



## Mr. Samuel "Sam" Santiago

July 1, 1987 - February 16, 2022

UTICA – Mr. Samuel “Sam” Santiago, age 34, passed unexpectedly on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, in the comfort and dignity of his home. Born in Utica on July 1, 1987, to Alejandro Santiago and Providence (DiGeorge) Vega, Sam would remain local throughout the duration of his life. He graduated from T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 2006. Sam then went on to further his studies at SUNY Utica.

At one time, Sam shared a relationship with Ashley Ellsworth, and to that relationship came the blessing of two children. Then, on August 24, 2019, Sam married Deanna Locorini, with whom he would go on to share the blessing of adding two more children to the family. Sam was a wonderful father who took his role incredibly seriously, even choosing to be a Stay-at-Home-Dad so as to be actively involved in caring for, nurturing, and raising his children – he delighted in his children and loved spending time with them. When Sam was not home with his children, he was taking advantage of varying employment opportunities in order to provide for them. He held a position at Remington Arms as an Assembler before he shifted into a role with Hertz Car Rental Co. Additionally, Sam took on a number of odd jobs working construction.

Sam was known for his willingness to do what was needed, and help where he could. Those who knew Sam knew how reliable he was; when he gave his word to do something, Sam followed through on it. Moreover, Sam was honest and faithful. He was a loving son to his parents and was loved by all those he

met. Sam was also very smart, even though he quite humble about that fact. Sam loved the outdoors and took any chance he could to go camping, hunting, fishing, or hiking. An adventurous spirit, Sam was always up for anything when it took place outside.

A man of faith, Sam attended Lighthouse Baptist Church.

Sam is survived by his beloved wife, Deanna; his father, Alejandro and his wife Janette; his mother, Providence and her husband Joaquin; his cherished daughters, Maria, Corina, and Lilah; and his treasured sons, Greyson, and Samuel J. Santiago. Sam leaves behind his siblings, Jacquelyn Santiago and Mike O'Brien; Alexandra and Jeffrey Tebo; and Yolanda and Dr. Julio DeJesus. Sam will be fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, and cousins; as well as his aunts and uncles, including: Santia-Sierra Velazquez, Carmen M. Santiago, Felicita Santiago, Margarita Santiago, Andrea Santiago and Felix Roman, Virgenmina "Tata" and Napoleon Rivera, Israel Santiago, Rene Santiago, and Venerada "Venny" Santiago; and great-aunts and great-uncles. Sam will live on in the hearts of his mother-in-law, Teri Hagen, and his father-in-law, Jim Locorini and his wife Jen. Sam also leaves behind his in-laws, Jaime Locorini, Matthew Hagan, and Lindsey Hagan. Sam shared in many treasured friendships, including Tom "Tommy" Titus and Nathan "Nate" Pratt. He also leaves his family friend, Virginia Beauvais. He was predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Felix Santiago and Dolores (Velasquez) Colon; maternal grandparents, John Sr. and Mary DiGeorge; maternal step-grandmother, Jeanne M. Teeps; and his father-in-law, Kris Hagen.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the Utica Police Department for their valiant efforts, especially acknowledging Officer Shannon Cinque. Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Lighthouse Baptist Church, 701 Kossuth Avenue. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Sam's Funeral Services and Celebration of Life, which will commence immediately upon conclusion of visitation at noon. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.



# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-2727

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 24. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Lighthouse Baptist Church  
701 Kossuth Ave  
Utica, NY

## Funeral Service

FEB 24. 12:00 PM (ET)

Lighthouse Baptist Church  
701 Kossuth Ave  
Utica, NY

# Tribute Wall

SF

“ Sue F lit a candle in memory of Mr. Samuel "Sam" Santiago



Sue F - February 23, 2022 at 06:37 PM

PL

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to all the families involved. Even though things happen in life, Sam was a part of our family for a lot of years. He was a good man...hard working, funny, a wise ass at times, but it was all in good fun :) Most of all he was a wonderful father to my beautiful granddaughters Maria & Corina. I promise you Sam, that your memory will live on for your daughters. May you Rest in Pease :( Please watch and guide all your children in all the years to come!

Pam Lyon - February 22, 2022 at 09:38 AM

PL

“ Pam Lyon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Samuel "Sam" Santiago



Pam Lyon - February 22, 2022 at 09:22 AM

ND

“ *Natalia D. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Samuel "Sam" Santiago*



Natalia D. - February 22, 2022 at 08:41 AM

KA

“ *Kathy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Samuel "Sam" Santiago*



Kathy - February 20, 2022 at 09:58 PM

SF

“ *I have known Sam since he was a toddler. His sister Jackie is my best friend. Sam was a wonderful man. He was always kind and respectful! He will be missed by many and he left behind a wonderful and caring memory to us all. My heart goes out to his family and i pray for their healing through this❤️ -Sue*

Sue F - February 19, 2022 at 06:59 PM

PV

*I miss you and love you so much. You were my only son, but I am so proud of you. You were such a good father to your kids, always praising their little accomplishments. My heart is broke and I will always love you. I will always cherish our times spent together. Until we meet again. Mom*

Providence Vega - February 19, 2022 at 09:58 PM

RN

*🙏🙏 for my friend and neighbor Sam and his family. Sam would always lend a helping hand when needed and chit chat with you all the time. SAM may you RIP and I definitely miss you. Your friend and neighbor. Ruthie Liggins*

**Ruthie Liggins ( neighbor)** - February 20, 2022 at 07:49 AM

MM

*Providence, I'm just seeing this... My heart goes out to you and his love ones... I can't even imagine your brokenness... Know that I'm here for you. I love you my dearest friend. Know that in your darkest hrs God is there right beside you comforting you. Put your trust in him to bring you through this very difficult time. Draw your strength from him and his followers. I will see you Thursday. I love you my friend 🙏❤️✝️*

**Mary Marcy** - February 20, 2022 at 08:10 AM

TK

*Prov, Alex and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this incredible time of loss.*

*Tammy (Brinkerhoff)*

**Tammy Kistner** - February 20, 2022 at 10:49 PM

CB

*I met Sam at Hertz when I came back fr9m being out for awhile. I never forget when I came back he said oh your Chuck I heard your like a legend around here cleaning cars. He said I have been trying to fill your shoes. I said well from what I heard you have been doing good job. I showed him some of my tricks of the trade and we were friends from then on. We lost touch after I left Hertz but I still remember him as a bubbly young man who never had a bad thing to say about anyone. You will be missed my friend and I will see you one day on the other side remember the tricks I taught you..your friend Chuck Baye*

**Chuck Baye** - February 21, 2022 at 01:42 PM

TL

*My prayers for the family. Sam will be dearly missed by every one that came in contact with him. He had a beautiful soul and smile that lit up a room. Sam came to my rescue and set up the decorations to my baby shower. Watch over your precious babies and over your family. RIP*

**Tia Lawlor** - February 21, 2022 at 09:54 PM