



Sam Parise

January 1, 1928 - May 9, 2025

Sam Parise, age 97, of Saline, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 9, 2025. Sam was born January 1, 1928, in Lumberport, West Virginia. He was the son of Francesco Parise and Antoinette Marra. He married Gloria Klemczak on June 11, 1949 and they were married 68 years and she proceeds him in death. He leaves behind 5 children - Stephen (Michele) Parise of Orwell, Vermont; Michael (Carmen) Parise of Saline; Cynthia Parise of Saline; Sam P. (Cheryl) Parise of Gross Pointe Park; Christopher (Jessica) Parise of Kalamazoo; 14 Grandchildren; and 16 Great-Grandchildren. Sam was preceded in death in addition to his wife Gloria by their daughter Delores Marie Parise, 8-8-1951.

Sam served his country in the Army/Air Force during WWII where he received an honorable discharge. Along with owning his own landscaping business, he was also employed in the Royal Oak School District where he was responsible for all building and ground maintenance and eventually retired from there. After earning his teaching certificate, Sam taught Buildings and Grounds Management Class to young adults with special needs at the SE Oakland Vocational Education Center. Sam spent many hours volunteering at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, teaching youth about honeybees, and Growing Hope in Ypsilanti. He was known to many people as "Sam the Bee Man", He was a member of the Sunrise Side Wood Carvers located in Oscoda, and created wood address signs that are scattered all over Michigan. Along with

earning his Master Gardner certification from MSU, he was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed spending time up-north in Fairview with his children, grandchildren and friends.

Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Thursday, May 22nd, 2025 from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline. Visitation will continue on Friday, May 23rd from 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. at the St. Andrew Catholic Church in Saline. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:30 A.M. with Fr. John Linden as Celebrant. Following the Mass, inurnment will take place in the St. Andrew Church Columbarium. Military Honors will be held under the auspices of the Veteran's Honor Guard of Washtenaw County. A luncheon will also be held at the Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Growing Hope, a nonprofit building a more just and equitable local food system in Ypsilanti, MI. Contributions can be made online at www.growinghope.net/donate or by check mailed to: Growing Hope, 922 W. Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. To leave a memory you have of Sam, to sign his online guestbook or for directions please visit www.rbfsaline.com

Cemetery Details

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church Columbarium

910 Austin Road
Saline, MI 48176

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176
(734) 429-9760
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

Visitation

MAY 23. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
910 Austin Dr
Saline, MI 48176-1157
(734) 429-5210

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 23. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Inurnment in Columbarium

MAY 23. 12:40 PM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church Columbarium
910 Austin Road
Saline, MI 48176

Luncheon

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Tribute Wall

JW

“ I worked in Ypsilanti for several years and often went to the Tuesday afternoon farmers market. I remember Sam well as a very friendly vendor, and I often bought from him and chatted for a while in the process.

Jan Wright - May 24, 2025 at 10:25 PM

LK

“ Laura K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sam Parise.

Laura K. - May 22, 2025 at 08:26 AM

JM

“ Sam,
I wanted to thank you for opening your doors to me over 20 years ago and experience the wonderful times in Fairview. My time spent up north with you and your family has allowed me to gain respite from the grind of everyday life. You unselfishly shared your experiences with all of us and we have many memories of times together in the woods hunting, building, making honey, and watching gardening and woodworking shows on tv. You will be missed, hunting camp will not be the same without you.

Jim Migliaccio

James Migliaccio - May 20, 2025 at 08:57 AM

CP

You are right, without a doubt Jim! Not to mention taking up your kids with our kids, and friends kids having a blast fishing in the pond with marshmallows as bait! Thanks for your kind words.

Chris Parise - May 20, 2025 at 06:53 PM



“ Ultimate Snacks Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Sam Parise.



May 14, 2025 at 10:58 AM



“ Mary H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sam Parise.

Mary H. - May 14, 2025 at 09:59 AM



“ My dad passed away at 97 years. He taught me many lessons throughout those years: He showed me how to plant trees, flowers, and how to design landscapes. He shared what he saw of the beauty of nature and life through his camera lens. He taught me the value of a dollar, to work hard, to never stop improving yourself or helping others around you. Working with him was always an adventure full of lessons in how to take time to do a job right, the first time. Oh, and be sure to never waste a trip. He showed me the value of education while going to college at the end of his career for a teaching certificate at MSU for a job change. More than that he taught me that you're never too old to go back to school. Of course, he also taught me to never miss a meal. He never stopped finding ways to take care of his growing family. So there is a deep pain in my heart that he is gone now, and he is not here to tell me any new lessons. But I know now that his lessons need to be passed on. Pops, I miss you and I know that you are holding a place for me to tell me: "I taught you well!"
Your son Michael

Michael Parise - May 13, 2025 at 03:47 PM