



Samuel J. "Sam" Donzella

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Samuel J. Donzella, 74, of East Syracuse, passed away suddenly with his wife by his side on Sunday, April 27, 2014. He was born in Syracuse and was a 1957 graduate of East Syracuse Minoa High School. Sam was also a U.S. Air Force veteran. He retired from Niagara Mohawk after 36 years of service. Sam was quite handy and enjoyed working on old cars, fixing things, and mostly working with his hands. He and his wife loved wintering in Englewood, Florida. Sam also enjoyed spending time with his beloved grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his father, Salvatore Donzella. Sam is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Carol (Miller) Donzella; his two daughters, Denise (Glenn) Nicholls of Glen Carbon, IL and Amy (Jim) Homa of Manlius; four grandchildren, Alicia and Olivia Nicholls and Katie and Kelly Homa; his mother, Mary Donzella of East Syracuse; two brothers, Ben (Red) Donzella of North Syracuse and Arthur (Patty) Donzella of Bridgeport, along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral service in celebration of Sam's life will be held by Rev. Michael J. Carmola on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 10:00 am in the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY. Burial will follow in Assumption Cemetery. Family and friends may call at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME on Friday, May 2, 2014 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



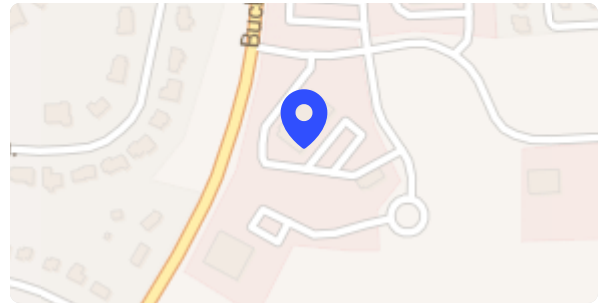
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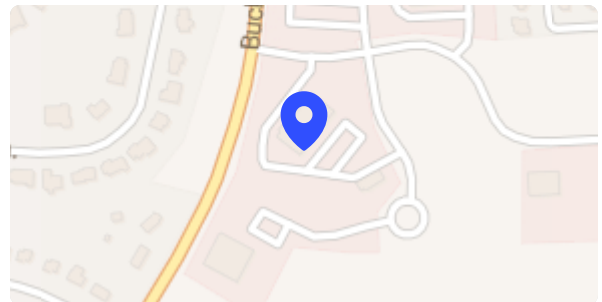
Visitation

- Friday**, May 2, 2014
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212



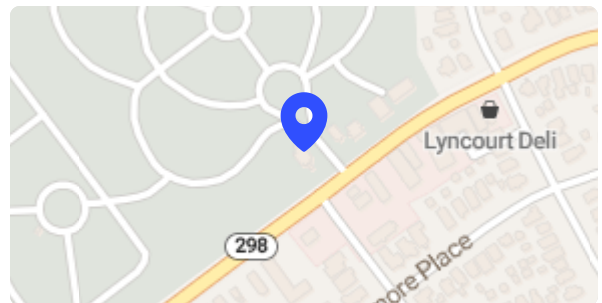
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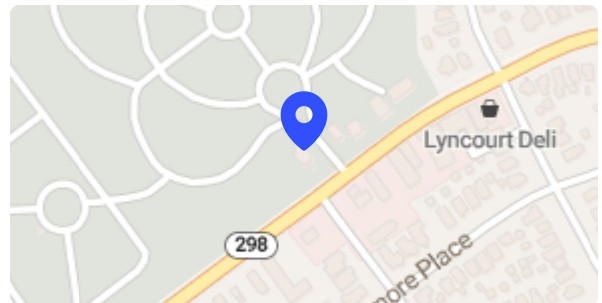
Interment

- Saturday**, May 3, 2014
- Assumption Cemetery**
2401 Court Street, Syracuse NY 13208



Cemetery Details

- Assumption Cemetery**
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- 454-3841**





Tribute Wall

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Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home shared a **Tribute Video**.



May 2 at 10:57 AM



Dick And Shirley Bloomer posted:

Dear Carol and Family, Was so saddened to hear of Sam's passing. So sorry that we did not learn of it in time to be able to attend his services. God Bless you as you go through this difficult time. Be comforted by the spirit of the Lord, and by your close friends and family. Dick and Shirley Bloomer

May 6 at 5:41 PM



George Clonan posted:

Sam was a great co-worker and friend. We will miss him at our monthly NiMo breakfasts. George (Goose) Clonan

May 3 at 6:51 AM



Lubertha Bykerk posted:

Dear Carol, I know you already received a note from us, but after watching the photo tribute this morning we wanted you to know that just watching it made us feel much better about not being able to be with you during this difficult time for your family, and we, your friends. Please know we will be with you in spirit for the remainder of this day and until we see you again. Bertie and Kathie

May 3 at 2:46 AM



Kathie And Bertie posted:

Dear Carol, We are so sad to hear of Sam's passing. Both Bertie and I send our deepest sympathy and want you to know how we wish we could be there with you to give you a big hug. We will always remember "Sam the Man" riding his bike each day. I will miss my hug when we return this fall, but double the hug to you. Remember, God loves you and so do we. Kathie and Bertie

May 2 at 5:51 PM



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JT

Joyce Thomas posted:

I remember the corn feasts in your back yard with the family. Sam was a good friend, good worker and a great person. Carol, I look forward to visiting you when we come up to Syracuse this summer. We live in Palm Coast Florida now but plan to go north in June. Thinking of you, Dick Heckathorn.

May 2 at 3:24 PM

BD

Bernadette (Lelio) Doherty posted:

Carol, I was so saddened to hear the news. My prayers are with you guys during this difficult time. My dad forwarded the obit so I wanted to reach out. Please accept my deepest sympathies. Sending you a huge hug. Bernadette (Lelio) Doherty

May 2 at 11:29 AM

JM

Janet And Bob Martin lit a candle in honor of Samuel .

Dear Carol and family, Please accept our heartfelt sympathies for the passing of your loved one. He will be missed at Holiday Travel Park. Janet and Bob Martin

May 1 at 12:44 PM



LC

Le Moyne College posted:

Please accept the most heartfelt sympathies of Le Moyne College. We hope the love and memories that you will forever hold in your heart bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

May 1 at 12:11 PM

DC

Debbie Carmeci posted:

My deepest sympathys go out to the Family of Sam Donzella. Was glad to have spent some time with you Carol and Denise. Take Care of each other. Debbie Carmeci and Family

May 1 at 8:46 AM



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MS

Mary Anne Sacco posted:

Dear Mary, Ben, Red and family. How very sorry we were to hear of the passing of Sam. We do want to offer our sympathies and prayers to all of you at this very sad time. Your friends in Arizona - Mary Anne and Doc Sacco

May 1 at 7:16 AM

SJ

Sharon Juhasz posted:

Our favorite memory of Sam, is the last day he, Carole, Andy, 'the duke' and spent together only a few days before his death. He was happy, talkative and looking forward to getting back 'home' to spend the summer with his mom and family. We are so blessed to have had that time with him. Carole, Denise, Amy: We are so very sorry for your loss.

May 1 at 5:17 AM

GV

George & Judy Vogel posted:

Carol, family and friends: We are so saddened to hear about Sam's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you; We'll miss him in Englewood, FL while "wintering" there. George & Judy Vogel

May 1 at 4:57 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Donzella family.



May 1 at 4:15 AM



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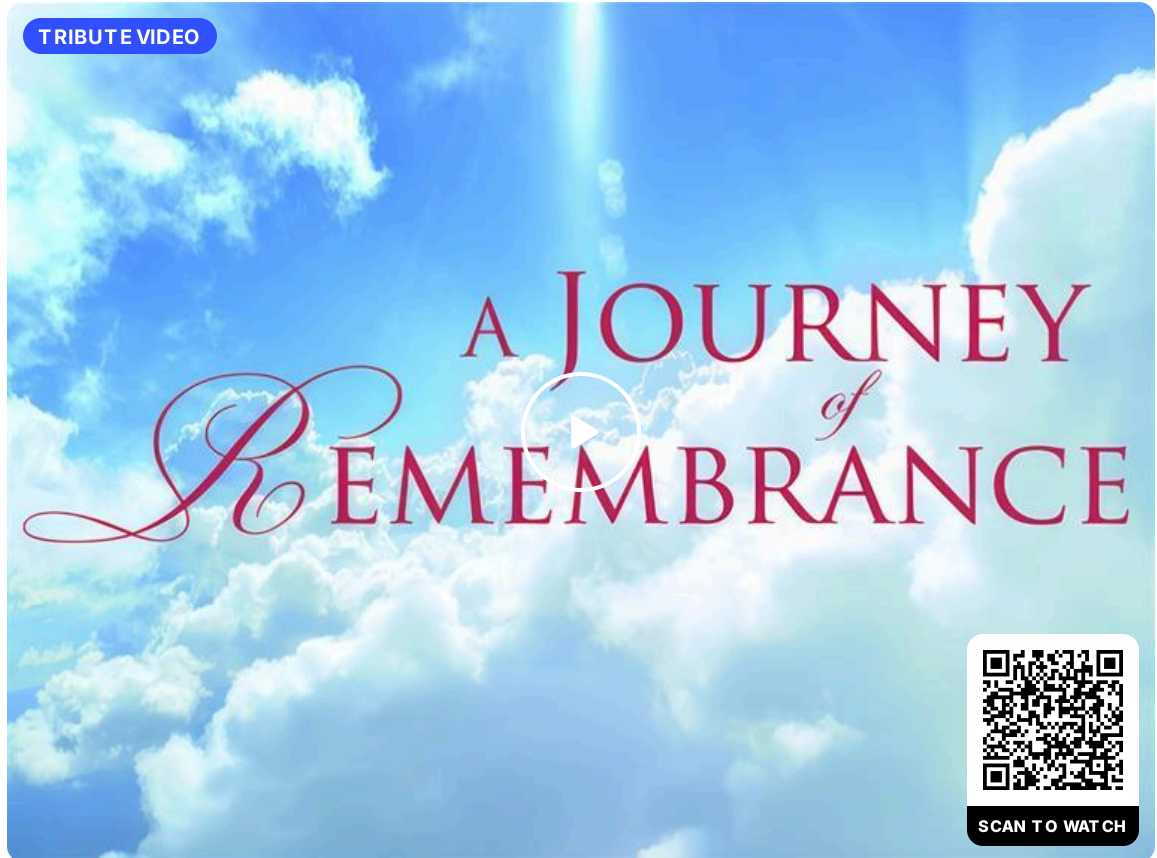
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Samuel by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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