

Joseph Samuel Sanfilippo

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Joseph Samuel Sanfilippo, 91, of Syracuse, N.Y., formerly of Jamestown, died Sunday (May 3, 2015), at the Veterans Medical Center in Syracuse, N.Y.

He was born in Jamestown, N.Y., on Dec. 10, 1923, the son of Antonino and Antonina Cantali Sanfilippo.

He earned his bachelor's degree from San Jose State University and his master's degree from St. Bonaventure University. Joe was a teacher and football coach at Cathedral High School in Gallup, N.M., Salamanca High School and Jamestown High School.



He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II aboard the MTC Sampson, NY, USS Vulcan, USS Biscayne and USS Putnam. He earned the Victory Medal, American Campaign, European African, 1 star and Asiatic Pacific, 2 Stars medals.

He was a communicant of Holy Apostles Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. He was also a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and South Hills Country Club. Joe was an avid golfer and could be found on the course at South Hills Country Club. He also enjoyed his time reading to children during story hour.

Joe is survived by four children: Carl (Juliet) San-filippo, Baldwinsville, N.Y., Anne Marie (Gary) Heymann, Tully, N.Y., Laura (Patrick) Vogl, Cazenovia, N.Y., and Joseph (Valerie) Sanfilippo, Bay Village, Ohio; grandchildren: Lauren and Justine Sanfilippo, Christine and Michael Heymann, Katharyn, Jillian and Andrew Vogl and Matthew and Claire Sanfilippo; and great-grandchildren: Gianna Rose and Joseph Sebastian Runza. Joe is also survived by several nieces and nephews, many of whom live locally.

He was preceded in death by his wife and love of his life, Rosalia Frushone San-filippo, whom he married on June 6, 1953, in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, Silver Creek, N.Y., and who died Feb. 5, 2005. He was also predeceased by his siblings: Sebastian, Samuel, Mary and Grace Sanfilippo.

Friends will be received on Friday, May 8, 2015, from 4-7 p.m. at the Hubert Funeral Home and Cremation Services. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 9, 2015, at Holy Apostles Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. The Rev. Dennis Mende, pastor, and the Rev. Joseph Gullo will be the celebrants. Burial will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Syracuse VA Medical Center, 800 Irving Ave., Syracuse, NY 13210.

You may send a condolence to the family by visiting www.hubertfuneralhome.com.