



Samuel Genolous

June 9, 1943 - September 16, 2024

Samuel Steven Genolous, 81, died on Monday, September 16, 2024, at Pinnacle Specialty Care in Cedar Falls. We were grateful to have surprised him for his 80th birthday last year with so many friends and family.

He was born on June 9, 1943, in Waterloo, IA, the son of Thomas and Bernice (Smith) Genolous. He graduated in 1961 from Waterloo East High School. On November 25, 1962, he was united in marriage to Sandra Sue Lines, they had dated from the age of 12 and they were married for 48 years before she earned her crown in heaven. Everyone knew Sam as the “best car salesman.” He retired from Community Motors in 2014.

Sam lived out his last years needing to know every detail of his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren's lives so that he could pray for them each day.

Sam is survived by his children, Renee (Jeff) Smith of West Des Moines, Todd (Laura) Genolous of Waverly, and Wendy Lanahan of IL; grandchildren, Brittney (Aaron) Douthit of Dallas, TX, Ashley (Marshall) Keith of Olathe, KS, Rylie Smith of West Des Moines, Amy and Sam Genolous of Waverly; step-grandchildren, Mackenzie and Mason Norem of Waverly, Jordan and Jacob Lanahan of IL and two great-grandsons, Palmer Douthit and Caden Keith.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sandra, parents, granddaughter, Sydney Smith; sisters, Iris, Evanthia, Mary and Deah; and brothers, George and Jim.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, September 20, 2024, at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls with a visitation 9:30-10:30 a.m. Interment at the Garden of Memories in Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Iowa.

Cemetery Details

Garden of Memories

3669 Logan Ave
Waterloo, IA 50703

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 20. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ I met Sam in the mid 50's and we spent so much time together during that time. I have been thinking of him more and more during the past years and months. I am really glad I got to talk to him a week or so today and we talked about the good old days and the great times we had. I was in the Air Force for so many years we were not in touch as much for those years. Caren and I spent a lot of time with Sam and Sandra during those times and have some great memories of both of them. He will be sorely missed and we always talked of Sam and how we missed seeing him the last few years. Rest in Peace Sam; we will remember you fondly.

Jeff Milligan - September 20, 2024 at 01:41 PM

TG

Thank you for sharing Jeff, appreciate it.

Todd Genolous - September 21, 2024 at 11:48 PM

TC

“ Tamara Chapin lit a candle in memory of Samuel Genolous



Tamara Chapin - September 19, 2024 at 10:06 PM

PA

“ Sam and I became friends back in the 5th. grade at Hawthorne Elementary. In the 6th. grade he and I were elected as the captains of the student crossing guards. We had to make daily rounds to be sure the others were at their posts and doing their job. Looking back on that I kind of question having 10 year olds being responsible for getting all the other students safely thru the crosswalks, but it was a different world back then. Despite going our separate ways after graduating high school, Sam and I stayed in touch and remained friends throughout our lives. Unfortunately the last time we were together was at the memorial service for Larry Roberts who was a dear friend to both Sam and I. Sam was a good man, a good friend, and always a 'straight shooter.'

Pete Anderson - September 19, 2024 at 07:22 PM

ST

“ Sam.....Sammy.....we go back. He was the Used Car Manager/Mentor/Teacher At Friedley Olds, Datsun, GMC and Saab where my brothers Dan, Kevan and I matriculated into 'grown-up' Salespeople....very early 70s. He was larger than life...smart, fun...treated us like family....and we were. Mud, missing cars, bankers trying to catch up with inventory.....if you were ever in the car business you know the book. The players, Sam, Harold, Evanthia, Sandra..Grant...Randy.... widely assorted sales guys, in/out/all about, real characters....there was a lot of movement. We referred to it as the "Alcatraz of Car Lots.". Sam was perfect, his hair, his clothes, his charming manner...night out was Friday...at the bar (should remember name) out off Mitchell on LaPorte Road. Only smiles when thinking of him. The Cortright boys, we loved him....one of a kind....maybe, maybe, he'll help me close a deal. Counting on it, Sammy!

Steve - September 18, 2024 at 11:24 PM

EG

“ Sam was a fun, positive guy with a great sense of humor. Class of 61. Will be missed

Eleanor Gibson - September 18, 2024 at 05:11 PM

CH

“ Christina Hickman lit a candle in memory of Samuel Genolous



Christina hickman - September 18, 2024 at 11:12 AM

GS

“ 1 file added to the album Tribute wall



George Smith - September 17, 2024 at 04:18 PM

GS

front row George, Samuel, Thomas, James, top row Constance (Deah), Iris, Maria {Mary), Evanthia Gianoulis

George Smith - September 17, 2024 at 08:37 PM

LR

Thinking of you guys, Todd and Renee, Uncle Sam will be missed. Lisa Rice

Lisa Rice - September 20, 2024 at 06:33 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Samuel Genolous.*



September 17, 2024 at 01:18 PM



“ *Rick & Renee Standish planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel Genolous.*

Rick & Renee Standish - September 17, 2024 at 01:18 PM



“ *Many condolences to all. Sam was a GREAT guy that was ALWAYS a Good Friend and Mentor to me in the Car Business for many years. I'm sure he will be greatly missed by many. RIP Sam, you are now re-united with your Wonderful Wife... All Pain, Suffering, Trials and Tribulations are over....be free ! Rocky & Jeanine Scaturro*

Rocco Scaturro - September 17, 2024 at 12:47 PM



Hey Rocco.

Steve - September 18, 2024 at 10:54 PM



“ *Rich and Shelley Halstead Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Samuel Genolous.*



Rich and Shelley Halstead Family - September 17, 2024 at 12:41 PM

GB

“ Ζωή σε εσάς *Love you Uncle Sam.*

Gabe Benson - September 17, 2024 at 11:48 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel Genolous.*



September 17, 2024 at 11:21 AM