



Mr. Samuel P. "Sam" Simbari

January 9, 2021

NAPLES, FL/UTICA –Mr. Samuel P. “Sam” Simbari passed into the grace of the Lord in Naples, Florida on Saturday afternoon, January 9, 2021, at the age of 94.

He was a native Utican born to the late Gaetano and Domenica (Demme) Simbari and was one of 13 children. Never knowing that one of his greatest accomplishments would have been becoming a soldier in the US Marine Corps during WWII, he lived up to all of their demands, fought honorably for his country, and never forgot his days in service. A man of the Greatest Generation, Sam showed his patriotism each year on Memorial Day weekend by adorning his home with the American and Marine Corps flags displaying his love for his country and remembering those fallen soldiers. On November 26, 1953 he married the former Nancy Palmisano. They embraced each other’s love, and they supported each other’s needs; it was a successful union and it worked for them. They knew the blessings of two children, and through both of their sacrifices they made a memorable family life. It is apparent that after 62 years of marriage, part of him went with Nancy on the day God called her home in 2016.

During Sam’s life he refused to remain idle, and his work ethic caused him to engage in opportunities that were endless. He was a Manufacturing Supervisor at Bendix Corporation, assisted his longtime friend George Didio at his janitorial company, and served the patrons of Greco’s Liquor Store; these positions made him a great provider for his family. Cigar in mouth, hat upon

his head, he would meticulously mow the lawn of his Hammond Avenue home. He was fastidious, funny, and notably charming. He was a Mr. Fix-it, a creative builder, and everything that he worked for was precisely kept. In fact, many might say that even Sam's car was the cleanest in town. Although an emotional journey, Sam joined fellow veterans on the bus trips to Washington D.C. to remember and honor the fallen heroes. He embraced the motto of every Marine, "Always faithful" Semper Fidelis. Among his social and civic organizations were the Knights of Columbus Council 189, and the Anchor Club whose mission was to volunteer at Camp Nazareth in the Adirondacks to prepare for summers of fun for children.

Sam was a people person, a nostalgic conversationalist, and he made many friends throughout his life. He had a way of seeing through to the hearts of the most seasoned people and making an impression on the youngest souls. Much of his life revolved around industrious projects, but once he was on the fairways, the game of golf proved to be a worthy pastime in which he participated to the very end.

St. Agnes Church was home for Sam, Nancy, and their family. Msgr. Willenburg was a beloved friend, and they were active in all of the church affairs. He now called St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament his parish, and was very giving of his time where he upheld his Catholic creed. The latter years of his life were spent in Naples, Florida with his son David where magically he made new friends and new memories.

Sam is survived by his son, David J. Simbari and Lynn Bradley. He was sadly preceded by his beloved daughter Rebecca J. Almstead, and held close his relationship with his son-in-law, Jeffrey Almstead. He leaves to carry on his legacy his grandchildren, Stephanie Simbari, and Stephen Simbari; and their mother Jill Copeland Simbari. He also will be remembered by his sister, Josephine Smart; and brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Kitty Simbari, and Carmen and Carolyn Simbari; numerous nieces and nephews especially acknowledging Rosemary and Duffy Dougherty, and Ann and Tom Wolanski, and their children; great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and a sister-in-law,

Shirley Simbari; and a lifetime of friends with whom he made indelible memories. He was preceded in death by his siblings and their spouses, infant Joseph Simbari, Frank and Evelyn Simbari, Anthony and Gretchen Simbari, Bernard Simbari, Guy Simbari, Lucy and Vincent Dannes, Mary and Roger Girouard, Pat and William Stone, Eleanor Wells, and Ann and Robert Cekosh; and in-laws, Mamie and John Perretta, John and Rita Palmisano, and Frank and Rose Palmisano.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Sam's Mass of Christian Burial which will be held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 12:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish; the family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery where he will be laid to rest next to his wife. Military honors will be bestowed by the US Marine Corps.

Sunrise 1926 Sunset 2021.....

Semper Fi

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall

HF

“ *My buddy Sam. I was glad I was able to see you a few times down here in Naples. We had one last Cuban cigar together before you moved on to a better place. Sending my prayers to my friend and his family.*

Henry Furgol - June 02, 2021 at 07:42 PM

JP

“ *Dear Dave, we never met.. But you father was an amazing person! I was his barber when he lived in Utica so sorry for your loss.*

Joseph Plado

Joseph Plado - January 26, 2021 at 01:04 PM

RH

“ *Dave,
So very sorry to hear of Sam's passing. He was a wonderful neighbor and friend. May he now rest with Nancy and Becky.*
Rosanne Karam Hebert



Rosanne Hebert - January 19, 2021 at 08:39 AM

FM

“ *David: So sorry to learn of your Dad's passing. My most sincere condolences to you and family. Many great memories of you and Rebecca visiting Grandma on Hammond Ave.*

frank Martello - January 18, 2021 at 09:54 AM

SP

“ Sam I Will always remember you You were a good Army Reserve friend.

Scotty Phillips - January 17, 2021 at 02:15 PM

BO

“ Sam you'll be greatly missed by your family and many friends. Growing up on Elizabeth St. you were part of our childhood, always out front on your porch willing to chat with the kids. You're now reunited with your loves, Nancy and Becky. You were one of the last of our young times and parents generation, hope the heavenly Elizabeth St. neighborhood has a front step for you. Until we meet again, RIP and Semper Fi.

Bobby Ollerenshaw - January 17, 2021 at 12:07 PM

JM

“ To the Simbari family...Sam was family to us...we will miss him dearly as we do our loving Nancy...our sincerest sympathy...Joe & Marge Montanaro and Family...God's blessings...all our love and prayers...

Joseph Montanaro - January 17, 2021 at 10:42 AM

ES

“ I Remember Sam from working in Dr. Ryan's office. He was always such a nice kind man who always came in smiling! He had a strong love for his family & would do anything to help others! Now reunited with those who have gone before him. RIP Sam!

EILEEN SMALL - January 17, 2021 at 10:22 AM

JC

“ David

Please accept my heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your Dad. He was the ultimate gentleman and a great friend. I had the pleasure of working for him at Bendix many years ago.

May the fact that he is now back with your Mom and sister who I'm sure we're waiting with open arms bring your heart peace. You were an amazing son and he was always so proud of you. I hope that you find comfort in that and the memories you hold close to your heart.

Many prayers are being sent to you .

Jeanne Castronovo

Jeanne Castronovo - January 12, 2021 at 07:12 PM

AD

“ *Sam was Albert's uncle and a well loved family member. He was always generous with his help for his sister and her husband and always generous with his stories and memories. A strong, interesting guy, and we will miss him.*

Albert Dannes - January 12, 2021 at 04:52 PM

PC

“ *Sam was a very nice man and he was well liked up at Valley View, a pleasure to talk to, God Bless His Soul and Family, Peter Cerminaro and wife Patty.*

peter f cerminaro - January 12, 2021 at 11:31 AM