



Salvatore (Sam) Joseph Finazzo

December 20, 1930 - April 11, 2015

Age 84.

Beloved husband of Mary (nee Wieske) for 64 years.

Dear father of Christine Howard, Susan (Edward) Speck, John (Kathleen) Finazzo, David (the late Terri) Finazzo, Mary (James) Mackris and Karen Finazzo.

Loving grandfather of Edward (Lisa) Speck, Jr. Amanda (Eric) Rondeau, Sarah Campbell, Adam (Stephanie) Speck, Andrew (Jamie) Finazzo, Eric Campbell, the late Ryan Finazzo and Nicholas Mackris.

Cherished great grandfather of Nathan Rondeau, Aria Speck, Benjamin Speck and Alexander Speck.

Also survived by his sisters Mary Ann (John) Hayes, Vee Munley, Liz Brezenski and Rosemary (Dennis) Chote and his brother Peter (Angie) Finazzo.

Mr. Finazzo was a retired Deputy Chief of the Detroit Fire Department.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 16. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 997-3838

Instate

APR 17. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Jane Frances deChantal Catholic Church
38750 Ryan Rd
Sterling Heights, MI

Mass

APR 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Salvatore (Sam) Joseph Finazzo*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Salvatore (Sam) Joseph Finazzo*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to Rose Choate, sister of Salvatore, and the entire Finazzo family. Rose, your brother will now live on in the hearts of those with whom you shared such beautiful memories, and those who love you! May your brother's soul forever be at rest, with our dear Lord in Heaven.*



Linda R. Jozefiak - May 03, 2015 at 07:36 PM



“ *Geneva Family lit a candle in memory of Salvatore (Sam) Joseph Finazzo*



Geneva Family - May 03, 2015 at 07:34 PM

JH

“ John and Kathleen Hayes purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Salvatore (Sam) Joseph Finazzo.



John and Kathleen Hayes - April 17, 2015 at 01:42 AM

DP

“ Christine, so sorry to hear of your loss. Draw strength from loving family and friends and comfort in a lifetime of happy memories.
Debora Parks, Beaumont Health System



Debora Parks - April 16, 2015 at 09:37 AM

AF

“ John and Kathy, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Although I didn't know your dad, John, he really sounded like a good man. I know you will miss him. May the love of family and friends comfort you during this time of sadness. Annette Foster, BCBSM

Annette Foster - April 16, 2015 at 07:54 AM

MW

“ I last saw my cousin Sam, when he came to my house to see my mom before she died, that was 4yrs ago....I remember thinking how great it was to see him and Mary, it had been to long.....time does trully fly by, unfortunately, we allow it to take precious time between seeing people we loved dearly get away from us.....Our deepest wishes and love, and may the Lord give peace and comfort over Mary and all of Sam's family, knowing we'll be together again someday.....Love Always, cousin Mary Jane and Family.....

Mary Jane Frontiero Weisenbach - April 15, 2015 at 03:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Salvatore (Sam) Joseph Finazzo.



April 15, 2015 at 06:37 AM

LB

“ Funny what you remember about your siblings. Our most vivid memories are the ones that stop you in your tracks. Like when I was 20 and moving to California with my newlywed husband. “Take care of her”, Sam said, “she’ll always be ‘the baby’ to us.” In retrospect, at 20 I really was a baby!

Sam had a passion for rescuing and Rusty was Sam’s first rescue. He was white and fluffy with “rust spots” and I’m told he followed my brother home one day. The rest of the family fell in love and that was that. Later on Sam would join the National Guard and then go on to become a proud Detroit Fireman. Those were the days before high safety standards for fire fighters and it took a toll on his lungs in later life. It wasn’t enough to climb to the top ranks of the DFD, he also was a very savvy business man, devoted husband, and unwavering family provider.

I called him on his birthday a few months ago and found him relaxing after a long day. How was your day? I asked. “It was a good birthday, my grandkids were here so it was a good day. “

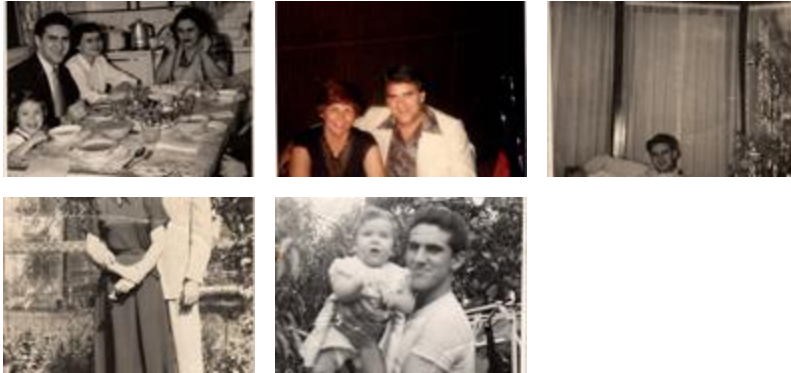
Family first. Always.

Those that we love never really leave us. We will miss your guidance, your laugh, your smile and your love, dear brother Sam.

Liz Finazzo Brezenski - April 14, 2015 at 10:07 PM

LB

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Liz Finazzo Brezenski - April 14, 2015 at 10:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of **Salvatore (Sam) Joseph Finazzo**.



April 14, 2015 at 02:33 PM

CG

“ *I celebrate Sam's memory and taking up the torch during some trying times in our departments history. May his soul rest in peace. A retired Battalion Chief*

Charles Gatto - April 14, 2015 at 11:23 AM