



Samuel R. Thompson III

August 23, 1952 - October 22, 2020

SOUTH BOARDMAN – Samuel Thompson. 68, died peacefully on Thursday evening, October 22, 2020 at Munson Medical Center with his wife and son beside him. Sam struggled with renal and bladder cancer for nearly two years, but succumbed to pulmonary complications. He was born August 23, 1952 at Saratoga Hospital in Detroit, the second child of Samuel Thompson II and Marjorie Johnston Thompson. Raised in Madison Heights, he also attended school there. Prior to his graduation, Sam quit high school and enlisted in the United States Army where he served with the Army Engineers. In 1971 he was wounded in action in Vietnam and discharged honorably. Returning home, he worked various jobs including carpentry, drywall installation and repair, and as a high-lo driver at Forming Technology in Oakland County. In 1986 Sam met and fell in love with Margie Shultz, formerly of Port Hope, MI. The two were united in marriage and spent 33 happy years together as best friends and marital partners. The couple moved to South Boardman in 1988 where Sam continued in the carpentry field. In 2001 he graduated from Northwestern Michigan Community College in Traverse City, earning an Associate Degree in applied science. He was later hired as a mail processing clerk at the Garfield Processing and Distribution Center in Traverse City, retiring from the Postal Service in 2007. Since then, Sam has enjoyed spending time with his family and travelling throughout Michigan, especially the short “road trips” to Turtle Creek Casino where he thoroughly enjoyed spending time playing the slots and socializing with the staff, whom he

considered to be friends, for the way he was treated with respect, good times and plenty of laughs. Sam was preceded in death by both his parents; sons Jason and Todd; and brother-in-law James Cinader. He is survived by his wife Margaret of South Boardman; son Raymond (Molly) Thompson also of South Boardman; son Joshua (Cheyenne) Thompson of Tennessee; grandchildren Grace and Isaac Thompson; sisters Marjorie (Dale) Edwards, Sharon Cinader, and Patricia Moreno; and brother Steven (Denise) Thompson. He also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews, in-laws, and close friend Douglas Gaultier whom Sam considered his brother. Cremation is taking place. Per Sam's request there will be no funeral. A gathering of friends sometime in the coming months is being planned. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested friends and family to make a donation of their choosing to the charity of their choice, or to The Father Fred Foundation; Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine Lucky Fund for Needy Animals; or The Judy Gonyeau Shultz Nursing Scholarship at Schoolcraft College in Detroit. Contact information for these charities may be found online. The family extends their deepest appreciation and respect to all the healthcare providers and workers of Kalkaska Memorial Health Center, Kalkaska Medical Associates, Kalkaska and Boardman Ambulance Services, Cowell Family Cancer Center, Munson Medical Center, Bay Area Urology and to the wonderful and caring staff at Colonel Demas T. Craw VA Clinic in Traverse City. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Tribute Wall

MT

“ *Miss you, my love.*

Marge Thompson - December 30, 2025 at 07:30 PM

MT

“ *Marge Thompson lit a candle in memory of Samuel R. Thompson III*



Marge Thompson - November 29, 2020 at 05:13 AM

TD

“ *Marge and Raymond,
So sorry to hear of Sam's passing. He definitely left an impression while he was here. Thinking of "Sammy T", "The Godfather" brings fond and wonderful memories shared; trips downstate with the USPS gang, going to Tigers, Lions, Pistons games, the Christmas parties. Sam was fun to work with and more fun to hang with. He will be missed! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Tim & Lori Dunn

Tim & Lori Dunn - October 27, 2020 at 02:36 PM

MA

Thank you. Sam thought highly of all his postal family. I have a pic of Sam holding a mail tub, has a dumbfounded look on his face. The caption reads, "Is that you in there, Dunn?" He loved your antipasto sampler, Tim. And last winter we made a batch of Lori's sausage potato soup. YUM 😊

Marge - October 27, 2020 at 02:51 PM

YV

“ Yvonne lit a candle in memory of Samuel R. Thompson III



Yvonne - October 26, 2020 at 04:25 PM

YC

“ So sorry for your loss. Our sincerest thoughts and prayers are sent to you all. Sam was an amazing, kind hearted soul he will be missed dearly.

Yvonne & Chris - October 26, 2020 at 04:24 PM

MA

Sam really missed seeing all his friends from -as Rosie calls it - "The Hood". Loved you all.

Marge - October 27, 2020 at 02:56 PM

NS

“ Loving thoughts & Prayers to You and the Family!.....Working with Sammy was always a joy....



Nancy Schumont - October 26, 2020 at 03:41 PM

TR

“ *The Radtkes sent a virtual gift in memory of Samuel R. Thompson III*



The Radtkes - October 26, 2020 at 03:16 PM

TR

Thinking of you and your family today and sending Good thoughts your way.

The Radtkes - October 26, 2020 at 03:19 PM

MA

Thank you, Linda & Richard.

Marge - October 26, 2020 at 03:49 PM

C(

“ *I'll never forget when I first started working at Traverse City P&DF... Sammy gave me my nickname Pineapple...Back in 2002 He scolded June Brakel , our then 204B for calling me Pineapple lipsafter an apology from her, he then proceeded to start calling me Pineapple which has stuck to this day... Those were good memories working with Sammy...My sincerest condolences to his family and friends...May he Rest In Peace .*

Catherine Brawley (Pineapple) - October 26, 2020 at 02:04 PM

MA

OMG, I remember Sam telling me about that!! Thank you for sharing that 🍍🍍🍍

Marge - October 26, 2020 at 02:12 PM

PB

“ Sam was one of a kind!! What a sad loss for all of us who got to be in his world! Our thoughts and prayers are with you Marge and Ray. Peace and Love from the Burns family

Paul Burns - October 26, 2020 at 11:37 AM

MA

He never tired of telling all the funny stories involving that crazy group at the P & D F! You, Dunn, Squeelie Bob", the Colonel - the list goes on! You meant a lot to him, Paul, and he was so thrilled when you and Alison invited us to your son's graduation "at sea" 😊 He went as he wanted -¹ peacefully, and as he often told me: "...NO \$#%*#@ MACHINES!!

Marge - October 26, 2020 at 02:06 PM

PB

He was a great man! Glad it was peaceful you need anything let us know...

paul burns - October 26, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Kalkaska Funeral Home - October 26, 2020 at 08:28 AM

RT

Awesome pictures!

Ray Thompson - October 26, 2020 at 11:04 AM

SS

“ I have know Sam almost my entire life and he was a great man. He was a proud father. He cared about everyone that was in his life. He was a fun loving man. I will miss seeing him out and about as we always had a good conversation about life and our families. He was like family.

Samantha Stocking - October 25, 2020 at 05:11 PM

MA

He was fond of you, Sam. I had a dental appointment a few months back that had to be cancelled. He felt bad, said he was looking forward to seeing if you were working so he could "...pick on you a bit" Planning something for spring. Will keep you posted. Hope you and Jamison will be there.

Marge - October 26, 2020 at 02:26 PM

SR

“ My heart goes out to your family I'm very sorry for your loss it is devastating to go through but I know my son loving and forgiving welcomed Sam home with his arms stretched wide and that Jay and Todd will keep him close from Sherry Robinson mother of Jason and Joshua

Sherrie robison - October 25, 2020 at 03:50 PM

SR

I think this was in God's hands for Jason to welcome Sam home on Jay's birthday it's been 30 years and he must have wanted in there with him

Sherrie robison - October 25, 2020 at 04:07 PM

MA

Thank you, Sherrie.

Marge - October 26, 2020 at 02:29 PM

MA

“ *Sleep well, my love.*

Marge - October 25, 2020 at 01:58 PM

JS

“ *Sam was an exceptional humanitarian. He was a quiet man, but he spoke through his actions. Sam was the guy people went to for advice, aid, and comfort. He was always there for anybody, ready to assist in any way. His life was filled with challenges, but he weathered them all gracefully, and without complaint. Sam always sought to change things for the better, to improve the lives of his friends and family. Men like Sam Thompson are few and far between. I am grateful to have him in our family, and I will always remember his warmth, and his kind soul.*

Jeanne M. Shultz - October 24, 2020 at 09:20 AM

WC

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



william cinader - October 23, 2020 at 11:17 PM

WC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



william cinader - October 23, 2020 at 11:12 PM

EH

“ Really gonna miss this guy's smiling face and easy going manner.
Elwin and Greta

Elwin Hall - October 23, 2020 at 08:55 PM

RT

“ You were the best Dad ever, I'm shattered without you but I can feel your presence still. The world just seems more empty without you here pop. I know Me, Molly and Mom always made you so proud...but you made me proud too. Proud to have such an amazing man as my Dad. I love you.



Ray Thompson - October 23, 2020 at 08:29 PM