



Samuel Fontanez Jr.

June 23, 1955 - July 23, 2025

Samuel Fontanez Jr., of Huntington Station, New York, went to be with the Lord on July 23rd, 2025 - exactly one month after celebrating his 70th birthday.

He was born on June 23rd, 1955 in New York City.

Samuel, affectionately known as Papo, loved the Lord, cared deeply for his family and friends, loved serving others and building community in his time on the force, and enjoyed bringing joy to others through laughter.

Papo was handsome, quick-witted, had a tender heart, and his generosity knew no bounds. His adoration for his family was admirable, particularly of his dear mother Sarah, whose cooking was his favorite. He was always thinking of others, making sure they were taken care of. His laugh was full-bodied and contagious and he loved to share jokes, stories, and his favorite newspaper comics. He was a collector, had an affinity for cars, loved building and restoring, and enjoyed sharing the world of movies and the classics with those he cared for.

In addition to his hobbies, he worked for decades as a police officer with NYS University Police at SUNY Old Westbury, retiring in 2019. He was brotherly with all those he met, deeply rooted in the community, and he always tried to find solutions when a problem arose. He wanted to be the one to help fix it. He is survived by his sister Deborah Caro, brother-in-law and friend Carlos Caro, his niece Sarah Caro, his sister Cynthia Krakoff and nephews Marcello and Angelo Krakoff, and David Ryan Fontanez.

He is predeceased by his beloved mother Sarah Fontanez, father Samuel Fontanez, Sr., brother David Fontanez, and nephew Carlo Steven Krakoff. Samuel was a man who loved deeply, was loved by many, and will be dearly missed.

Previous Events

Saturday Visitation

AUG 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc.
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Tribute Wall



“ *A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Samuel Fontanez Jr.*



A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc. - August 01, 2025 at 03:51 PM

CH

“ *Carolyn Herold lit a candle in memory of Samuel Fontanez Jr.*



Carolyn Herold - August 02, 2025 at 09:52 AM

AT

“Papo, your departure from this earth was too soon and unexpected. However our friendship we devople will last forever. As years past on we grew a stronger bound that turn into a brotherhood that I still have in my heart for you. What I admire about your persona was your "Faint in God" and how you lived by those Christen values. Papo you was always a caring and giving person. You open your wallet and funded and donated to lots of charities & Not for Profits. I witness myself when you help a homeless person & gave money so that indiviual can get a meal to eat.

"Rest in Peace my Beloved Brother"

Love, Anibal, Angie, and Ann

Anibal Torres - August 01, 2025 at 08:19 PM

AT

*Papo may you rest in peace until we met again you will be missed love
❤️ you my friend 🌸*

Ana Torres - August 03, 2025 at 08:49 AM

GB

“Gladys B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel Fontanez Jr..

Gladys B. - August 01, 2025 at 12:40 PM

RG

“ Sorry to hear of Papo's Passing. The first time I met Papo was eating dinner at his mothers house with David over 40 years ago. It was never a dull moment with Papo and David, the laughs sometimes lead to stomach aches. Their mom would give us the side eye because we were so loud or should I say the 2 of them were loud. Rest Easy Papo, I guess you and David can annoy your mom together once again :)

Rodney Glasgow - July 30, 2025 at 09:01 AM

CB

“ Cousin Susan and Mike Benintende purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Samuel Fontanez Jr..



Cousin Susan and Mike Benintende - July 28, 2025 at 08:29 PM

LP

“ Samuel ,a.k.a. Papo, was an extraordinary person. He was both strong minded and kindhearted, which was a powerful combination. He touched everyone who met him with his good will and engaging wit with which he also successfully lifted one's spirits. I will always cherish his memory in my heart and consider it a gift from God to have known him. His time here on earth was a blessing to us all. May he rest in heavenly peace and eternal joy.

Laura Porterfield - July 28, 2025 at 07:25 PM

SL

“ Uncle Sam as I called you. Thank you. I wouldn't have graduated college without you. You picked me up from the train many time to make it to class. The lunches after school with my dad were filled with laughter. You bringing me to my graduation party in your beautiful car. Movie nights with my family. The way you carried me and my mom when my dad was in the hospital and even through his passing. The way you loved my family like it was your own means everything to us. You even made sure to see my brother after his son passed. I know you're in heaven with my nephew and my dad. You were my dad's best friend, he couldn't have chosen anyone better. KISS them and hug them for me. I love you and I miss you. I'll see you soon, but not yet.

Samantha Lawson - July 28, 2025 at 10:59 AM

RC

“ I was a coworker of Sam with the State University Police. His being such a gentleman, professional and compassionate person will always be remembered. Richie Clark

Richard Clark - July 27, 2025 at 08:24 PM

DA

“ Dannyboy (Diana's son) and family send our deepest condolences to you and the family. God bless, you are in our prayers.

Danny - July 27, 2025 at 08:14 PM

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Danny - July 27, 2025 at 08:13 PM

DB

“ David Ryan & Bonnie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel Fontanez Jr..

David Ryan & Bonnie - July 27, 2025 at 06:07 PM

DB

“ David Ryan & Bonnie purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Samuel Fontanez Jr..



David Ryan & Bonnie - July 27, 2025 at 06:07 PM

BO

“ Although Papo (Samuel) couldn't really visit David in Florida, they were on the phone the phone almost everyday with each other. They would talk politics along with everything & anything. They really humored each other. Was nice having that for David as well as Papo. Please give David a big hug from us. Have fun with your brother Papo, you have him back with you laughing, joking, reprimanding each other in the most hilarious ways. Enjoy family in Heaven. You will be missed but never forgotten. ~Your sister in law Bonnie & Your nephew David Jr.



Bonnie - July 27, 2025 at 05:59 PM

RO

Sweet words Bonnie. David always talked about Papo..it's like I knew him...I wish I had the opportunity to meet him in person. I hear laughter coming from Heaven ~

Rebecca Orozco - July 28, 2025 at 04:57 AM