



Samuel J. Fabiano

August 19, 1925 - May 11, 2018

Samuel John Fabiano, born August 19, 1925 in Rochester, Michigan, passed away May 11, 2018 in Royal Oak, Michigan at the age of 92.

Beloved husband of Gertrude (Schwager) Fabiano, father of Jean (Jim) Gardziola, grandfather to Paige and Mariah Gardziola, brother-in-law to Rosemary Schwager, uncle and great-uncle to more than 150 beloved nieces and nephews and his adopted McCabe family, who all remember Uncle Sam's big heart and hugs.

Predeceased by parents Joseph and Rose Fabiano, siblings Pasquale (Mary) Fabiano, Frank (Margaret) Fabiano, Peter (Mary Jane) Fabiano, Josephine (Louis) Folino and Margaret (Joseph) DeAgostino, brothers- and sisters-in-law George (Shirley and Carol) Schwager, Henry (Dorothy) Schwager, Elizabeth (Paul) Janness, Ralph (Peg) Schwager, Robert (Kay) Schwager, Eleanor (Robert) Raylea (Orchard Park, NY), Bernadette (Charles) Lowe, Virginia Schwager, Rev. Edmund and Raymond Schwager.

Sam grew up in Rochester and moved to Clawson in 1957. While a linesman at Michigan Bell he met his beloved wife Gertrude Schwager and asked her to marry him two weeks later. He loved being part of the large Schwager family and was happiest as an Uncle to his nieces and nephews.

After retirement from A&P, Sam volunteered for St. Vincent de Paul, where he met many wonderful people who became great friends. On May 12th, he was to be honored at a St. Vincent de Paul dinner for 25 years of service. He was looking forward to the dinner and was humbled to be recognized.

Sam worked out three times a week for years. He met a group of “workout buddies” who also became his friends. He enjoyed the monthly breakfasts and often talked of his friends. He stopped going to the gym in December and truly missed his friends, and to a lesser degree, the morning workouts.

He loved his granddaughters and rarely missed an event in their lives. All their teachers, coaches and friends knew him and most called him “Da”. He wore his University of Michigan Grandpa shirt and his Navy ball cap often so people would give him an opportunity (not that he needed it) to talk about his grandchildren.

Visitation Friday, May 18, 2018 from 3-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. Rosary at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak, MI 48067. In state Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 10 a.m. until the time of Mass 10:30 a.m. at Guardian Angels Catholic Church, 581 E 14 Mile Road, Clawson, MI 48017.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests donations in Sam’s name to the Guardian Angels Church St. Vincent de Paul Society in 581 E. Mile Rd. Clawson, MI 48017.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. 10 Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
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royal@sullivanfh.com
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Rosary

MAY 18. 7:00 PM (ET)

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In State at Church

MAY 19. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Guardian Angels Catholic Church
581 E. 14 Mile Road
Clawson, MI 48017

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

CP

“ I remember Sam as a good guy from Guardian Angels Church. We were not close, but it's a shame that I didn't know he passed away sooner. Regardless, good people are not easily forgotten.

Chris Pawlak - June 06, 2019 at 01:54 PM

DB

“ I met Sam at Guardian Angels and have seen him many times at the GA men's fellowship group. I always enjoyed his stories and life experiences. He is a man of God and may he rest in peace.

David Banet Sr.

David Banet - May 19, 2018 at 08:00 PM

LH

“ Dear Gert and Jean,

I have many fond memories of Sam while visiting at the McCabe's home.

Sam was always uplifting and such a great Heart and endearing personality.

Know you are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Love,

Laura Hanacek

Laura Hanacek - May 18, 2018 at 11:37 AM





“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Samuel J. Fabiano.*



May 17, 2018 at 12:59 PM



“ *Love, Bob, Judi and Bryan Ralyea purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Samuel J. Fabiano.*



Love, Bob, Judi and Bryan Ralyea - May 16, 2018 at 06:46 PM



“ *Your Orchard Park Family?? purchased the Garden of Memories for the family of Samuel J. Fabiano.*



Your Orchard Park Family?? - May 16, 2018 at 12:30 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel J. Fabiano.*



May 15, 2018 at 08:19 PM



“ *<3 Paige's NBG1 family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Samuel J. Fabiano.*



<3 Paige's NBG1 family - May 15, 2018 at 07:27 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel J. Fabiano.*



May 15, 2018 at 06:25 PM



“ *We are saddened by the loss of our neighbor/friend!
We were welcomed by Sam & Gert eight years ago when we moved in next door to them!
We soon became friends, and enjoyed our conversations over the fence!
We will definitely miss Sam! We will be praying for Gert, and family!
Mike & Dottie Thomas*

Dorothy Thomas - May 15, 2018 at 12:59 PM

JN

“ Dearest Sam,

The thought of you having left this world, broke my heart. You are the most caring and loving man ever. It was you who brought Jerry into the warm family of St Vincent DePaul. He in turn had me be part also.

You are a warm amazing man, Sam. Your wonderful Bear Hugs always were a welcomed part of seeing you. Love poured out of you to each person who came to you. The most intense amount of love showed whenever you glanced at you beautiful wife, Gert. The two of you were awesome together, on the dance floor or just comfortable sitting in your basement during a party. Such love inspired everyone around. The love you expressed towards your Grandchildren and nieces and nephews, made us feel we knew them also.

Sam, God is so very lucky to have the company of you in heaven. May we all one day share again that company too, when we join you.

Goodbye, Sam, may you enjoy your new life to the fullest.

With Loving Memories and Prayers,

Joyce and Jerry Noffert ❤️🌹🕊️

Joyce Noffert - May 15, 2018 at 12:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Samuel J. Fabiano.*



May 15, 2018 at 09:46 AM

JN

“ Jerry & Joyce Noffert lit a candle in memory of Samuel J. Fabiano



Jerry & Joyce Noffert - May 15, 2018 at 09:36 AM

KC

“ I will never forget, as a kid, Jean and I went to A&P and bought this huge container of ice cream. Mr Fabiano and I ate that entire container of ice cream. Over the years, we've often joked about that.

Mr Fabiano, I look forward to the day that we can share another huge container of ice cream!

To Mrs Fabiano, Jean, Jim, Paige and Mariah. I love you very much and I'm so sorry. My thoughts and prayers for you during this difficult time.

Ken Case - May 14, 2018 at 05:55 PM

MA

We are going to miss such a nice , gentle and kind man, that is for sure! I was so sad when I heard the news. Keeping Sam and his family in my prayers . Even though I knew him for such a short time (my daughter is their neighbor) he always made me laugh talking to him and Gert at the fence . Rest in peace with the Lord, Sam.

Mary J Sinutko

Mary - May 15, 2018 at 04:40 PM