



Samuel Gerard Romano, Sr.

March 30, 1965 - April 14, 2023

Samuel “Sammy” Gerard Romano, Sr. passed away peacefully on April 14, 2023, after a long battle with cancer. Sammy was born on March 30, 1965 in Houston, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary Ann Cutrupia Romano and Noxie M. Romano, Jr., sister in law Vangie Salazar Romano, brother in law Dan Johnson and nephew Benjamin Romano.

Sammy is survived by his wife of 39 years, Lisa Brooks Romano and sons Samuel G. Romano, Jr. and his wife Nicki, Nickolas Romano and Shirlin Christenson, Matthew Romano and his wife Megan and grandchildren that he adored, Natalie Romano, Samuel Romano III, Sophia Romano and Melanie Romano. He is survived by seven siblings, Anthony Romano, Sr and his wife Toni, Noxie Romano, III and his wife Janet, John J. Romano, Sr., Mary Wojtasczyk and her husband Billy, Ann Nye and her husband Don, Diana Wong and her husband Gordon and Louis Romano, Sr. and his wife Becky. He is also survived by his mother in law Lucille Bonora Brooks and grandmother in law Laverne Webb Bonora as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, family, extended family and friends.

Sammy, a devout Catholic, attended St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and School and graduated in 1983 from St. Thomas High School. Shortly after he began cutting trees and landscaping which became one of his many passions. While attending a school dance at St. Pius X High School he met the love of his life Lisa and they were married in 1984. In 1987 he joined Southwest Lincoln Mercury as a salesman eventually moving to the service department. In 2011 he moved to West Point Lincoln where he transitioned to Service Manager at West Point Lincoln in Sugar Land.

Sammy had many passions and most of them included spending time outdoors. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and guided goose and duck hunts with Butch Waggoner for 40 years. When he wasn't hunting or getting ready to go hunting he was fishing. Sammy loved to work in the yard either his or anyone who would let him work in theirs.

Sammy was a family man and great Poppa to his grandchildren. He spent a lot of time taking them hunting, fishing and working in the garden. They loved to have sleepovers and then go to eat breakfast at Jackie's Kitchen after church. He was grateful and blessed to have met and held his newest granddaughter, Melanie.

Sammy's colleagues, customers and their families became lifelong friends. He never met a stranger, was always smiling and making new friends. If you ever spent time with Sammy you would understand - he seemed to know someone wherever he went and always had a joke to tell.

The family wishes to thank his West Point Lincoln family for their love and support over the years. We also want to thank the doctors and nurses at MD Anderson for the incredible care they provided.

Visitation with the family will begin at 5:00 pm on Thursday, April 20th followed by the Rosary at 7:00 pm at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 3600 Brinkman Street in Houston, Texas 77018.

The funeral service will begin with visitation at 9:00 am on Friday, April 21st followed by a funeral mass at 10:00 am at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 3600 Brinkman Street in Houston, Texas 77018.

Graveside service will be held immediately following at Forest Park Lawndale, 6900 Lawndale Street in Houston, Texas 77023. Sammy's nephews and godsons are honored to serve him as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to PanCan.org.

Tribute Wall

KC

“ I just found out that Sammy had completed his fight and finished his race valiantly. He's always been a kind, considerate man taking care of his customers. I met him in 1993 and I followed him with every move he made. I truly miss our visits at the dealership. He loved his family immensely and our last conversation, he was waiting on the new grand baby to come. I'll continue to pray for God's strength and comfort for his family.

Kris Cannon - May 12, 2023 at 07:56 PM

MO

“ I met Sammy 25 years ago. First at the dealership and then realized our sons were at st. Pius together. While I know this may not be true, I felt like my family and I was his favorite Lincoln client. He watched out for us; he always had a smile for me; he was always truthful and gracious. He'd call when he hadn't heard from us for a while. When times were so tough on my family he'd reach out. He's an angel in heaven. I'm mad at him tho. He promised he'd reach out if he was taking a turn for the worse - I'm sure he said that to all his clients. So I forgive him. I would have dropped everything in my life to be there to pay my respects. I'll always include him in my prayers on 4/14 which is also the day my mother died. And he was laid to rest on my son's birthday. Sammy was the most gracious and humble person I've ever known. Always a smile, always joyous. Heaven is lucky to have him. I will miss him.

Melinda Oconnell - April 24, 2023 at 08:36 AM

DE

“ We followed Sammy to each Lincoln dealership he moved to. What a wonderful character and friend.

Doug Elliott - April 22, 2023 at 04:28 PM

JL

“ *Sammy your a friend and a great inspiration. We will miss you. Joe and Katherine*

Joe Lowery - April 22, 2023 at 11:06 AM

PJ

“ Q: *What will you miss most about Samuel?*

A: Sammy was a dear friend who took care of business. He always took my call, he listened and offered positive suggestions. I will truly miss him greeting me at my car and calling me with the updates. We often swamped grand kid stories, always with a smile and laughter. He left no stone unturned to make sure my needs were met. Rest well my friend, you fought a good fight, now take you rest until we meet again.

Pamela Jones - April 21, 2023 at 09:22 AM

MP

“ Q: *What will you miss most about Samuel?*

*A: I will miss the many jokes and laughter we shared for so many years. You will be missed by so many. Rest in peace brother.
Maurice Potts*

Maurice Potts - April 20, 2023 at 07:55 PM

RM

“ *Sammy was a good friend for a long time and will be in my heart forever. His cheerful presence was welcomed by all who knew him.*

Ron Morris - April 20, 2023 at 05:45 PM

JG

“ Jackie’s Kitchen offers our condolences to you at this sorrowful time. We send our healing prayers and comforting hugs as Sammy has gone to be with our Lord. We love and miss you all.

Jackie Gould - April 20, 2023 at 02:23 PM

MV

“ The Vandever family sends our love to Lisa, Sammy, Jr. & Nicki, Nick & Shirlene, Matt & Megan and all the grands. We will forever miss Sammy and hold close to our hearts all the wonderful times we spent together. Whether it was walking the streets of our neighborhood (our lame attempt at exercising), eating countless pounds of crawfish; many pasta Sundays, hurricane parties, football or baseball games, rodeos, lake house, Frio, our kids weddings, birthday dinners or just because dinners, Sammy always made our time together feel special. He loved my boys and they loved and respected him.

I will always be in awe at the courage he showed us all during his battles with cancer. He always asked that we take care of Lisa and not worry about him. He stayed strong in his faith and loving until the end.

Rest In Peace my dear friend and enjoy your well earned eternal rewards.

Love you always,

Margaret Vandever, Matthew, Michael & Kristian, Emilia & Isabella

Margaret Vandeber - April 20, 2023 at 09:37 AM

SU

“ I had the privilege to know Sammy both as a customer and as a long-time counsel and advisor to both Southwest Lincoln-Mercury and West Point Lincoln. He was a loyal, faithful, and capable employee and friend. I offer mine and my family’s deepest sympathy for your loss and our prayers for your comfort and eventual recovery. May God bless his memory.

Steve Underwood and family

Steve Underwood - April 19, 2023 at 10:37 PM

GF

“ Rest in peace Sammy. Your memories will continue to live on in the hearts and minds of many people. Praying for Lisa and children to have peace, comfort and strength during this difficult time. Sending hugs from George, Liz and Gonzalez family

George, Liz and Gonzalez family - April 19, 2023 at 05:41 PM

BT

“ Sammy was so special. I have know him since he started in service at Southwest Lincoln Mercury on Southwest Freeway. Sammy was very helpful to me. Always had a smile and was never to busy that he couldn’t take time to talk with you. He would talk about his family and you would know that was his pride and joy. Sammy was always very honest with me. When he felt it was time for me to have something done to my car or time to buy a new one, he would let me know. I always took his advise because I knew he was being honest with me. I will miss him dearly but not as much as his family. Praying for all his family.

Barbara Tolar - April 19, 2023 at 11:32 AM

JS

“ I knew Sammy through his days with Southwest Lincoln and then with West Point Lincoln, he was one of the nicest guys. Sammy will be missed, he was always professional and genuine with his dealings with customers.

Judy Sciba

Judy Sciba - April 19, 2023 at 10:20 AM

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“ I met Sammy working at Garwood Hunting Club. From the moment I met him I felt like I had known him for years. His genuine love for everyone and his caring personality was one of a kind. Sammy loved hunting and was the first person up every morning ready to get to the fields. I'll never forget him bringing buttermilk pies to the lodge and telling us “Hey I made y'all some pies”. We looked at the pies then turned to him and said tell your wife we said thank you. With the biggest smile on his face he said ok I'll tell her. He had a joke for every occasion. A memory that I'll cherish forever is him being at my wedding and dancing with me despite not feeling his best. I admired his strength and desire to continue to fight as hard and as long as he fought. He was an amazingly strong man. A great guy who was more than a friend he was family. Rest peacefully Sammy we Love you and you will definitely be missed.

Roslyn Johnson Hintz (Tweety) - April 18, 2023 at 08:20 PM

LW

“ We met Sammy in 2000 at Lincoln SW. Sammy's unique gift was his bright spirit, always smiling and treating everyone he met as his best friend. We will miss you Sammy, rest in God's eternal peace. We send our condolences to his entire family.
Mr and Mrs Mark Huggins 🙏🙏🙏

Lorena Warren/Huggins - April 18, 2023 at 08:01 PM

BM

“ Can't remember what the dog's name was...Mike maybe

Bruce Maness - April 18, 2023 at 07:02 PM

BM

“ Section 20 Beal Road Windmill field

Bruce Maness - April 18, 2023 at 07:00 PM

RM

“ The best Service Manager I ever had as a Lincoln owner. Also a wonderful person with a terrific sense of humor. Everyone of us who knew him are blessed .
I, Ron Morris enjoyed and will always remember, the time we spent together 🥹🙏

Ronald George Morris - April 18, 2023 at 05:28 PM

AT

“ My Buddy Sammy one of a kind our family,s go back along time and we will always miss you my love to you and your family Rest in peace my friend you will be missed,

Anthony Twardowski - April 18, 2023 at 03:56 PM

DI

“ I first met Sammy when I was just a little girl. My mom and him worked together at Southwest Lincoln Mercury. When I was old enough to have a car, all my vehicles went through him for repairs. I followed him to the other 2 dealerships as well. He was funny and kind. I could always trust he wasn't bullshitting me about a repair. He will be greatly missed.

Dianna - April 18, 2023 at 03:31 PM

TN

“ To Lisa and the family. My sincere prayers are with all of you. Please know that your in my thoughts.

I will always remember ODC and hunting.

He will be missed.

Terri Neale - April 18, 2023 at 01:25 PM

PR

“ Q: *What was one of your favorite qualities of Samuel?*

A: Sammy was kind to all he met and knew. I remember his winning smile, always. He will leave a deep void with his passing. Condolences to Lisa and all his family.

Pat Romano - April 18, 2023 at 10:08 AM

AA

“ *I worked as the Lincoln Rep for West Point Sugar Land. That's where I met Sammy, and we quickly became friends. Anytime I was in the area for work, we would grab lunch. He always had to sit facing the door, and lunch was at 11 am on the dot. I don't think I'll ever know anyone that loved duck hunting as much as him. He was a delightful person to be around and a true friend and family man. I am grateful to have known him these last few years.*

Amanda Amari-Diable - April 18, 2023 at 09:49 AM

PB

“ I am so sorry to hear this about Sammy. I loved hearing his stories at the parties, wedding, and just backyard gathering, he was such a delight. One of the best coaches at ODC, kids and parents loved him, my prayers are with all the family and friends.love you all.
David and Patsy Bushart and family

Patsy Bushart - April 18, 2023 at 09:36 AM

KH

“ Q: How did you meet Samuel?

A: I met Sammy through coaching softball at ODC where he coached also. Pat Hale was a coach also and I believe they had a big influence on me. Prayers for the family .I know he is looking down on us with that big smile of his .

Kevin Hobart - April 18, 2023 at 08:54 AM

MB

“ Mark Bartniski lit a candle Sammy was one of my oldest friends. We went to kindergarten together at St. Rose and graduated from St. Thomas together. Lived in the same neighborhood. And hunted together a few times. I will miss him for he was always kind and never judged. A wonderful man. Thanks for being my friend. RIP.



Mark Bartniski - April 18, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Shared lots of laughs with you Sammy. Cold mornings, sunrises and muddy fields. Always a pleasure to share a hunt with you sir. Birds or not we had a ball!!

Shane Ward - April 17, 2023 at 08:07 PM

ME

“ *Greatest human!
May you dance at all the weddings in Heaven!*
Mike, Melissa & Garrett Stone

Melissa - April 17, 2023 at 07:30 PM

AC

“ *Watched you grow into a fine gentleman.RIP Sammy.*

anthony caliva - April 17, 2023 at 06:27 PM