



## Sylvester A. Balsano

June 28, 1925 - March 1, 2015

Sylvester (Sy) A. Balsano, 89, of Murphysboro, IL, and formerly of Kankakee, IL, died peacefully in his home on March 1, 2015 following a battle with cancer.

Sy is survived by Nadine (nee Pyron), his wife of sixty-seven years; his children, Bruce (Chris); Gordon (Mary); and Belinda Balsano; five grandchildren, Christina (Curt), Becky (Todd), Douglas (Amy), Damien (Melissa), and Chey (Ashlee); eleven great-grandchildren; seven brothers and sisters, Mary Fritz, Bill (Marian), Joe (Alice), Eloise Jeremiah, Madeline Layne, Bernard (Kathy), and Wayne (Jeanie); and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Myrtle (Spangler); father, Angelo; sisters Rosalie Hannah and Margaret Presley; and brother, Gene.

Sy graduated from Murphysboro Township High School in 1943. In 1943, he enlisted in the Marines during World War II. During the War, he was a corporal who drove a tank in the 2nd Armored Amphibian Battalion. When he returned, he attended Southern Illinois University and married the love of his life on December 24, 1947. He worked in the insurance industry throughout his life as a claims manager and retired from the Illinois Fair Plan Association in 1992.

Sy had an outgoing personality that attracted many friendships in his life. He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Elks Lodge. His life was filled with activities and his many interests included hunting, fishing, golfing, flying his plane, watching the children of the family's sporting events, and caring for and riding his horses.

Sy had many passions in his life, but for him-until the end-family came first.

His body will be cremated. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 2015, at Pettett Funeral Home with Rev. Charles Allen officiating and military services conducted by the American Legion Paul Stout Post # 127 will follow. Friends may call from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Masonic Children's Home, the Elk's Crippled Children or to St. Jude's Hospital. For more information, please visit [www.pettettfuneralhome.com](http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sylvester A. Balsano*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *We were very sorry to hear of Sy's passing. We hold many fond memories of Sy, Nadine and their family. Sy and Nadine were boosters in the Westview Athletic Program where I served as a coach and Athletic Director. Please accept our sympathy in your loss and may God bless you in this time of great sorrow.*

J.R. and Deanna Black - March 05, 2015 at 10:23 AM



“ *With deepest sympathy*

Peter Gonski - March 04, 2015 at 01:44 PM



“ *Belinda and family you have my sincere sympathy in passing of your loved one. May God bless and keep you all.*

Carolyn Hairston Rice - March 04, 2015 at 12:59 PM

JA

“ TO ALL RELATIVES YOU HAVE MY CONDOLENCES I MET AND WORKED FOR SY OVER ABOUT 50 YEARS AGO HE WAS THE TYPE OF PERSON THAT I RESPECTED AS A LEADER AND FRIEND--SAW HIM SEVERAL TIMES AS HE PASSED THRU K3 OVER THE YEARS--THIS MAN LEFT A LASTING IMPRESSION ON ME AS I AM CERTAIN HE DID ON HIS CHILDREN AND GRAND CHILDREN -- THAT IMPRESSION I HAVE CARRIED WITH ME--IT WAS ALL GOOD -- I COULD GO ON AND ON ABOUT HIS VIRTUIES BUT IF YOU KNEW HIM THIS IS NOT NECESSARY--I AM CERTAIN THAT HE WOULD WANT HIS FAMILY TO CARRY ON WITH THEIR LIVES WITH THE VIRTUIES HE TAUGHT THEM BY EXAMPLE I LOVED THE MAN FOR THE GOOD PERSON HE WAS AS BOTH A BOSS AND A FRIEND JER

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**jerry alexander** - March 04, 2015 at 11:52 AM

GC

“ Our Thoughts and Prayers go out to the Family during this most difficult time.  
Although I only met Sy once, he did seem to enjoy being around family, and loved Fishing and Golfing.

*With Deepest Sympathy*

*Greg Carter and Debbie Posing*

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**Greg Carter** - March 04, 2015 at 11:14 AM

PS

“ Belinda,

*So sorry for your loss.*

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**Paula Senesac** - March 04, 2015 at 09:49 AM

RD

*“ We are deeply sorry for your loss. I have so many fond memories of Sy that go way back to my younger days. He will be forever remembered. Please know that the Balsano family is in our thoughts and prayers. With heartfelt sympathy.*

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**Randy and Deb Devore** - March 04, 2015 at 09:25 AM

KC

*“ on behalf of everybody at the Saddleclub -Sy will be truly missed. remembering all the good times we had at meetings and at our Christmas parties. we all have the same passion horses and boy he loved his horses. deepest sympathy goes out to all the family from all of us at Kincaid Saddleclub*

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**Kinkaid saddle club** - March 03, 2015 at 09:03 PM

BB

*“ To Bruce and Chris and the entire Balsano family. My thoughts and prayers will be with you during your time of sorrow.*

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**Brenda Behrend** - March 03, 2015 at 08:01 PM

CW

*“ Joe & Family. I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. I only met your brother & his wife a couple of times, but I could tell they were loving people. Please pass on my sympathies to sweet Nadine & the rest of your family.*

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**Carol Wehmeyer** - March 03, 2015 at 07:10 PM

MW

*“ Nadine, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Mary Jo Wilcox** - March 03, 2015 at 01:41 PM

MC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Nadine, Bruce, Gordon and Belinda....and their families at this difficult time. We have many wonderful memories of Sy and are wishing we could be there in person. Sending love from Arizona.....

*Mac and M.J.*

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**Mac and M.J. Cleeland** - March 03, 2015 at 10:02 AM

DK

“ *Nadine and Family,*

*Our thoughts are with you. Sy will be truly missed.*

*Dede and Derick Kubitz  
Bemidji, MN*

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**Dede and Derick Kubitz** - March 02, 2015 at 09:49 PM