



## Sam Lapaglia

February 7, 1929 - August 8, 2020

Sam A. Lapaglia went to be with the Lord on August 8, 2020, at the celebrated age of 91 years! He was born on February 7, 1929 in Eloise, TX, to Tony G. Lapaglia and Rosalia Margiotta Lapaglia. He was child number 6 of 13. During the depression times were hard so he only finished the 4th grade, and at 9 years old, he helped take care of his family by working on the farm and picking cotton. His older brothers had to go to the war, so he and his two older sisters took care of most chores, and also their younger siblings. Some family had moved to Houston and convinced them to leave the country to find work in the city. His older brother Carsdonia worked for American Can Co. and Sam went to work there and had a very full 33 year career. Most of his family lived close by in N. Houston. It was there that he met the love of his life, Billie Ann Morgan. They married and had one child, Sheila Ann. He and Billie were very happily married, and were members of Cochran Street Baptist Church. They made life-long friends that were like family. Sam wanted his daughter to learn the piano, so she started lessons when she was 6 and played for the church for many years.

Sam was loved by everyone and went out of his way to help anyone. But there were also numerous stories of Sam playing phone tricks on people. He would answer the phone and alter his voice into a deeper one with a different accent, and ask them if they were calling about the horse he had for sale, or some other lark that would confuse people and make them say they had the

wrong number and hang up. After a couple of call backs, he would start laughing and they said they would get him back! He was always helping stranded motorists on the side of the road, and Billie would get upset as she and Sheila would be stuck in the car for hours. He worked on their family and friend's cars while also working at the American Can. He was a Master Mason for 56+ years and a member of the Cade Rothwell Masonic Lodge #1151, Woodland Masonic Lodge #1157 and for 55 years at the Aldine Chapter of the Eastern Star #1088.

Sam and Billie enjoyed each other and were happy until cancer took Billie's life in 1990. Sam was overwhelmed with her passing, and he never was the same. He married Hilda Close until cancer took her life in 2017. Since then he has lived with his daughter in Spring TX. After Sam moved in with Sheila, they became members of First Baptist Church of North Houston and loved their church family and their Pastor, Bro. Mike Westbury. There was a birthday party there to celebrate when he turned 90, and he was so excited and appreciative to see everyone. Recently due to several illnesses, he hadn't been able to attend church especially since the CoV Pandemic. He had been sick and in and out of the hospital for a few weeks and although he fought hard, he was unable to recover and regain his strength.

Sam Lapaglia is preceded in death by his first and second wives; his Parents; Brothers Carsdonia, Tony, Joe and baby William; Sisters Mary Ann Feltner and Dora Feters; many of their Spouses; Brother and Sister-in-Laws; Nieces and Nephews- too many to list. He is survived by his only daughter Sheila Ann Lapaglia and his grandson Jeremy Samuel Vickery; his 5 remaining Brothers and 1 Sister and their families.

There will be a Visitation and Viewing at Addison Funeral Home at 18630 Kuykendahl Rd. in Spring from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 13 and the Funeral Service will be held there on Friday, August 14 at 12:00 p.m. with

the burial to follow at Brookside Funeral Home at 2:30 p.m. Please wear your mask!

We wish to thank the wonderful staff at Harris Co. Health House Call Program/UT Health for taking excellent care of Sam for 6 years; his Caretaker Mary Brown; the Staff at Sarah Care Senior Day Care, where he thought he was working for them □ (for Alzheimer's); Grace Care of Tomball; and Reliant at Home Hospice. Their combined support and care made it possible for Sam to have more time with Sheila while allowing her to continue her career at ExxonMobil. Thanks to everyone for your love for Sam!

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, the burial for Sam Lapaglia will be by invite only.

Pallbearers; Chris Allen, Steve Duffy, Carsadonia Lapaglia, Ronnie Morgan, Randy Spann, Ryan Spann, Kenneth Sugg, David Wall

# Cemetery Details

## Brookside Cemetery

Houston, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 13.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Addison Funeral Home  
18630 Kuykendahl Road  
Spring, TX 77379  
(281) 350-0998  
addisonfh@yahoo.com  
<https://addisonfuneralhomes.com>

## Funeral Service

**AUG 14.** 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Lapaglia*

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July 20, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *Sam was a wonderful neighbor and helped us many times. He was always giving*

*us Homemade cookies. When my parents would visit us from Bremond, Texas they*

*really enjoyed talking to Sam about gardening and many other things.*

*My Deepest sympathy to the LaPaglia Family.*

*Louise Rozycki and Family*

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**LOUISE ROZYCKI** - August 14, 2020 at 02:40 PM

RW

“ Sam was always there for you anytime someone needed help. When we had break down cars in the late 50s and early 60s Sam spent a many a weekend working in his dirt floor one car garage to make sure we could get home and make it thru hopefully another week before something else broke down. Usually in the worst traffic and worst times. Dad would find a pay Phone and Sam would come rescue us and spend another day or two fixing our car. When working on anything his moto was to tighten the bolts as tight as they would go, and then one more turn. Sometimes resulting in a broken off head bolt which would lead Sam to biting off his cigar. It was always great fun for us to stay at Sam, Billys and Sheila's home. Great food and always laughter. When Sam, Billy and Sheila would come visit us on the sod farm in Michigan. Sam would insist on working everyday including installing irrigation system for the golf course. You could tell he loved doing it. When he worked on the farm he never left the house without making sure we had a roll of toilet paper in the truck. But that was Sam always prepared. While in college I would stop by their house on the way back to school and they Would stop everything they were doing to sit down and cook for me. I know that Billy and Sheila were everything to Sam and he will surely be missed by all who love him. He always was there for all of us. There is no better tribute to man than that. Thank you uncle Sam for your great example for all who were privileged to know you. Love you always, Bob Wall

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**Robert Wall** - August 13, 2020 at 06:35 PM

CW

“ UNCLE SAM WAS THE LAST LIVING UNCLE ON MY MOTHER SIDE OF THE FAMILY. SAM WAS A VERY HONEST, LOYAL AND LOVING MAN. HE LOVED HIS WIFE BILLY LIKE A PRINCESS AND FIERCELY PROTECTED HIS DAUGHTER SHEILA. UNCLE SAM ALONG WITH BILLY AND SHEILA CAME TO MICHIGAN ONE SUMMER TO HELP INSTALL THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM IN OUR GOLF COURSE. MY FATHER LOVED SAM AND TRUSTED HIM TO RUN A CREW OF MEN TO DO THE WORK. SAM WORE THOSE MEN OUT FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET, BUT THEY LOVED HIM. HE WORKED RIGHT BESIDE THEM ALL DAY. SAM WOULD PICK SOME BLACKBERRIES AT LUNCH ALONG THE FENCE LINE AND MY MOTHER AND BILLY MADE A BLACKBERRY COBBLER EVERY NIGHT. SHEILA ALWAYS WANTED TO RIDE MY MINI BIKE BUT I WOULD'NT LET HER (SORRY SHEILA).  
AS WE AGE WE TREASURE THE MEMORIES OF OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER SAM AND HIS FAMILY. GOD BLESS SHEILA AND JEREMY.  
SINCERELY, C. DAVID WALL  
SON OF BOB & PATSY WALL

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**C. DAVID WALL** - August 13, 2020 at 05:50 PM

LT

“ *Sam was a sweetie & a people person. He never met a stranger. He would share anything he had with anyone in need. I will never forget his kindness to me. Sam, you will never be forgotten. You will live forever in my heart. Love you, Sam.*

*Linda Townsend*

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**Linda Townsend** - August 13, 2020 at 11:19 AM

JC

“ Sheila,

*The Munguia Family sends our sincere condolences to you and your family. Sam was our neighbor for so many years, he will be missed.*

*Love and prayers,  
Tony & Bea Munguia,  
Bonnie Munguia, Veronica Velez, and Jo Ann and Ric Campbell.*



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**Jo Ann Munguia Campbell** - August 12, 2020 at 10:19 PM

MM

“ Shelia - You and Jeremy are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless. - Margaret McPike



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**Margaret McPike** - August 12, 2020 at 02:07 PM

MF

“ Margaret McPike & Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Sam Lapaglia.



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**Margaret McPike & Family** - August 12, 2020 at 02:00 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Sam Lapaglia.*



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August 12, 2020 at 08:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sam Lapaglia.*



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August 11, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ *Uncle Sam was a very kind soul always with a kind word. I have so many good memories of sleeping at Aunt Billie and Uncle Sam house and the great pancakes Billie made. I know he is in heaven now with all those Morgan girls today and loving his girl Billie again. You will be so missed Sam by all of us. Love, Denelda*

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**Denelda Geesling** - August 11, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ *Everyone who knew Mr Sam loved him. He loved his church and he always kept a pocket full of candy that he freely shared with everyone. We will surly miss him.*

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**Gordon White** - August 11, 2020 at 01:32 PM