



Sammy William Cappelle

January 15, 1931 - August 17, 2019

Sam died peacefully at his home in Napa, CA on August 17, 2019. Sam was born January 15, 1931 in San Pedro, CA to Sam and Josephine Cappelle.

Sam attended schools in San Pedro and graduated from San Pedro High School. He then received his art degree at the Woodbury Art Institute. Graphic Arts would become his profession and his passion.

Sam met Patsy Miller at Cabrillo Beach and they were married a year later in 1956. Then came the birth of his two children Kim and Bill. Their first home was in San Pedro, but throughout their married life they lived in Westminster, Fountain Valley, CA and eventually retired to the Napa Valley in 1993. They would be married for 56 years until Pat's death in 2013.

Sam's professional career spanned 37 years with one company; North American Aviation, then Rockwell International, becoming Boeing. He started as a draftsman and rose to the position of manager of the Graphic Arts division. Sam's talents were utilized to highlight and display the evolution of America's space program. Cartooning and animation were his hobbies.

If his family and friends could say anything about him, they would say that "He was the kindest, sweetest and most wonderful man they know". Besides his family, Sam loved everything Disney and Mickey Mouse. Anyone who knew Sam, knows that Mickey is crying for the lose of his biggest fan!

Sam is predeceased by his wife Pat, his son Bill, his sister Barbara and parents Sam and Jo. He is survived by his daughter Kim and her wife Judy, his grandchildren Ryan and Reanna, their spouses Alex and Carl and six great grandchildren; Maddison, Jaxson, Natalya, Isaiah, Jayden and Brielle.

Funeral services will be held at Green Hills Memorial Park, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA on

August 28, at 11:30 am in the chapel. Viewing will be August 27, between 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your local hospice provider.

Cemetery

Events

Green Hills Memorial Park

27501 S. Western Ave.

Rancho Palos Verdes, CA,

90275

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Visitation

04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Cove Suite

27501 S. Western Ave., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA,

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Funeral Ceremony

11:30AM - 12:30PM

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Green Hills Memorial Chapel

27501 S Western Ave., Rancho Palos Verde, CA, US,

90275

Comments



“ My precious Daddy. What words could I possibly say that would explain the love I feel for him. Dad you took me in and loved me like your own. You taught me what was right and wrong. You gave me the gift of unconditional love. Both you and mom. I found a beautiful sister Kim and a brother Billy. You taught me how to love, laugh and live. With a gentle hand you guided me to be the woman I am to day. Oh how I will miss you. I love you so much. I find peace in knowing we will be together again one day. How blessed I am to have you as my Dad. Always in my heart. Love you bunches Sandy

Sandra VanCleve - August 27, 2019 at 12:39 PM



“ Sandra VanCleve sent a virtual gift in memory of Sammy William Cappelle



Sandra VanCleve - August 27, 2019 at 12:24 PM



“ Met Sam in 1973 @ Rockwell.

I became a member of his leadership team June 1986. Graphic Design was migrating from traditional development to a digital platform...

Sam was really concerned. Initially, my managerial road was a bit rocky, but eventually we agreed to a smooth path.

I really enjoyed our many discussions regarding the Migration and to see Sam accept the Digital process.

During a 44yr career, I've reported to an array of managers...

most were NoK, a few were very good..Sam was GREAT.

He was my Sr. Manager for 7 exhilarating years.

After his retirement, I had the opportunity to visit Sam in Napa on several occasions....

my last visit was in June and I'm thankful we spent those few hours together.

Farewell Mi Paison

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Raymond Delacruz - August 27, 2019 at 07:35 AM



“ My grandpa always brought the best out of people. He had a way of making you feel so important in his presence. There was always smiles, laughter & love when he was around. I had a wonderful childhood and my grandpa was a big reason for that. I have so many fun memories and my grandparents home in fountain valley.

Love Ryan



Ryan Cappelle - August 24, 2019 at 08:29 PM



“ Papa Sam was a kind wonderful man. He always thought of everyone else first and made you smile. He was my Father in Law and I loved him dearly he was always so good to me. I know he's in heaven with Nana and their dancing. I truly will miss him and thank him for being such a good Grandpa to my children. I love you Papa. Eileen

Eileen - August 21, 2019 at 09:06 PM



“ Sam was. My dearest. Friend. Always. Smiling. Very good. At characters. He. always hugged. Me. When. We. Seen each other. Now he. Is. With the love. Of. His. Life. He. Was great. Dad grandpa husband. Love. All. Our. Talks. Will miss him deeply.

emily dawat - August 22, 2019 at 01:57 PM



“ rest in. Peace. My. Friend

emily dawat - August 22, 2019 at 01:58 PM