



Sam Balaco II

September 27, 1950 - March 22, 2022

Dateline: Alton, IL

Sam Balaco II, 71, died at 12:55 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at Alton Memorial hospital. He was born September 27, 1950 in Alton the son of the late Lotteo Sam Balaco and Henrietta "Joan" Ahleymeyer. He was the owner of Sam's Pawn shop in Alton. On May 31, 1975 in Alton, he married Charlene Kincaid and she survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Stacy Dixon (Corey) of Godfrey, Katie Dockstader (Chad) of Edwardsville, six grandchildren, Andrew, Emily and Matthew Dixon, Abbey, Aubrey and Addyson Dockstader, four brothers, John Balaco (Renee), David Balaco (Valerie), Robert Balaco (Debi), Michael Balaco, two sister, Rosemary Stahlschmidt (Chris) and Kate Schneider . All services will be private. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Balaco II*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sam Balaco II.*



March 26, 2022 at 06:55 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to Katie and Stacy and the Balaco family. Sam had been a true friend for over 50yrs. Rest In Peace you will be missed. Barbara Burk*

Barbara Jo Burk - March 25, 2022 at 09:12 PM



“ *Our condolences to the Balaco family, he was well liked by everyone. He was a family friend for over 50 years, he will be missed.*

Dick and Margie Dunn

margie dunn - March 25, 2022 at 11:12 AM



“ *Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Sam Balaco II.*



March 25, 2022 at 01:30 AM



“ *My condolences to the Balaco family. Stacy and Corey I always enjoyed talking to Sam when I came to the shop. He will truly be missed. R.I.P. Sam*
Terry W. Wooden

Terry Wooden - March 24, 2022 at 04:02 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*

Mary Donahue - March 24, 2022 at 02:42 PM



“ *Our deepest Confolences to the Balaco family.. thoughts and prayers..Rip Sam . R&J's Northside Pawn*

sean smith - March 24, 2022 at 01:36 PM



“ *Sam was just like his dad, a very honest, hardworking family man who loved his family. We will miss you Sam .Jack Hoefert and family*

jack hoefert - March 24, 2022 at 01:17 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Sam Balaco II.*



March 24, 2022 at 12:22 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sam Balaco II.*



March 24, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *I want to send my deepest love and condolences to Sam's family, and the rest of the Balaco family! I worked for Lotteo and Sam at "Lotteo's" where Lotteo was referred to as "Big Daddy"! The girls were of a young age when I knew them!*



May you Rest in Peace, Paradise, and Love Sam! Fly High With the Angels my friend! (Tell Big Daddy 'Hello' for me!)

Donna K Gent - March 24, 2022 at 09:32 AM

RM

“ Condolences to all of the family. Lived across the street from them for a few years and he will be missed at the shop. RIP Sam..
Randy Manar



Randy Manar - March 23, 2022 at 09:27 PM

KD

“ Sam was the most generous genuine down to earth good hearted man. I am so Blessed for having him in my life. He was the best thing that happened in my sister Charlotte life. He touched so many people's hearts I never heard a person say anything negative about Sam he was a Good Old Country Boy loved his wife, daughters grandchildren western movies chew and coconut cream pie we have lots of memories and he will always be in our thoughts and heart we all Love you Sam

Kathy DeMond - March 23, 2022 at 07:23 PM

DS

My sister Donna and I used to rent an apartment up the street from Bon Air from Sam sending condolence to your family Darlene Stillwell

Darlene Stillwell - March 23, 2022 at 10:50 PM

JB

“ Our brother Sam was truly a good man. He devoted his entire life doing his best for his wonderful wife Charleen- the only woman he ever loved. his two beautiful children Stacy and Katie, their husbands, and his six grandchildren. Growing up he was the older brother who seldom got into trouble. It was saint Sam and Sister Rose, then the rest of us. It was not derogatory, but really described his personality. I have often thought Sam was the best of both Mom and Dad. He was a loving husband and parent, a good catholic, a great brother, a successful business man and compassionate to everyone. He had Mom’s devotion to raising a family yet he had our Dad’s Midas touch for business.. He touched the lives of thousands of people from the Bon Air, Lotteo♦♦♦s, and his legacy, Sam’s Pawnshop. Everyone who knew Sam has something good to say about him.

John Balaco - March 23, 2022 at 06:52 PM

CO

“ My condolences to the family. Sam was a wonderful person to me over the years. He always greeted me by name and always chatted with me when I came in the shop. He will be dearly missed by everyone who knew him. Rest In Peace friend

Chris Ontis - March 23, 2022 at 06:18 PM