



Lotteo Sam Balaco

November 1, 1926 - September 30, 2011

Lotteo Sam Balaco, 84, died at 7:19 p.m., Friday, September 30, 2011 at Rosewood Care Center in Alton. He was born November 1, 1926 in Alton the son of the late Sam and Blanche (Steele) Balaco. He owned and operated the Bon Air for 40 years and later owned and operated Lotteo's Restaurant in Alton. He was a member of Saint Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Surviving are one daughter; Rosemary Stahlschmidt and her husband Chris of Jerseyville, five sons; Sam Balaco (Charlene) of Alton, John Balaco (Renee) of Peoria, IL, David Balaco (Valerie) of Alton, Robert Balaco (Debbie) of Alton and Michael Balaco of Alton. Ten grandchildren; Stacy Dixon (Corey), Katie Balaco, Jennifer Balaco, Kelly Reeder (Brandon), Amy, Jason and Marie Stahlschmidt, Michele McCoy (Ryan), Brandon and Lindsey Balaco, seven great grandchildren; Andrew, Emily, Matthew, Abbey, Avery, Piper and Link, three sisters; Christina Gennaro of Chicago, JoVenna Price of Godfrey and Amanda Borkowicz of Chicago. Visitation will be Monday, October 3, 2011 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A mass of Christian burial will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church with Father Delix Michel to officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association or American Heart Association.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lotteo Sam Balaco*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Lotteo Sam Balaco*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Take care of yourselves and each other.*

Linda and Jim Hadley - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *To my dear friend, Rob, and family:
It is apparent your dad lived a life few could ever hope to and that he touched many other lives throughout his special 84. Although the newspaper article is a wonderful tribute to him, it seems his greatest legacy is his family. God's blessings and comfort. Sincerely, Dolores Trujillo*

Dolores Trujillo - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I worked at Lotteo's Restaurant for many years. I have many fond memories. Lotteo was a generous man in so many ways. I wish I'd had a chance to see him in recent years. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Rest in peace, Lotteo.*

Sandy Budde - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ We're so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our prayers.

Betty Wynn and Family - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

S(

“ My Dad (Robert Little) introduced me to Lotteo years ago when he was running a restaurant in the alton/godfrey location on Humbert road. My dad really liked Lotteo and felt very highly of him. My dad pasted away several years ago now from diabetes/heart diease. Both men are greatly missed!

Stacey (Little)Herzog - October 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ To Sam Jr. and the girls at the pawn shop:
My deepest sympathies.
-Gerald from The Telegraph

Gerald Harrison - October 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I am sorry to hear of Lotteo's passing. I am sorry for his family. I used to work for Lotteo as a waitress at the Bon-Air many years ago.

Jane (Wheeler) Poole - October 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ many sorrows for your lose. We knew Lotteo for a long time.He will be missed.
Harry and Donneetia
Harry and Sandra and family
Nancy and Mark Reathaford and family.

Harry and Donneetia Woods and family - October 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *My sincere condolences and prayers to the Balaco family. Lotteo was a kind, compassionate and generous man with a heart of gold. He will be dearly and deeply missed. Rest in peace Lotteo.*

Tammy White Stuby - October 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ *We'd like to send our deepest sympathy to all of Lotteo's family & friends, my son will miss spending time with him on occasional Sunday morning breakfast outings with him and Ron and said he will carry those special memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.*

Brad, Lisa & Blake Bechtold

LisaBechtold - October 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *I always thought Lotteo was a fun, nice man. My mom, Laura, used to work for him at Lotteo's Restaurant. My mom would let me come to work with her sometimes and I always loved seeing Lotteo. He would always take me to get spamoni icecream! He would always joke around with me and always had a smile on his face!! He will be missed.*

Deanna (Healy) Lynch - October 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *Biggest heart ever! I worked for Lotteo at the restaurant. He was always good to me. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family. He will be missed!*

Laura Dugger - October 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *My Sincere Sympathy goes out to the Balaco family. Our family has a lot of fun memories of this family and horse shows and trail rides. Rest in Peace Lotteo.*

Carol Walsh - October 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Rest in peace Lotteo, you have earned it. You did a lot for your fellow man, and will be missed.*

Dawn M. Schuetz Fairchild - October 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. I too know that pain. May you find comfort in Isaiah 25:8 as I have.*

A. Jackson - October 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

IS

“ *To John, Renee and Family*

We are very sorry for your loss, with our deepest sympathies.

all of us IVPS

Illinois Valley Power Squadron - October 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HY

“ *Our condolences to you and your family on the loss of your father. Our prayers and best wishes are with you.*

Harvey and Mary Young - October 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to John and the rest of the family. Lotteo will be missed by all who had the good fortune to know him. Love, Cal and Sharon

Cal and Sharon - October 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I knew the man since I was in 4th grade. I thought a lot of him, "Uncle Lotteo" as I knew him was a kind and generous man. He will be sadly missed.

Kim White Stark - October 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ What a great person...My heart and prayers go out to the family.

Don & Cindy Garrison - October 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I am deeply sorry to hear of Lotteo's (Big Daddy's) passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I worked for Lotteo at 'Lotteo's' for 5 or 6 years. He was very good to me, as to all his employees. (He actually called bank to help me get my first car!) Lotteo will be missed by a LOT of people!

Donna Gent - October 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Lotteo had a gruff exterior but a heart of gold. He was a friend and I'll miss him.

Tom DeWitt - October 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

L(

“ I am very sorry to learn about Uncle Lotteo passing. I will always remember carrying a waitress tray filled with glass in his restaurant and dropping the entire thing on the floor and he laughed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Love,
Lisa & Daniel Edison (daughter of Fran Sampalis)

Lisa Edison (Sampalis) - October 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Sympathies to the family.

McCarty - October 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Sam, we are so very sorry for your loss. We hope you know that family and friends are here for you at this difficult time.
With Sympathy,
Rosemary and Randy

Rosemary and Randy D'Angelo - October 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Balaco family. Lotteo will truly be missed but he may now rest in peace. May his loving memory live on as you remember all of the good times. God bless you all. Love, Jimmy and Dorothy

Jimmy Kincaid and Dorothy Hickman - October 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM