



Sam A. Chickerella

March 30, 2011

Sam Allan Chickerella, age 86, of Dublin, Ohio passed away on Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at the Dublin Methodist Hospital after a courageous battle with stroke-related illnesses. Sam was born in Martins Ferry, Ohio on November 2, 1924. He was the son of first generation immigrants, Salvatore and Vincenza Chickerella. Sam was one of seven children. He was a graduate of Martins Ferry High School. Sam was a veteran of the United States Army Air Corps during WWII. He served in the Pacific Theater in the Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, Northern Solomons, Southern Philippines, Luzon, Western Pacific and Ryukyus Islands theaters. After the war, he attended The Ohio State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education. He was a member of the OSU men's basketball team and the Wheeling Blues. Sam taught and coached at Linden McKinley High School. There he met Constance Hanlin. They were married on December 23, 1950. He and Connie were blessed to have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this past year. After teaching, Sam became an associate with the Prudential Insurance Company in 1952. Sam was very accomplished in his career and earned many accolades. He chaired the Columbus Life Underwriters Association and acted as its president. He was also the president of the local GAMA and the Ohio Association of Life Underwriters. Sam received countless Prudential and industry honors. In 1979 he was the first recipient of the Columbus "CLU of the Year" plaque. This award has since been renamed the Sam A. Chickerella, CLU Hall of Fame Award. Sam "Chick" was also involved in many

civic organizations. His memberships included: the Optimist Club, Piave Club, the American Italian Club, and President of the Whetstone Boosters Association. After retirement, he and his wife Connie, spent winters in Bonita Springs, Florida. Sam was a parishioner of St. Brigid of Kildare Catholic Church in Dublin, Ohio. He was a man of deep faith and belief. He lived his life with Christian convictions and tenants. Sam was an Italian American member of the Riviera Country Club. He was an avid golfer and loved the friends with whom he played and spent time. Sam was a wonderful orator. He loved to tell stories and was the master of ceremonies at many events. Sam was a great man who was loved by all who had the good fortune to know him. Sam suffered a stroke in 1992, which slowed him down a bit, but never took away his love of life. He continued to enjoy winning at cards and watching every sporting event. Sam is survived by his loving wife, Constance Hanlin Chickerella of Dublin; his four children: Sharyl Chickerella (John) Flory of Plain City, Ohio, Sam (Jessica) Chickerella, Jim (Kathy) Chickerella and Mark (Dee Anna) Chickerella, all of Powell, Ohio. He was blessed with ten grandchildren: Kelly (Alier) Franco, Dan (Lisa) Flory, Jenny and Rebekah Flory, Ashley (Matt) Myers, Rachel, Jimmy, Halley, Sam and Hanna Chickerella; two great-grandchildren: Diego and Helena Franco; brother Vincent James (Beryl) Chickerella of Worthington, Ohio. Sam is also survived by many nieces, nephews and close friends. Sam was a devoted family man. He loved, guided and supported them every day of his life. He had no greater pride than his family. Sam was preceded in death by his parents Salvatore and Vincenza Chickerella and siblings Philip (Elizabeth) Chickerella, Mary (Sam) Volpe, Joseph (Micki) Chickerella, Rose (Anthony) Calcara and Josephine (Joseph) Viola. Family will receive friends from 5:00-8:00pm. THURSDAY (TODAY) at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy St., Powell, Ohio 43065 (614)-792-1471. (The funeral home is located on W. Olentangy St./Powell Rd./SR 750 ¼ mile east of Sawmill Parkway.) Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:00am. FRIDAY, APRIL 1st, 2011 at ST. BRIGID OF KILDARE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 7179 Avery Road, Dublin, Ohio

43017 with The Reverend Monsignor Joseph M. Hendricks, Celebrant. Burial will follow at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, friends are asked to consider memorial contributions to: The Faith Mission, 315 East Long Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 or a charity of your choice. Send condolences for the family to: www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sam A. Chickerella*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Sam, Jess, and Family, Please accept my condolences on the loss of your father and your children's grandfather. I lost my mother, Rose, three years ago and understand some of what you are dealing with. I miss her still. Some of the loss may be offset by the many, many fond memories you will carry the rest of your lives. Paul*

Paul Gydosh - April 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mark Chick & Jim Chick and Family. Please accept my deepest condolences. A remarkable obituary write up about your Dad. Just stellar. Take care.*

Steve Bass - April 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *As a child I was in awe of Uncle Sam...as I got older, my adoration for him grew and grew. Uncle Sam lit up a room and was larger than life. There was just something magical about him. He was also the best story teller I have ever known :)*

Meredith Howse - April 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jim, Mark & Extended Chickerella Family, My sincerest condolences on the loss of your wonderful father. You are in my thoughts and prayers. With Deepest Sympathies, Dave Heilman*

Dave Heilman - April 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ We wish to extend our sympathy to all of Sam's family. I have know Sam for many years. Sincerely, Al Engelman

Al and Alleen Engelman - April 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Mark, Dee Anna, Halley, Hanna and the Chickerella Family, Please accept our deepest sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. With Heartfelt Synpathy, Bruno, Theresa and Julie Harris

Bruno and Theresa Harris - April 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Our deepest sympathy on your loss.

Doug and Lynne Loeffler - March 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Jim, Jim, I want to extend my sincere condolences regarding your father's death. From what I can see, your dad was a heck of a person, achieved tremendous riches in his life, and created a successful and loving family tree. Sincerely, Steve Holderness

Steve Holderness - March 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Shary and Chickerella family: Alier and I were truly saddened to hear about the death of your father. I know this is a difficult time for you and your family and you are in our thoughts and prayers. While we didn't know know "poppi" well, it was obvious that he possessed a kind and gentle soul and was a very special person for you all. We remember very clearly meeting him for the first time at Alier and Kelly's rehearsal dinner and how his smile just lit up the room and filled it more than the words he could not speak. Without a doubt his presence will be missed but always remembered amongst those closest to him. May God bless you and your family through this time and always. Our condolences to you all. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. With our deepest sympathy, Alier and Scarlet

Scarlet Franco - March 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Dear sweet Aunt Connie, Sam, Shary, Jim, Mark and families, I think you know how much Uncle Sam meant to me. He was the sweetest, kindest, most forgiving and non judgemental man I have ever met. Couple that with being smart, classy, handsome, and very funny, what more could a niece want? He was the "go to man" of the family, and we all shall miss him. For me, I feel so lucky and blessed to have had him in my life all of these years,---the world is a better place for having had him pass through. You have my deepest sympathy and eternal love. For those of us who believe there is a heaven, he is surely there. Love, Antoinette

antoinette pugh - March 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I was so sorry to read about Sam's passing. Though I had not seen him in years, I still remember what a classy guy he was. When younger Sam and Jim were playing basketball at Whetstone, Sam and had some interesting conversations. I just wanted the Chickerellas to know I was thinking about you and Sam. I'll say a prayer for Sam and the entire family. From a coach's point of view, he was the ideal parent. Jim Ferrell

Jim Ferrell - March 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I think everyone in Columbus knew the Chickerella name; I know my family did even though I didn't meet Mark and his brothers till the 1980's. Mike and I always loved all the "Chicks" and so admired what wonderful parents Mr. & Mrs. Chickerella were. Our hearts stay with you now and forever. God bless you and help you find solace in each other.

Mike and Melissa Cornwell - March 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Becky, I'm so sorry about the loss of your grandpa. He sounded like a wonderful man. Wishing you and your family peace and strength during your time of sorrow.

Holly Stapleton - March 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Matthew, Karin, Macy, Jackson & Sreyson Scott

Matthew, Karin, Macy, Jackson & Greyson Scott - March 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I was sad to hear of Sam's passing. What a wonderful family man & friend to all. I remember the brothers all together back in the late 70's and early 80's, what a force they were together. God Bless the entire Chickerella family, from the little Combs family.

jeffrey a combs - March 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Connie, I'm sorry that I can't be at today's calling hours to personally express to you my sympathy. All of us in the insurance business held Sam in the highest regard. He was a gentle man, a professional and a true friend to us all. I know that you and Sam knew my father, Carl Judy, at Linden McKinley. Pop often referred to Sam and Vince as two of his favorites. I treasure the friendship he had with Sam and my prayers, a hug and thoughts are with you & you family. Bill Judy

Bill Judy - March 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM