



Samuel William La Corte

December 1, 1947 - July 29, 2024

Samuel W. La Corte "Poppy"

Newark, DE – Samuel W. La Corte, a cherished husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully on July 29, 2024. Born December 1, 1947 in Bagheria, Sicily, to the late Petrina Zarcone and Joseph La Corte, Sam's life was a testament of dedication, valor, and love.

Sam was a distinguished Marine who proudly served his country in both the Vietnam War and Desert Storm. His 30-year career in the Marine Corps was marked by bravery and numerous accolades, including the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. His unwavering commitment to service and his esteemed role as a Sergeant Major reflect his exceptional contributions to his country.

After his military career, Sam continued to serve others through his work with the Paralyzed Veterans Association, where he was both a member and past President of the Colonial Chapter in Newark, DE. His advocacy for veterans, particularly those with disabilities, was a significant part of his life's work.

Sam's dedication to learning led him to graduate from Wilmington University with a Bachelor of Science in Human Resources Management, where he was honored as a member of the Honor Society. His pursuit of education reflected his lifelong commitment to personal growth and excellence.

He was predeceased by his beloved parents, Petrina Zarcone and Joseph La Corte, and his daughter, Carla Michels.

Sam is survived by his devoted wife of 32 years, Dr. Apostle Carol Michels-La Corte; his sons Anthony La Corte and Joseph La Corte (Greg Lagola); his daughters Rena Noonan (EJ Noonan), Jamie Michels (Bri Jones); his sisters Catherine Knop, Teresa Maunz; his brother Carl Zarcone; his grandchildren Michail Noonan (Shelly Noonan) Michael Noll, Joshua Noonan (Jessica Noonan), Andrew Noll (Alyssa McAillister) Ryan Noonan (Kelly Noonan), Kyle Noll (Victoria Noll), Christopher La Corte (Sarah La Corte), Tyler Noll (Emalee Noll), Jolynn Smith, Jaslynn Sakowski, Alexandria La Corte, Jianna Cabrera, Joeli Cabrera; his great-grandchildren Gabi Noll, Brayden Noonan, Kellin Noll, Beckett Noonan, Travis Noonan, Riley Noll, Eliza Noll, Benjamin Noonan, Odin La Corte, Ashton Noll; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Sam, who was adoringly called "Poppy" by not only his grandchildren, but by everyone who knew him, will be remembered for his love of Dunkin Donuts coffee, "sammiches", humor, generosity, and wisdom. His role as an Elder and Sound man in his church exemplified his faith and commitment to his community. Known for his love of gadgets, fixing anything, fishing, playing games of all sorts, and his adventurous spirit as he navigated Newark, DE in his power wheelchair.

Even in his final days, Sam's extraordinary gift for making people laugh and his comforting presence were a source of joy to everyone around him. His warm hugs, endless wisdom, and captivating stories will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Our memories with him will forever be treasured and cherished.

A visitation will be held Monday, August 12, 2024, from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM at Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Rd., Newark, DE 19702 followed by a celebration of Sam's life at 11:30 AM. A burial with Military Honors will follow at 2 PM at the Delaware Veterans Memorial

Cemetery. For directions or to send an online condolence, visit www.stranofeeley.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Veterans Charity - Non Profit Organization for Veterans | WWP

"HOORAH", Sam. Your legacy of love, laughter, and service will never be forgotten.

For directions or to send an online condolence please visit www.stranofeeley.com

Strano & Feeley
Family Funeral Home
302-731-5459

Cemetery Details

Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery

2465 Chesapeake City Road
Bear, DE 19701

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 12. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home
635 Churchmans Rd
Newark, DE 19702
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Service

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Burial

AUG **12**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LH

“ Dear Joseph: We are so sorry to hear about this passing. Keeping you in prayers and thoughts at this time. Love you, Lisa and Mike Habowski

Lisa Habowski - August 11, 2024 at 05:50 PM

CP

“ Colonial Chapter PVA purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Samuel William La Corte.



Colonial Chapter PVA - August 09, 2024 at 10:55 AM

JJ

“ John, Drema, & Junella purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Samuel William La Corte.

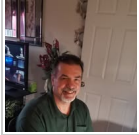


John, Drema, & Junella - August 07, 2024 at 12:56 PM

KA

“ Mrs. LaCorte and family, on behalf of all of us at the VAMC Richmond, VA. please accept our deepest sympathy at the passing of Mr. LaCorte. He will be missed.

Kathy - August 06, 2024 at 10:02 AM



“ *My Condolences to pastor Carol and her family in their time of loss, may God strengthen your family, Brother sam will be missed , I will always remember your wisdom and words of encouragement that you gave, as well as your laughter, To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.*



Randy Pragle - August 02, 2024 at 08:11 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel William La Corte.*



August 02, 2024 at 05:41 PM



“ *To Bishop Carol and Family*

Elder Sam, will certainly be missed, please know that you and family are in our prayers.



Felicia and Louise - August 02, 2024 at 11:24 AM