



## Sam S. Alfano

November 28, 1930 - December 18, 2011

Salvatore (Sam) Stephen Alfano

Born Buffalo, New York 11/28/30 to Charles and Mary Alfano.

He is survived by his wife, Lee C. (Porrini), whom he married 6/21/58, sisters Connie, Mary, Jeanne (Nate Mahn), and his children Nancy (Brad Banks), Mark (Kimberly), and Victoria (Mark Blethen).

He leaves seven grandchildren: Tiana Hayes, Kristina Vercellono, Steven Hayes, Robert Blethen, Mary Margaret Blethen, Matthew Blethen, and Isabella Alfano, seven great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He graduated from Utah State Univ. 1954. Served in the US Army 1954 - 1956, then worked for the US Forest Service on the Angeles, Sequoia, San Bernardino, and Los Padres National Forests.

He was a member of Soc. of American Foresters, Toastmasters Club #5 and Mission Club (Founder), Los Compadres Retirees, Goleta Valley Beautiful, and Boy Scout Mission Chapter. He was a devoted member of St. Raphael's Church where he was a member of the Knights of Columbus, and Parish Council, and was a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. In 1999 he was chosen as

Goleta Man of the Year.

A Funeral Mass is scheduled for Thursday, December 22 at 10:00 AM at St. Raphael's Church.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Raphael's Church Building Fund, 5444 Hollister Ave. Santa Barbara, CA 93111 or The Cancer Foundation Clinic, 300 W. Pueblo St. Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

The family would like to thank Sam's wonderful doctors, Dr. D. Birkeu and Dr. M. Ray and all the nurses in the MICU at Cottage Hospital.

Welch-Ryce-Haider is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Raphael Catholic Church  
5444 Hollister Ave.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93111  
<http://www.straphaelsb.com/>

# Tribute Wall

EV

“ *Ethan Vercellono lit a candle in memory of Sam S. Alfano*



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**Ethan Vercellono** - October 12, 2015 at 11:08 AM

RG

“ *Sam always was smiling, maybe because he was always contributing to others.... His spirit travels with friends and the people he has helped.... He taught me so many other values in life and modeled them....*

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**Rick Goodfriend** - January 03, 2012 at 05:55 PM

JJ

“ *I feel very privileged to have known Sam - through Mission Toastmasters and Goleta Valley Beautiful. He always showed interest in what others were doing, and was a wonderful presence at any venue. . .always learning, always helping. I so enjoyed the humor of the Priest at Sam's funeral mass. . . I'm positive he would have been laughing along with everyone and very, very proud of his family. I will always treasure my memories of Sam. ~ Janis Johnson, Carpinteria*

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**Janis Johnson** - December 27, 2011 at 01:01 PM

DS

“ Dearest Lee,  
Katie and I are so sorry to hear of Sam's passing. He was such a wonderful friend and inspiration. We loved his perpetual smile and twinkle in his eyes... We are blessed to have so many memories. We know that Sam will share his stories and jokes with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and all his old buddies from St. Raphael... And, Lee, we'll pray for you in this most difficult time and ask our Lord to give you strength and inner peace knowing Sam is at God's table, and keeping an extra eye on you. May God bless you and Sam's soul.  
Love, Katie and Don Sweet, Garden Ridge, TX.

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**Don Sweet** - December 23, 2011 at 05:13 PM

ST

“ Sam was a wonderful man, who always had time for others. His love of the forest and Our Lord will never be forgotten. Our family will truly miss Sam, but he will always remain in our hearts. He always brought joy to my heart, everytime we spoke. Love you Sam.

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**Sandra Thibodeaux** - December 22, 2011 at 07:52 AM

ST

“ Sandra Thibodeaux lit a candle in memory of Sam S. Alfano



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**Sandra Thibodeaux** - December 22, 2011 at 07:49 AM

CA

“ *Carolyn Allbright lit a candle in memory of Sam S. Alfano*



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**Carolyn Allbright** - December 21, 2011 at 01:08 AM

CA

“ *Sam is tCarolyn Allbright Man! I planted trees with him. We worked to improve Mission Club Toastmaster with him. He taught the Goleta Chamber of Commerce board members how to speak. He encourage a Japanese student who won first prize with her presentations at Toastmaster. He was a humble man who always came through with what my needs were! He will definitely be missed! Carolyn Allbright*

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**Carolyn Allbright** - December 21, 2011 at 01:06 AM

ML

“ *Going down to LA with Sam and Lee to have dinner at Lee's folks' Italian restaurant about 1965. What a fun evening we had. Feeling Sam's kindness any time I saw him.....Mike Libera*

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**Michael Libera** - December 20, 2011 at 05:44 PM