



## Sam "Papa Sam" Sturino

February 27, 1927 - May 19, 2015

Sam V. "Papa Sam" Sturino

KENOSHA – Sam V. "Papa Sam" Sturino, 88, passed away on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 surrounded by his family at his residence. He was a lifelong resident of Kenosha, born on February 7, 1927, the son of the late Giovanni 'John' and Angeline (nee: Mazzula) Sturino. Sam was a graduate of Bradford High School. He served in the United States Army in Japan during World War II. Sam was united in marriage to Helen 'Boots' Vig on May 20, 1950 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Kenosha. He retired from Landgren's Dairy, worked as a route salesman for Spinney Run Dairy and Home Juice. Sam also was a retired Bailiff for Court Commissioner John Plous of Kenosha County for many years.

He was a longtime and faithful member of St. Mark Catholic Church. Sam was also a member of Serra Club and the Lions Club of Greater Kenosha and had been the eyeglass chairman. He was a volunteer at United Hospital, Eucharist Minister at church and to the homebound. Sam was a retired member of the Teamsters' Union. Sam was well known for his dancing and enjoyed listening to music. He was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and loved watching the Kentucky Derby. Sam could be found relaxing poolside enjoying the sunshine. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family.

Surviving are his children: Michael (Karen) Sturino of Brookfield, WI, Christine 'Kiki' (John) Malkmus, Mark (Laura) Sturino, Mary Jo (Rob) Clark, all of Kenosha and Tom (Stacy) Sturino of Temple, GA, 19 grandchildren and 22

great-grandchildren. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and his "Kentucky family and friends" who have always held a special place in his heart.

Sam was preceded in death by his wife, Boots on November 3, 2003, brothers, Armando and Alfredo as young children, Lewis (Rose) Sturino, sisters, Mary (Mike) Marone and Emma (Chester) Bistrick.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Mark Catholic Church, 7117 14th Ave. on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at 7 pm with Rev. Carlos Flores officiating. Visitation will be held at the church on Tuesday from 3 pm until mass time at 7 pm. Sam will be laid to rest in a private ceremony at St. James cemetery next to his wife "Boots".

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Sam in a special way may direct memorials to The Lions Club of Greater Kenosha or St. Mark Church.

# Cemetery Details

## **St. James Catholic Cemetery**

7002 7th Ave  
Kenosha, WI 53143

# Tribute Wall



“ Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sam "Papa Sam" Sturino



Sturino Funeral Home - May 24, 2015 at 02:49 PM

CO

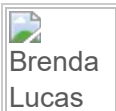
*Lovely. What a legacy of love he left.*

colleen - May 24, 2015 at 07:37 PM

SY

*What a beautiful video, Papa Sam was a true family man, how he loved his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The room must have lit up like a ray of sunshine when he entered, his smile was warm like the sun. He and your mother must have been so proud of their family. I have an ache in my heart and a tear in my eye for you and the rest of your family because he was the glue that held you together. The little one's like Parker will never get to know him, but they will always have apart of Papa in them. Remember to keep Papa's memory alive for the little ones. Mike you look just like your dad, how wonderful is that. All my Blessing's to you and your family, don't forget to look for the SUN.....Sandie york*

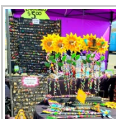
Sandie York - May 24, 2015 at 10:41 PM



Brenda Lucas

*Beautifully done.... Such great memories.....*

Brenda Lucas - May 25, 2015 at 07:46 AM



*Very nicely done.*

Celeste Cecchini - May 25, 2015 at 08:49 AM

RC

*Thank you so much for posting this where we can see, and share in Papa Sam's life. He will be missed by many.*

**Roger & Lynn Clark** - May 25, 2015 at 11:03 AM

JG

*“ Sam was a classmate of my late father John E. Gehring and my uncle Joe Andrea at Bradford. He also looked in on my father when he was briefly recovering at Kenosha hospital. I believe I saw him last at a Danish Brotherhood breakfast. My sympathy to the family.*

**John Gehring** - May 29, 2015 at 03:29 PM

CN

*“ Sorry I missed seeing you all again. My Deepest sympathy from your former baby sitter. Carol (Nies) Nichols*

**Carol Nichols** - May 28, 2015 at 01:19 PM

BR

*“ Great memories of Sam and Boots from our CYO days at St Mark!*

**Bill Rafferty** - May 27, 2015 at 01:30 PM

TL

*“ My condolences to Sam's entire family. I had the pleasure of working with Sam at the courthouse. He was a pleasure to work with and always had a smile on his face. He will be deeply missed.*

*Tami L.*

**Tami L** - May 26, 2015 at 10:42 AM

BB

“ Bethany Lofgren, Hunter Johnson, Kelly Bilotti purchased the Spring Has Sprung Mixed Basket for the family of Sam "Papa Sam" Sturino.



Bethany Lofgren, Hunter Johnson, Kelly Bilotti - May 25, 2015 at 11:45 PM



“ 100 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sturino Funeral Home - May 24, 2015 at 01:58 PM

LT

“ Lori T. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sam "Papa Sam" Sturino.



Lori T. - May 24, 2015 at 09:29 AM

PD

“ Very sorry to hear about Papa Sam. Mary Keith thought the world of him, and you have my condolences.

Paul Desolier - May 23, 2015 at 11:25 PM

ER

“ I remember some of our earliest year's waiting for the milk truck to come down the block and getting some ice in the summer. Your whole family on bicycles ridding down the street. mike and I arguing about how to tie your shoes like the guys in the Marines when we were playing army. Life is an accumulation of memory's with there Joy's and times not so joyful. With out any doubt every time you think of him for a while will bring tears...you will find he will be present in your memory's all your life...We grew up in a neighborhood with many parents...one of them were always watching. We were blessed to have such parents...Words can never bring enough comfort for an heartache missing him is the heartache. Mike, Chris, Mark, Maryjo and Tom This old boy remember's a pretty great guy! Ernie

Ernie - May 22, 2015 at 09:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sam "Papa Sam" Sturino.



May 22, 2015 at 07:43 PM

LE

“ Papa Sam knew I was coming to visit one Thanksgiving weekend. He remembered that I liked a particular candy called Mary Janes. when I walked into his home, he led me to the treat draw and showed me what he had bought for me. Sam had such a memory and always seemed to be thinking of ways to make people feel special. Will miss watching the Derby festivities with him.

Leslie - May 22, 2015 at 07:09 PM

AM

“ Autumn May lit a candle in memory of Sam  
"Papa Sam" Sturino



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**Autumn May** - May 22, 2015 at 02:49 PM

JC

“ I am so sorry for your loss Mary Joe, and Kiki, I hope that your  
family finds peace knowing your pops is up by his one and only  
love. The Weidner ladies send their love!

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**Joy Chase** - May 22, 2015 at 01:46 PM



“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



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**Maggie Wood** - May 22, 2015 at 09:34 AM



“ I'm not sure I exactly know where to begin.

*First off to all of his children, grand children and great grand children, I send my deepest sympathies and all my love.*

*I have so many wonderful memories with Sam. I loved my first Thursday breakfasts with him, his smile, his laughter, and of course all the fun banter we had.*

*He will be missed by so many.*

*Maggie*

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**Maggie Wood** - May 22, 2015 at 09:33 AM



“ I have so many warm memories of my Papa Sam. Always telling us kids that we were his favorite. Giving hugs and kisses and getting Papa Juice all over your face, and still smelling him hours after you left, ( best smell in the world). Coffee nips for Noah and that smile....made you smile no matter what was going on. Alyssa was the first great grandchild born and he was always just as excited with every one born after. I cant believe he is gone. I will always love you Papa Sam.

*Jessica Lynn Sturino*

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**Jessica Sturino** - May 21, 2015 at 12:09 PM