

MG

“ Michael Whiteaker and all of Guilderland purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sam G. Hughes.

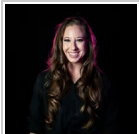


Michael Whiteaker and all of Guilderland - March 29, 2024 at 04:57 PM

MG

“ Michael Whiteaker and all of Guilderland planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sam G. Hughes.

Michael Whiteaker and all of Guilderland - March 29, 2024 at 04:57 PM



“ It is so hard to find words. This is such a tragedy. I am sorry Sam that you were suffering for so long. Fighting an exhausting battle just to exist. You have been fighting for so long and I hope you can now rest. I can't stop thinking about the many people that will be missing you dearly. All of my love, Alex

Alexandra LaBelle - March 29, 2024 at 03:42 PM

JC

We lost our 42 year old son to suicide 11 years ago. Our sympathies to your family. One never recovers from the loss and dreams of what might have been. The passing of time is the only healer there is. So sorry. Jim Clement.

Jim Clement - April 01, 2024 at 10:10 AM

AM

*To Sam's Family and Friends,
I can't even imagine how heart broken you are. So many dealing with
Mental Health issues and hiding behind a mask of forced happiness.
Sam was fortunate to have a caring family and support.
May he now be at peace.
Praying for your family.*

A Mom - April 01, 2024 at 11:13 AM

MB

*Dear John and family, We are so very sorry for the devastating loss of
your beloved Sam. May restful peace be his eternally, and may the
memories of his vibrant life offer comfort in the days to come. You are
in our prayers!*

Margaret and Richie Burke - April 02, 2024 at 06:51 PM

CS

*My Dear John, Connie Hughes is my Dad's cousin, Joseph Kuhn. I lost
my daughter, Katy, two years ago March 6, 2022. She was 36. She
struggled just as your son did for so long. She left behind 2 daughters
15 years and 19 years. They live with my husband and I in NC. I am so
very sorry for the loss of your son. He is at peace now. But I know the
big hole in your heart will take forever to heal. God bless your whole
family. Love Chrissy Kunh Setzer*

Chris Setzer - April 02, 2024 at 08:52 PM

KR

*Dear John,
Sam sounds like he was a brave fighter and now his battle is no longer.
Thank you for sharing his pain which may help others in their own.
I'm so very sorry he had to find relief while leaving your heart broken.*

Kathleen Rosch - April 03, 2024 at 12:47 AM

KB

*“ I'm so heartbroken to hear this. I have such fond memories of all the
time Sam and all your kids spent with my family after you moved to
Bellingham. There are no words, just so much love.*

Kelley Brooks - March 29, 2024 at 03:34 PM

MA

“ *May Sam rest in peace and find joy in heaven he will be with both his grandparents and Daisey will all greet him
Your passing is very sad you left
My sincere sad sympathys to your Mom n Dad and your step dad and all your siblings cousins aunts and uncles and your great grandparent I truly hope there is another side and you smile again
Sam you will be Missed
All my love
Mike Avola*

Michael Avola - March 29, 2024 at 02:53 PM

DL

John and family we were very sorry to hear of Sam's passing. You have our deepest condolences We pray for you and your family. May Sam Rest in Peace. Dan and Michele Lydon

Daniel Lydon - April 01, 2024 at 08:53 AM

RA

*John and Family,
I am at a loss for words to hear such a terribly sad news. Please accept my sincerest condolences, as I pray for the departed soul. -Raj Agrawal*

Rajendra Agrawal - April 01, 2024 at 05:50 PM

TO

John and all the Hughes family, so very sorry to hear the sad news regarding Sam. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Rest in peace Sam. Your families love for you will always be present.

*With Love,
Tim & Kerry O'Connor*

Timothy O'Connor - April 01, 2024 at 05:56 PM

LZ

*John and Family,
I am so sorry for the loss of your son at such a young age. May Sam
rest in peace. With deep sympathy. Lei Zhu*

Lei Zhu - April 01, 2024 at 07:54 PM

MV

John and Family,

*May Perpetual Light Shine
Patricia Spears Jones*

*We have encountered storms
Perfect in their drench and wreck*

*Each of us bears an ornament of grief
A ring, a notebook, a ticket torn, scar
It is how humans know their kind—*

*What is known as love, what can become
the heart's food stored away for some future
Famine*

*Love remains a jewel in the hand, guarded
Shared fragments of earth & air
drift & despair.*

*We ponder what patterns matter other than moons and tides:
musical beats—rumba or waltz or cha cha cha
cosmic waves like batons furiously twirling
colors proclaiming sparkle of darkness
as those we love begin to delight
in the stars embracing.*

So sorry for the loss of your beloved, Sam.

Mary Fran V.

Mary Fran V - April 02, 2024 at 07:12 AM

JS

My deepest condolences to John and his family, through this very difficult time. Much love, thoughts and prayers out to all who new and loved Sam.

Jackie Schermerhorn.

Jackie Schermerhorn - April 02, 2024 at 07:19 AM

RB

John,

I wish I had something more comforting and supportive to say during such a painful time. Please know that my thoughts are with you and your family during this tragedy.

Warm regards,

Ryan Bennett

Ryan Bennett - April 02, 2024 at 09:48 AM

EC

Dear John and Family,

I am so very sorry for the loss of your son Sam. I can't imagine the pain you and your family are going through. May Sam rest in peace and prayers that you and your family find healing over time.

Beth Cavosie

Elizabeth Cavosie - April 03, 2024 at 11:11 AM

SK

John,

You have my deepest condolences as you and your family walk the path of grieving. I pray that our higher being wrap you in his/her protective arms and provide comfort. I am so sorry. You're so brave to share your story.

Shirley Kelly-Parson

Shirley Ann Kelly-Parson - April 03, 2024 at 01:43 PM