



Sam Anthony Romano

May 14, 1930 - August 31, 2024

Sam Anthony Romano, age 94, of Royal Oak, passed away on August 31, 2024. He was born on May 14, 1930, in Hollywood, Pennsylvania, to Epazzio and Tressa Romano.

Sam attended Windber High School in Pennsylvania before earning his bachelor's degree from Shippensburg University, where he was an accomplished football player and wrestler. Following graduation, Sam proudly served his country in the Army during the Korean War.

After his service, Sam moved to Detroit, where he began his career with Ford Motor Company. He later worked as a chemist for General Motors, dedicating 31 years to the company.

A man of deep Catholic faith, Sam was an active member of the Knights of Columbus and the Shrine Dad's Club. He taught catechism through the CCD program for 12 years and served as an altar server for funeral Masses at Shrine. His faith extended beyond his own practice; he encouraged others by praying with veterans and prisoners.

In addition to his spiritual commitments, Sam contributed to his community by coaching a city soccer league team. His legacy is one of devotion to his faith, his family, and his community.

Sam will be remembered as the beloved husband of Dorothy Barbara (née Tomaszewski). Loving father of Paul, Therese, Walt (Cindy), Carmela (James) Gillette, Joseph (Melissa), Peter (Denice), and Dominic (Anna). Proud grandfather of Taylor, Clare (Dan) Tresnak, Dominic, Kendall (Steven) Katofiasc, Patrick, Joseph (Lauren), Daniel (Hannah), Sophia, Isaac, Casper, Rowan, and Sam; and great-grandfather of Leo and Isaiah.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, September 3, from 2 - 8 p.m. (Rosary at 7 p.m.) at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (four blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 4 at 10 a.m. (9:30 a.m. visitation) at National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, 2100 Twelve Mile Rd., Royal Oak.

Memorial contributions can be directed to the Capuchins: www.thecapuchins.org/donate.

Cemetery Details

Christian Memorial Gardens West

521 E. Hamlin Road
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 3. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
royal@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Rosary

SEP 3. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

SEP 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 W. 12 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Tribute Wall

CA

“ It wasn't hard to see him as a father figure. He was so kind and had such an inviting personality and it was something that was really appreciated by someone who was raised by a single mother. He even helped my sister and me to bury our kitten, Rumpleteaser, in the frozen ground next to his house. That kind of thoughtfulness doesn't go unnoticed or forgotten. To two little girls who lacked a father figure, he did a great job at filling that position and making us feel like part of his already big family. Carole and Suzi Pasquinelli

caroleallen3@aol.com - September 03, 2024 at 08:05 PM

TH

Oh, Carol, this is such a sweet memory. Thank you for sharing it. -
Therese

Therese - September 03, 2024 at 09:00 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sam Anthony Romano.



September 03, 2024 at 03:12 PM

DF

“ Diane Tomaszewski & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sam Anthony Romano.

Diane Tomaszewski & Family - September 03, 2024 at 03:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sam Anthony Romano.*



September 03, 2024 at 02:28 PM



“ *Please accept our deepest sympathies. Tim Klemet and Anne Ferrando-Klemet*

Anne Ferrando-Klemet - September 03, 2024 at 11:08 AM



“ *We got to know Sam and Barb from the Love of God Prayer Community, Shrine Church and his children at the Kwananea youth group that Marsha and I coordinated back in the 70's and early 80's. Sam is a testament and model of what a Christian man should be. He was a loving husband, dedicated father and shared his time and gifts with those around him and those in need. May God bless Sam and his family in this time of grief. He has gone home to meet our God, Jesus and all of our departed. God bless.*

Paul and Marsha Ebaugh

Paul Ebaugh - September 03, 2024 at 10:34 AM



Thank you, Paul and Marsha. That sums up our dad beautifully.

Therese - September 03, 2024 at 09:02 PM

DM

“ Sam was such a nice man. He was our neighbor who lived up the street. We got to know Sam and his wife many years ago when they would walk their dog. He always stopped to chat for a bit every time they passed by our house. Our prayers and condolences are with the Romano family. May Sam rest in peace.
Tim, Diane & Sheryl McDonough



Diane McDonough - September 03, 2024 at 10:02 AM

TH

Thank you so much for sharing your thoughts.

Therese - September 03, 2024 at 09:03 PM

BD

“ Bob and Judie DeBone and their children Charlotte, Tony, Pat , Chris and families send the Romano family peace and prayers. Many friendships and memories between the families.
family ma



Bob DeBone - September 03, 2024 at 08:38 AM

TH

Thank you so much. We appreciate your prayers.

Therese - September 03, 2024 at 09:42 AM

NF

“ Neil and Nancy Lauer and Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Sam Anthony Romano.



Neil and Nancy Lauer and Family - September 03, 2024 at 06:44 AM

PC

“ Purcell family (friends of Paul)& Chet purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Sam Anthony Romano.



Purcell family (friends of Paul)& Chet - September 02, 2024 at 07:31 PM

PC

“ Purcell family (friends of Paul)& Chet planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sam Anthony Romano.

Purcell family (friends of Paul)& Chet - September 02, 2024 at 07:31 PM

JP

“ From the Purcell family, we are so sorry for your loss. Jim and I are thinking of your family and sending our deepest condolences. Trese

Jim and Trese Purcell - September 02, 2024 at 07:09 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Sam Anthony Romano.*



September 02, 2024 at 03:44 PM



“ *Jon and Karen Call and Sandy Reidenbaugh planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sam Anthony Romano.*

Jon and Karen Call and Sandy Reidenbaugh - September 02, 2024 at 03:44 PM



“ *We were lucky enough to have been neighbors with Sam and Barb for 17 years. He was a great man and will be missed by our family. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Romano family.*

Kris Cook - September 02, 2024 at 01:44 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sam Anthony Romano.*



September 02, 2024 at 08:34 AM

SE

“ Of Sam Romano, the words of Jesus’ parable about the faithful servant are certainly the same greeting that Sam received as he passed from death to life everlasting: “well done, good and faithful servant!” May Sam, in his new life in God, continue to bless and love all of us who will miss him, especially his dear wife, Barbara and all his family.
Sister Noreen

Sr. Noreen Ellison - September 02, 2024 at 07:32 AM

TH

Thank you, Sister, for your beautiful words about our father.

Therese - September 02, 2024 at 01:26 PM

DD

“ I have my former 115 pound German Shepherd to thank for introducing me to Sam, and subsequently Barb and other members of the family. "Dino" rushed out of our front door to greet Sam and his family dog, Maggie, one morning. I did not expect for my life to become so fulfilled with love, gratitude, and new friendships. The Lord does work in mysterious ways and I, along with my wife, are so blessed and honored to have known such a wonderful human being. Thanks Sam and Barb for your friendship!
Dave and Amy Dorobek

Dave Dorobek - September 01, 2024 at 07:18 PM

TH

Wow, Dave, way to make us all cry. But seriously, thank you so much for your kind words. We will all miss him dearly.

Therese - September 02, 2024 at 01:26 PM

SD

Our beloved Uncle Sam will be forever missed as he now joins our Mom, Auntie, and Grandma and Grandpap Romano in his heavenly home. My brothers and I will always cherish the memories of visits to the Romanos' and their visits to Windber. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the blessing of having Uncle Sam, Aunt Barb, and our cousins in our lives.

*With much love and deepest condolences,
Susan and Brothers - John, Jim, Paul & Dave*

Susan Dixon - September 02, 2024 at 01:52 PM