



Ronald "Sam" Simono

July 30, 1937 - December 6, 2021

Ronald Bernard Simono, known to everyone as "Sam", 84, of Charlotte died December 6, 2021. The oldest of four, he was born on July 30, 1937, in Two Rivers, WI.

Sam received an undergraduate degree in biology from St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI in 1959. After graduating, he worked as an English teacher and athletic coach in Casco, WI. He then entered graduate school at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, where he earned his Ph.D. in counseling psychology. In 1965 Sam accepted a position at Duke University in Durham where he served as a senior counselor and assistant professor. In 1967 Sam was recruited to UNC Charlotte by the university's founder Bonnie Cone to develop a counseling center. He was promoted to full professor and became director of Counseling and Health Services, where he worked for 37 years. He served on the Faculty Athletic committee at UNCC for 30 of those years.

Sam also worked at Novant as a psychologist in the cardiac rehabilitation program for many years.

Sam was a sports fan and especially loved the Green Bay Packers. He was an avid runner who completed 8 marathons. He enjoyed nature and bird watching, and he liked spending time with his grandchildren.

Sam is survived by his wife of 62 years, Karen; his two sons Steve and Scott; daughter-in-law, Debbie; grandchildren Matthew, Kevin, and Ashley; and three brothers.

A funeral mass will be held at 1 PM Saturday, December 11 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. The family will be receiving friends after the service in Aquinas Hall.

Memorial donations may be made to Novant Hospice or a charity of your choice.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family.

Events

DEC **Funeral Mass** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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St. Thomas Aquinas Church

1400 Suther Rd, Charlotte, NC, US, 28213

Comments



“ Penny Stevens lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Sam" Simono



Penny Stevens - December 13, 2021 at 01:31 PM



“ Sam and I use to run around this campus getting our exercise in! You will be missed, Sam!!

Penny Stevens - December 13, 2021 at 01:33 PM



“ Karen, my prayers are with you and your family. My memories go back to meeting Sam at St. Norberts and being maid of honor for Sam and you at your wedding. He was a wonderful person and will be missed. always, Joann

Joann Kwitek - December 10, 2021 at 01:23 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald "Sam" Simono.



December 08, 2021 at 01:18 PM



“ Dear Karen and family,
On behalf of Novant Health's Cardio-Pulmonary Rehab programs, all of our team offers our deepest sympathies to you. We loved and thoroughly enjoyed the time we spent with Sam. He reached through to so many of our patients over the years, helping them adjust to the many challenges heart disease presents. Always willing to lend a friendly ear and advice to any personal problems we may have been dealing with as well. What a great man that had such an impact on so many people. We will miss him.
Sincerely,
Mike Halterman and team

Mike Halterman - December 08, 2021 at 12:13 PM



“ Dear Karen, we were blessed to have been neighbors to you and Sam and family for over 35 years and have many fond memories. Way too many to list but great times with Sam and your family. Rest in peace our friend and God grant peace and comfort to your family left to cherish memories.
Don & Debbie Killian

Don Killian - December 08, 2021 at 08:27 AM



“ Thank you for being such wonderful neighbors.
Scott Simono - December 08, 2021 at 10:49 AM



“ Dear Karen & Family,
Sam and the Counseling Center were located in a part of the Library building at UNCC for many years. He touched the lives of ALL of us at UNCC in so many countless ways and was a special gift to us ALL! He will be greatly MISSED!!
Sharon B. Pearson, Library Secretary, Retired
Sharon Pearson - December 11, 2021 at 12:02 AM