Sam "Sammy" G. Aprile

October 29, 1930 - February 11, 2013

Visitation for Sam G. "Sammy" Aprile, 82, of Bradley, will be from 10 a.m. Thursday until the 1 p.m. funeral service at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. Deacon Patrick Skelly will officiate. Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Grade School. He died Monday (Feb. 11, 2013) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee.

Mr. Aprile established the first pizza restaurant in Kankakee in 1953, Mama's Pizza. He owned and operated Tony's Pizza in Bradley and The Sirloin House in Kankakee. He opened Sammy's Pizza in Kankakee in 1961. He most recently worked at Super Wash in Bradley. He helped former employees open Candlelight Pizza and Dale's Pizza, both in Kankakee. He was born Oct. 29, 1930, in Chicago, the son of Salvatore and Josephine (Louise) Aprile. He attended Precious Blood Elementary School and Crete-Monee High School.

Surviving are his wife, the former Phyllis M. Behrens, whom he married Oct. 7, 1950, in Chicago Heights; one son and daughter-in-law, Samuel and Denise (Dupuis) Aprile, of Kankakee; three grandchildren, Samuel (Debra) Aprile, of Montgomery, Gavin (Heather) Aprile, of Manteno, and Veronica Aprile, of Los Angeles, Calif.; four great-grandchildren, Dominick, Gavin, Cameron and Josephine; one sister, Theresa, of Texas; one sister-in-law, Mona Aprile; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Susan B. Aprile; and two brothers, John and Tony Aprile.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Grade School. - www.stjosephschoolbradley.org/

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **14**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

SP

Steve Pierce lit a candle in memory of Sam "Sammy" G. Aprile

Steve Pierce - February 16, 2013 at 08:54 AM

SP

Sammy was always a special person. He touched alot of lives. Including mine. I left Kankakee many years ago. I would return to see him from time to time. RiP my friend.

Steve Pierce - February 16, 2013 at 09:05 AM

TA

Sam & Denise,
Our sympathies to you and your family in the loss of a wonderful, caring person. Sammy always had a smile and a friendly greeting for everybody.
Tom & Judy Andersen

Tom & Judy Andersen - February 14, 2013 at 07:26 PM

BH

He was my first boss at the Sirloin House in 1968. My deepest sympathy.

Bob Howe

Bob Howe - February 14, 2013 at 07:08 PM

GH

Sammy & Denise,
Our sympathies to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Greg & Patti Hanold

Greg Hanold - February 14, 2013 at 10:07 AM

LT

Lisa Schultz Themer lit a candle in memory of Sam "Sammy" G. Aprile

Lisa Schultz Themer - February 14, 2013 at 08:26 AM

DK

Sam and Family,
My deepest sympathies at the loss of your father. I had many wonderful experiences with your father and much fun over the years, either at the horse races or playing poker. He was a good man and always had a nice smile and way about him. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Sorry I will not be able to pay my respects in person. The very best to you and your family. Dewey Kilbride

Dewey Kilbride - February 13, 2013 at 05:56 PM

JR

We are so sorry to hear about the passing of our uncle Sammy. We remember most his jovial personality and infectious laughter. Our memories of him will always be with us. Theresa, his sister whom uncle Sammy kept in touch, would love to hear from his children and wife if possible. Her phone number is 1-432-362-0733. We are her three daughters, Josie, Anamaria and Theresa. We, along with our families, send our most sincere condolences to the family. We are in Florida and Texas and sorry that we are unable to be there but our hearts are there. We will miss him greatly.

Josie and Guillermo Rodriguez - February 13, 2013 at 02:00 PM

DS

so sorry to hear about sammy live in fl last 40 year but never come back to kankakee without going to sammys pizza still the best that i know best wishes dick stearns naples fl

dick stearns - February 15, 2013 at 10:06 AM

DW

Dave West lit a candle in memory of Sam "Sammy" G. Aprile

Dave West - February 13, 2013 at 12:08 PM

NR

Norm & Ellie Rexroat lit a candle in memory of Sam "Sammy" G. Aprile

Norm & Ellie Rexroat - February 13, 2013 at 11:24 AM

HE

1 file added to the tribute wall

Heather - February 13, 2013 at 08:46 AM

HE

Heather lit a candle in memory of Sam "Sammy" G. Aprile

Heather - February 13, 2013 at 08:45 AM

GA

I love you Uncle Sam and will miss you. You were a wonderful, caring person. I loved going out on the boat with you.

Gina Aprile-Rexroat - February 13, 2013 at 08:43 AM