



Samuel John Rotolo, Jr.

September 4, 1947 - November 3, 2025

Samuel John Rotolo, Jr was born September 4, 1947, in Bridgeport Connecticut. He died at home on November 3, 2025, after a short illness. He was the second child born to Samuel J Rotolo Sr and Jessie Monica Tolmie Rotolo. He graduated from Roger Ludlowe High School in Fairfield Connecticut.

Samuel spent over 40 years as the owner of LightYear Studios, where he worked as a conceptual artist, graphic specialist, desktop publisher and multimedia/graphics expert in government and public venues. Some of the projects he worked on included the FTS2000 program to the Federal Communications Commission, the United Technologies for the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System (JSTARS), and Perkin Elmer for the Space Telescope program for NASA

He was loved by his family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne; his older sister, Nancy Jean Tamulis and her husband, James Tamulis of Bluffton, SC; his children, Samuel J Rotolo III and his wife, Angela of Mooresville, NC; Terry Wallace and her husband, John of Iron Station, NC; and Rebecca Mercure and her husband, Jeff of Waxhaw, NC; his grandchildren: Kali, Jessica, Mackenzie, Steven and his wife, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Ethan.

He had a love for all music, especially the blues, a love of art, especially the vibrant colors of Peter Max and Itzchak Tarkay, and a love of cars and his motorcycle. He played and taught the guitar. He was a Master Mason at the Olive Branch Lodge 114 and a member of the Shriners.

He was preceded in death by his father, Samuel and mother, Jessie. Friends and family are invited to a viewing on Friday, November 7, 2025, from 10am-11am at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home in Mooresville, NC.

Funeral services will take place following the calling hours at 11am at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home.

He will be buried in a private cemetery.

Those who would like to make a donation in Sam's name, you can donate at <https://www.atriumhealthfoundation.org/get-involved/donate/>

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville is proudly serving the Rotolo family

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

NOV 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Memorial Service

NOV 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

EM

“ Elizabeth M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel John Rotolo, Jr..

Elizabeth M. - November 08, 2025 at 10:36 PM

JP

“ Sue and Family, our deepest sympathies on Jack's passing. We have such fond memories of Jack. The last time we were together was this past June for dinner that included his sister Nancy, my wife Jean Marie and my sister Mary and her husband David. We spent over three hours talking and laughing about old family memories. The night ended with Jack conversing in Italian with the waiter. Unfortunately I cannot type what was said but we laughed until we cried. He had such a love of life and his family. Rest in peace and cheers to one of a kind! You will be missed.

Jean Marie, John and Jack Poster

John Poster - November 07, 2025 at 07:06 AM

HP

“ Hugh and Marjory Perry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel John Rotolo, Jr..

Hugh and Marjory Perry - November 06, 2025 at 02:07 PM

HP

“*Hugh and Marjory Perry purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Samuel John Rotolo, Jr..*



Hugh and Marjory Perry - November 06, 2025 at 02:07 PM

HU

“*From the moment we met Sam I were instant friends. Not because of who I am or anything I did, it was all Sam. He was always there with a smile and a word of encouragement for everyone. Through the many laughs and adventures we had, Sam made life interesting and fun. He always had a surprise up his sleeve. He gave me great support in some trying times, taking time out of the day to make sure I was OK.*

I love him like a brother. He is forever unforgettable. Sam and Susan asked me to say a prayer of blessings at their wedding. Maybe it's because whenever I brought up the reasons for the hope I have within me, Sam had a ready ear. We all know in our heart that we are eternal beings. That a creator is the best explanation for the way things are and Christ is the best evidence of a creator. Sam understood hubility and grace. I believe he new Jesus is the way the truth and life. This is all that is required for me to know I will see my friend again. You may as well.

Hugh - November 06, 2025 at 11:16 AM

DB

“*Dennis Bozza purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Samuel John Rotolo, Jr..*



Dennis Bozza - November 06, 2025 at 11:09 AM

MF

“ We remember fondly the last Tolmie family gathering at Jack & Sue’s home in Leesburg. Jack always did things big & this gathering was definitely one of those events. His passing is a surprise & we are saddled for it. Our sincere condolences to Sue & Jack’s children & grandchildren. With Love, Marilyn & Dennis Farrell

Marilyn Holcomb Farrell - November 06, 2025 at 07:24 AM

RC

“ I'm Ralph Cavalieri, sam and I are Shriners and he was my secretary for the shrine club in Ashburn va.for seven years We're brothers and I loved him like one of my family. Sue always treats me like a relative,we had some good times at the dinners we went to and always kept in touch. Ill never forget Sam and what we meant to each other. I hope I get to see Sue soon. And I'll see Sam again

Ralph Cavalieri - November 05, 2025 at 07:06 PM

SH

My Sincery Sympathy to all ROTolo family, Terry his daughter is my son's wife. I SEND MY DEEPEST Sympathy to Terry,Sammy, and BECKY,THINKING OF YOU ALL, TO SUE HEART FELT SYMPATHY TO YOU FOR LOSS OF YOUR WONDERFUL HUSBAND, WHAT A GREAT GUY, GOD BLESS YOU ALL

SHIRLEY W. HANNUM - November 06, 2025 at 06:26 AM

TP

“ Tony & Brantlee Pruett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel John Rotolo, Jr..

Tony & Brantlee Pruett - November 05, 2025 at 06:19 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Samuel John Rotolo, Jr..*



November 05, 2025 at 06:19 PM



“ *RIP Sam. Thanks for all the good times and talks we had. You and Sue treated me like family and I will never forget that. God Bless.*



Roy Hutyra - November 05, 2025 at 04:15 PM



“ *Ingrid Keohane and sons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel John Rotolo, Jr..*

Ingrid Keohane and sons - November 05, 2025 at 01:00 PM



“ *Ingrid Keohane and sons purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Samuel John Rotolo, Jr..*



Ingrid Keohane and sons - November 05, 2025 at 01:00 PM

JB

“ Sam, you and Sue had the kind of love and marriage that every Mother hopes and prays for her daughter. You two completed each other. You sure could make me laugh. I will certainly miss your one of a kind sense of humor. I will love you forever, "Ma"

Janet Butcher - November 05, 2025 at 12:45 PM

BT

“ Benjamin and Christina Torres purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Samuel John Rotolo, Jr..



Benjamin and Christina Torres - November 05, 2025 at 10:49 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Samuel John Rotolo, Jr..



November 05, 2025 at 10:47 AM

DH

“ I have lost a great cousin, friend and sidekick with which we had many adventures together throughout our lives. We were buddies since we were toddlers and got into our fair share of trouble too. So glad I was able to spend time with him and Sue in NC also with my son John and great grandson Owen, enjoying their loving company and Sue’s wonderful cooking. Recently visited this past June and had fun boating on the lake. A great time!
We shall not see the likes of Jack again, a one of a kind man!
All my love from your cousin David. Please send prayers to both Jack and Sue. 🙏❤️❤️❤️

David T. Holcomb - November 05, 2025 at 10:35 AM

SR

“ My husband; in you, I found the love of my life. Your dedication and love to our family, your hard work, and your ability to make us laugh are just a few of the countless reasons I love you. You are forever in my heart.

Sue Rotolo - November 05, 2025 at 08:51 AM

JB

Sam, your marriage and love that you had with Sue is what every Mom hopes and prays for their daughter. You definitely completed each other. You sure could make me laugh. I'll miss you and your humor. Love you forever, "Ma"

Janet Butcher - November 05, 2025 at 12:13 PM