



Sam L. Raptis

December 30, 1949 - September 4, 2008

Attny. Sam L. Raptis, age 58 of Cambridge, passed away at his home. He was born December 30, 1949 in Cambridge, a son of the late Leo S. Raptis and Despina L. Stratos Raptis.

Mr. Raptis was a member of the Church of Life Giving Foundation Greek Orthodox Church in Martins Ferry and the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association. He was a 1968 graduate of Cambridge High School, 1972 Graduate of Ohio State University and a 1977 graduate of Ohio Northern Law School.

Sam worked for the Attorney Generals office in Columbus before coming to Cambridge and opening his own Law Practice.

Surviving are: a daughter, Tara Brian Reeves of Columbus, OH; a sister, Kali R. Spirtos of Dayton, OH.; 2 granddaughters, Despina "Dani" Neville and Erin Sophi Reeves; 3 nephews, Nick, Leo and Chris Spirtos and many cousins. He will be sadly missed by all.

Also preceding him in death are his grandparents, Sam L. & Despina Raptis and Nick & Kali Stratos.

Visitation will be on Sunday, September 7, 2008 from 6 to 8pm At Bundy-Law Funeral Home. The service will be on Monday, September 8, 2008 at 1:30pm with Father Spero W. Kehayes officiating. Burial will follow in Northwood Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *My Life Long Friend.*

Crystal Barkley - April 05, 2012 at 08:23 AM



“ *For Sam, his family and friends,*

JoAnne and I are shocked and deeply saddened by the sudden passing of our Sam. Too many years have passed since we last spoke, laughed and commiserated in our uniquely manic, indignant and guilt-ridden styles, but you were never far from our thoughts. Sammy, you were a different life form altogether, and no one forgot meeting you. I hope someday we will catch up with each other in a better place and begin where we left off. I miss you, Palikari.

May God rest your soul.

John Stamatakos

PS Aris Hutras and I remind you, "Afti sou axizi."##imported-begin##John Stamatakos##imported-end##

September 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Kali, Tara, Dani and Erin;

I apologize for not being able to travel to Ohio at this time to personally declare my deep sadness at dear Sammy's passing; and to offer you condolences and memories. As long as I draw breath and have a thought life, Sammy will not be forgotten. I love him and I am so grateful to the Lord for having placed him into my life.

Sammy became more than a cousin to me. He was a kindred spirit and a confidant to whom I could entrust my innermost feelings and from whom I could draw sage advice and genuine compassion. I sweetly recall our youth as playmates, along with Kali, our adolescence and young adulthood as we encountered the ebb and flow of life's realities, and our middle age when we had to come to grips with life's bittersweet times.

Sammy never seemed to recover from the loss of his mother. Despina was his foundational rock. I am comforted with the thought, as you should try to be, that Sammy is reunited with her in the loving, merciful, gracious and forgiving embrace of Jesus Christ. He is now freed from all the pain and discomfort that life held for him these past few years.

I know from our last two, very long phone conversations one a year or so following Despina's passing and another about 8 months ago that he was anxious and frustrated over his seeming inability to express the deep affection and love he has for the four of you. I shared some relationship wisdom from the Bible with him. He was comforted by it, and I pray that he began to act on it. Please know this, Sammy loved the four of you more than he could say or show. His poignant expressions to me in those phone calls were genuine and sincere. Never forget his love for you. I know that I won't. Through Jesus Christ we will all be reunited with him on the other side of eternity.

Sammy, thank you dear heart for your love, loyalty, compassion,

generosity, kindness and friendship. You left us too early. But, I will see you again.

With love,

Nicky##imported-begin##Nick Betsacon and Family##imported-end##

September 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sam was a wonderful, supportive co-worker and friend when I resided in Cambridge, Ohio. Sam and I continued our friendship through telephone calls over the past 14 years. I will miss these occasional calls and emails. I am truly sorry for your loss and my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sincerely, Sherri Michel-Singer##imported-begin##Sherri Michel-Singer##imported-end##*

September 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kali and Family,*

I was surprised and saddened to read on-line of Sammy's passing. May the memories you share keep him ever alive in your minds and hearts. May knowing that so many of us are thinking of you and hoping to comfort you, bring some degree of peace into your daily life.

KathyDurbenWelsch##imported-begin##Kathy Durben Welsch##imported-end##

September 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Sam's death. He was a good, good friend since high school. Sam took everything to heart, and cared passionately about his family and friends. That was a gift. He was always there when I needed him, no matter what was going on in his life. I will miss him.##imported-begin##Sue Schorling##imported-end##

September 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Sam will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him. He was a caring person and always there for you when you needed him. Tara, you Dad loved you deeply. You were his pride and joy! The Cambridge High School Class of 1968 we all will miss him. I am glad I seen your Dad at the last class reunion.

Blessings to you and to those you love,

*Arnette Saltz-Foley
1402 East Wheeling Avenue
Cambridge, Ohio 43725##imported-begin##Arnette Saltz##imported-end##*

September 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ What sad news. Sam was a good friend to both of us for a long time and it makes us very sad to think he will no longer be around. Our hearts will be heavy for quite awhile. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Jan & Rick Hepler##imported-end##

September 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ sorry to hear this sad news. Sam was one of our lifelong friends. we are so glad we took the time to stop by the office and see him the last time we were in cambridge. Tara you and your children were his pride and joys. Sam will be deeply missed by us.
Our Deepest Condolences
Charlie & Debbie Roland Cortese##imported-begin##charlie&debbiecortese##imported-end##

September 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Tara, Kali & Uncle Angelo - I am so sorry to hear about Sam. I'm living in Florida, so I won't be able to make it home for the services, but I wanted to let you know how heavy my heart is. I really cared about Sam, even though we had our differences!!! But I think that you guys know that. He was a good guy to work for/with. Take care and know that I'm keeping a good thought for you.

Love

Caryn##imported-begin##Caryn Giroux##imported-end##

September 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I read of Sam's death in the Jeffersonian on-line. Sam was in my homeroom at Cambridge HS our senior year. I will always remember his great sense of humor.

Please accept my heartfelt condolences.

Best regards,

Tammy Blancett Johnson

CHS Class of '68##imported-begin##Tammy Blancett Johnson##imported-end##

September 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ i am sorry to hear about the loss of sam he was a very nice person he had a kind heart he was my brother in law attorney for many of years fred sure will miss him###imported-begin##martha earley##imported-end##

September 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM