



## Kenneth Edward "Sam" DeSalvo

July 31, 1944 - March 28, 2020

Kenneth Edward "Sam" DeSalvo, age 75, of Center Ridge, passed away Saturday, March 28, 2020. He was born July 31, 1944 in Morrilton, a son of the late Edward A. DeSalvo and the late Teresa Andrews DeSalvo.

Sam was a retired truck driver for Allison Cattle Company and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. He traveled many miles and had so many friendships with so many people that has lasted a lifetime. Anybody that knew Sam knew that he was a strong, stubborn, quick witted gentle giant.

He loved everyone and everyone loved him. His family was his life and he kept up with all his family, especially his nieces and nephews, all the time to keep everyone straight. Sam was an avid fisherman spending many years boat fishing on Baker Lake, catching big messes and having fish fries.

He was the sausage making king known all across the country as making the best Italian sausage and people came from everywhere just to get a taste.

Kyle started helping his Uncle Sam make sausage as a little boy and they spent many years in Sam's smokehouse.

As with his siblings and mother, he was a fantastic cook, always firing up his green egg making the best ribs. Our family's hearts are broken, but blessed to have been a part of this great man's life.

Survivors include sisters: Mary Joyce Maus of Morrilton, Jackie Tester of Little Rock, Barbara (George) Moore of Center Ridge, and Alice (Eddie)

Riedmueller of Center Ridge; brother: Wayne (Regina) DeSalvo of Center Ridge; and a host of special nieces, nephews, and friends.

Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by brother: Steve DeSalvo; brothers-in-law: Bernard Maus and M.L. Tester; and nephew: Jeff Maus. Private graveside service will be Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at St. Joseph Cemetery with Father Jack Harris officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to St. Joseph Cemetery Fund.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Edward "Sam" DeSalvo*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers are with all the family*

**Hollis & Shirley Frye** - March 31, 2020 at 08:49 PM



“ *The loss of Sam will definitely be felt throughout our communities!! I am so very sorry for your loss and will be keeping you all in my prayers!*

**Jennifer Evans** - March 31, 2020 at 08:37 PM



“ *Our sympathy to all the family. Sam was a good person and will be missed. Pat and Jimmy Flowers, Denise Flowers, Steve and Christie Freeman and boys.*

**Pat Flowers** - March 31, 2020 at 07:40 PM



“ *Please know that the entire wonderful DeSalvo family is in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time. Sam will be greatly misses by many.*

*Carolyn Maus Duclos*

**Carolyn Duclos** - March 30, 2020 at 08:22 AM

RR

“ Praying for peace and comfort. Sam was a kind soul and will be greatly missed by all of us.  
Love yall,  
Carla Wilson, Jason, Rhonda, and Beau Robison

Rhonda Robison - March 29, 2020 at 05:29 PM

RR

“ Rhonda Robison lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth Edward "Sam" DeSalvo



Rhonda Robison - March 29, 2020 at 05:15 PM

JR

So sorry. Prayers for Peace and Comfort for Sam's Love Ones. Jane Ruff and Family

Jane Ruff - March 31, 2020 at 12:15 AM

RR

“ Rhonda Robison lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth Edward "Sam" DeSalvo



Rhonda Robison - March 29, 2020 at 05:09 PM

FM

“ Prayers for Family and Friends, May God be with each of you.  
So sorry for your loss.

Frances ( Camper) Mahan. - March 29, 2020 at 03:36 PM

DE

“ Prayers to the family. Sam was a great friend and we had a lot of good trucking memories together. He could tell some GREAT stories and always made me laugh. We lost a great trucker. Will miss this guy.

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**Danny Eades** - March 29, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ Thank You for being such a good friend. We will miss you. God Bless! Mary Joyce Chism and Family

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**Rosemary Norwood** - March 29, 2020 at 12:06 PM

LF

“ Alice, I am so sorry for your loss, lifting each of your family up in prayer

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**lucretia walker flowers** - March 29, 2020 at 10:19 AM

LW

“ Sam I miss you so much!! I will never forget the late night and early morning talks we had. Everyone is in shock, it just don't seem real. He was like a big teddy bear, everyone at work loved him!!! Fly high until we meet again!!! RIP

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**Lynette Wallen** - March 29, 2020 at 09:28 AM

JA

“ Sam and Gene McClure used to hang out in Jeff and Brenda's store in Center Ridge, Sam was also a patient of mine and I got to know him very well. He and Gene made me laugh. I was planning on going to see him recently until this corona virus came along and I don't feel safe going out of my house to a gathering but my heart is sad and I am praying for his family.

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**Joyce Alexander-Hetrick** - March 28, 2020 at 10:40 PM

CG

“ *My sincere sympathy to Sam’s family during the difficult days ahead. RIP 🙏❤️*

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**Carolyn Gadberry** - March 28, 2020 at 08:39 PM

DL

“ *Sam was a good man with a big heart prayers for the family*

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**david lucas** - March 28, 2020 at 08:21 PM