



Samuel Colella, Jr.

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Samuel Colella, Jr., 67, entered Heaven, surrounded by his loving family on September 5, 2023, following a long illness. Sam was born on June 15, 1956 in Syracuse, NY to the late Samuel Colella, Sr. and Carmella (Caruso) Colella. Sam graduated from Henninger High School and received an associate degree from OCC and later attended Le Moyne College. In his younger years, he played and then coached baseball, and liked hunting and fishing with his brother at their camp. Sam loved to watch sports and enjoyed listening to the saxophone. He was a hard worker and family man, often working multiple jobs, both day and night. He started his career as Production Operator with Carrier Corp. for 10 years. Sam then owned and delivered a Post Standard route for several years and worked for Onondaga County until suffering a Traumatic Brain Injury. Sam was a devout Catholic and had a lifetime devotion to St. Anne de Beaupre. He enjoyed family gatherings and holidays, especially Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve with his family. In recent years, Sam loved spending time at his camp, on the St. Lawrence River with his fiancé.

Sam is survived by his devout fiancé, MaryAnn Begay; sisters, Carol (James) Procopio, and Joanne (Dominick) Leo; his brother, Rocky (Lori) Colella; children, Kayleigh (Brian) Cregg, Samuel III, Alissa and Nicholas Colella; his grandson, Mason Cregg; his beloved nieces and nephews, Peter, Kerri, Kristi, Brian, Jenna, Joseph and Joshua; great nieces and nephews, Evan, Preston, Ian, Carmella, Adrianna and Lucas; as well as uncles, aunts and cousins.

A funeral Mass in celebration of Sam's life will take place at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at St. Rose of Lima Church, 409 S. Main St., North Syracuse, NY, with burial to follow in Assumption Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 4:00 – 7:00 pm on Friday, September 8, 2023 at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY.



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Donations may be made to Crouse Stroke Center at <https://www.crouse.org/services/neuroscience/stroke/> or to St. Anne de Beaupre, <https://sanctuaire Sainte Anne.org/en/donation>.



Events

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Visitation

 **Friday**, September 8, 2023


 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET


 **Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212

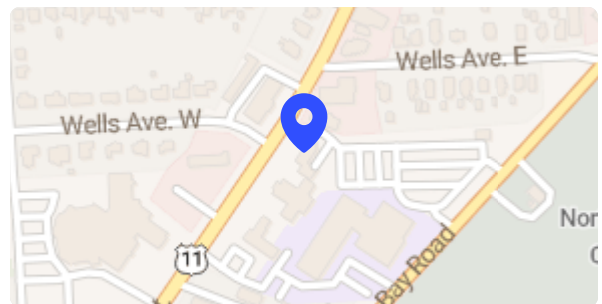


Funeral Mass


 **Saturday**, September 9, 2023

 10:00 AM ET

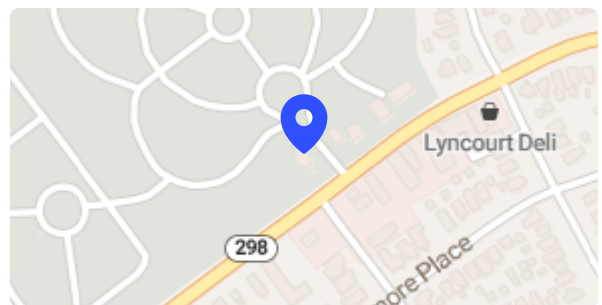
 **St. Rose of Lima Church**
409 S. Main Street, North Syracuse NY 13212



Cemetery Details

 **Assumption Cemetery**
2401 Court Street, Syracuse NY 13208

 **454-3841**





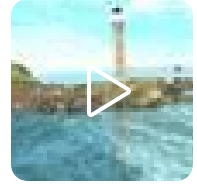
Tribute Wall

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



September 7 at 7:22 AM



Robbie Wells/Fla lit a candle in honor of Samuel.

My condolences go out to all of Sam's Family and relatives. Although I only knew Sam for a while when I worked at the county, he was a fun guy and always had something to do. I'm so sorry to hear about this because he was a real good guy. Rest in peace Sam.



September 10 at 9:50 AM



Mike Toia posted:

Rocky/FamilySam was a good guy. Enjoyed his company on Dom Leo's football trips. Have good memories. May god bless your families and May Sam's memories live on.Mike Toia

September 8 at 3:57 PM



Sue Goodwin posted:

Sam and Maryann are very dear to our family. My favorite memory with Sam was his loving way he always engaged my mom. They laughed often and he always made people smile. His meatballs were the BEST!! I know he was the only person I saw MaryAnn fall in love with. For that alone Sam, you will always be a one in a million! Thank you for making her so happy!! We love you and you will be missed. Rest in peace. Love, Robby, Sue, Patrick, Jack and Andrew

September 8 at 5:40 AM



Paul & Maria Leo posted:

To the family of Sam: We are extremely saddened to read about Sam's passing. We had chatted with him at Sacred Heart after mass over the last several years. Know that he is safely home with the Blessed Mother and her Son. He suffered for many years following his injury but championed through it. With much sympathy and hope --Paul & Maria Leo(We will be unable to attend either the wake or funeral as we are out of state and can't return until late Saturday evening.)

September 6 at 3:59 PM



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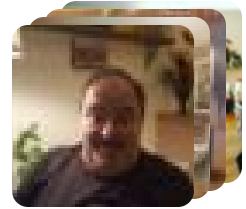
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Jim And Lorre Begay shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Sam we will forever remember all your stories and your gift of making people laugh and ALWAYS being there for your family and friends. We love and will miss you, But we know you will always be around us.

September 5 at 5:10 PM



PB **Paula Begay** September 7 at 2:37 AM

Sam was the most living...giving man I have ever known. He had the gift to make you laugh and feel so comfortable...Sam I know you are at peace and I will forever miss you...❤️



Anonymous sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Colella, Jr. family.

September 6 at 11:29 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Samuel.

September 6 at 11:29 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Colella, Jr. family.

September 6 at 10:04 AM



Jen Fisher posted:

Kayleigh, I'm so sorry for your loss. Praying that you and your family find some comfort during this difficult time. Please know I am here for you.

September 6 at 9:38 AM



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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Colella, Jr. family.

September 6 at 9:10 AM



Michael & Josie Begay sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Colella, Jr. family.

September 6 at 7:41 AM



Diane posted:

Carol ,Jim, Joanne, Dominick, Rocky, Lori and family,This is so surreal to us about Sam's passing. He will always be remembered for the kind of man he was, giving, loving and always a friend to help others..Sam will always have a cherished place in our hearts, love you all, Rest in eternal peace my dear cousin.....

September 6 at 7:20 AM



Paul Delledera posted:

Sam was the best story teller I ever new he had you rolling on the ground laughing and what was crazy everyone of them stories are all true , especially when he would imitate the people he was talking about, my favorite times with Sam was when we would meet him at the Byrne Dairy in Liverpool with my brother Nick , and his brother Rocky , we would always talk about the old times when we were kids , Sam you will be highly missed especially from the Delledera Family , RIP my friend you will always be in my heart and mind

September 6 at 7:13 AM



Brenda posted:

I couldn't of asked for a great friend and one of the greatest person I worked with and had a great heart.He was always there to help with anything.Rip

September 5 at 5:46 PM



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Ron & Cathy Klein posted:

RIP Sam - Great neighbor / friend and all around great man. Sorry to hear of your passing and may the good lord grant to peace.

September 5 at 5:10 PM



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September 7 at 7:22 AM





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September 6 at 12:52 PM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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