



Samuel Evan Massalone

June 3, 1992 - November 26, 2015

On November 26, Samuel Evan Massalone conceded his battle with Schizophrenia after an arduous and courageous journey. He was born on June 3, 1992, to Philip Massalone and Karen (Johnson) Roberts. They both survive. Also surviving are his beloved sisters, Emma Massalone, Anna Massalone and Ella Walters; his grandmother, Carole Massalone; aunts and uncles, Barb (Steve) Varble, Mark (Dianely) Massalone and Mike Massalone, all of Alton; his grandparents, Ralph and Agnes Johnson of Jacksonville, IL; aunts and uncles, Nancy (Steve) Decker, Everett (LeAnn) Johnson of Franklin, IL, Patricia (Mike) Elliott, Darryl (Stacy Shade) Johnson, Rebecca (Mark Dyer) Johnson-Dyer, and Christopher (Mindi) Johnson, all of Jacksonville, IL; his stepfather, Mike Roberts and many cousins and friends not forgotten. He also leaves behind Summer, his dog and faithful companion. Sam was loving, compassionate, gentle and especially protective of his sisters. He cherished his memories with friends and family. Sam was in awe of nature and found peace going for walks in wooded areas and solace being near the river. He treasured long drives with his parents and sisters (and his hot mocha!). He loved music, movies, art, basketball and comedy. He accepted his illness with dignity, humility, sacrifice and prayer. He fought to survive it with more strength than we will ever know and carried a poem entitled "Don't Quit" (by Edgar Guest). His grandfather, Sam Massalone and his uncle, Evan Johnson precede him in death. A prayer service will be Monday, November 30, at 4:00 p.m. at Gent Funeral Home with a visitation

following until 7:00 p.m. A funeral mass will be held on Tuesday, December 1, at St. Mary's Church in Alton at 10:00 a.m., concelebrated by Father Jim Walther and Father Jim Brobst. Memorials may be made to The Nature Institute or The Treehouse Wildlife Center.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **30**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Mass

DEC **1**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
4th and Henry Street
Alton, IL 62002

Tribute Wall



“ *Samuel Evan Massalone*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Samuel Evan Massalone*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Kim Hardin lit a candle in memory of Samuel Evan Massalone*



Kim Hardin - December 03, 2015 at 11:28 AM



“ *We are so very sorry. Keeping you in prayer at this most difficult time.*
Kim and Claire Hardin

Kim Hardin - December 03, 2015 at 11:26 AM



“ *Susan Murphy lit a candle in memory of Samuel Evan Massalone*



Susan Murphy - December 01, 2015 at 03:44 PM

SR

“ Karen and Mike, please accept my sincerest sympathies. Our children are so precious to us, but eternally more-so to God. May God be with you!
Steve Rupp

Steve Rupp - December 01, 2015 at 11:19 AM

JN

“ Sending our prayers and sympathy.
The Newquist family

Jody Newquist - November 30, 2015 at 11:00 PM

TR

“ So very sorry. Thoughts & prayers for you all.



Tracy - November 30, 2015 at 03:39 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel Evan Massalone.



November 30, 2015 at 08:35 AM

BW

“ *Beth Wolf lit a candle in memory of Samuel Evan Massalone*



Beth Wolf - November 30, 2015 at 08:11 AM

BW

Our prayers are with you and your family in your time of grief...all my love to you..

Beth Wolf - November 30, 2015 at 08:13 AM

DS

Michael, my heartfelt condolences to you on the loss of your nephew. My prayers for you and your family. May your memories sustain you for years to come.

Debora Spraggins

Debora Spraggins - November 30, 2015 at 11:13 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Samuel Evan Massalone.*



November 29, 2015 at 09:30 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel Evan Massalone.*



November 29, 2015 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mechelle lit a candle in memory of Samuel Evan Massalone*



Mechelle - November 29, 2015 at 12:04 AM



“ *I would like to start by saying I do not know anyone in your family but his obituary touched my heart. I am the sister of an adult sibling that has battled with this same disease since he was about 18 years old and he just turned 50 this year. There are high highs and low lows. Please know he is no longer fighting his own demons and is at complete peace. I like that you put his illness in the obituary because to many families try to sweep it under the carpet. God Bless you all.*



Debby Drobnack Hillsboro, IL - November 28, 2015 at 06:13 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel Evan Massalone.*



November 28, 2015 at 05:54 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*

Mary Jo Sherman - November 28, 2015 at 05:40 PM



“ *Mary Jo Sherman lit a candle in memory of Samuel Evan Massalone*



Mary Jo Sherman - November 28, 2015 at 05:37 PM