



## Thomas S. Kline

December 11, 1941 - November 9, 2025

Thomas “Sam” Kline, age 83, of Chesterfield (formerly Kalamazoo), passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by the love and care of his family. He was born on December 11, 1941, in Cumberland, Maryland.

Born to the late Claude and Francis Kline, Sam lived a life grounded in devotion to family, hard work, and genuine connection with everyone he met. Sam cherished time with his family above all else. He rarely missed a grandchild’s sporting event or activity and took great joy in cheering them on. He loved traveling to Northern Michigan, Tennessee, and Perdido Key, Florida —places where he found peace, adventure, and time with those he loved. Sam worked for many years as a grocery store manager at Harding’s Friendly Markets and Big Top Market in Plainwell. His warm personality, easy conversation, and ability to make friends everywhere made him a familiar and well-loved presence in the community. Outside of work, he enjoyed playing softball and racquetball, passions he carried with him for many years. Sam is survived by his devoted wife of 61 years, Manuelita “Mamie,” and their children: Kimberly (Emil), Sam (Aimee), and Rob (Johnna). He was a proud grandfather to Eric, Jake (Karly), Krista (Mason), Michaela (Brendan), Jadyn, Kenryn (Gideon), Camden, Breckin, Laikyn, Cuyler, Madison, Jessalyn, and Amara. He was also blessed with great-grandchildren Ryleigh, Raya, Rhona, Stassi, Brantley, and Aspen.

He is survived as well by his sister, Susan, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Georgiana.

Sam was deeply loved and will be remembered for his kindness, humor, and the joy he brought to others. His legacy lives on in the family he adored and the countless lives he touched.

A celebration of life to be held at a later date.

Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home-New Haven.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I have met Sam a few times when he would come to pick up Mimi after getting her hair done. He was always so friendly and lit up the room when he walked in. Kim has told me so many loving and fun stories about both her parents, but especially about her beloved dad. I know that Sam has a special, wonderful place in heaven and will be missed deeply 🕊️



Lorraine Smith - November 18, 2025 at 12:21 PM

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“ I'm privileged to have known Sam. I will miss his smile and witnessing his love for his family at family gatherings ❤️🙏😭

Sharon Ruthenberg - November 17, 2025 at 06:08 PM

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“ Uncle Sam I will miss you and the great times we had. I admired you for your kindness and love you showed everyone. I will miss our conversations about sports, travel, and your sense of humor. Thank you for being a great uncle to me. Katrina really liked you too. There will never be another UNCLE SAM. Love your nephew. Andrew Medina PS please say hi to my Gramma Medina, Katrina.. until next I will see you on the other side. God bless you

Andrew Medina "Nephew of Uncle Sam - November 17, 2025 at 03:28 PM

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So sweet. Thank you.

Mamie Kline - November 18, 2025 at 12:26 PM