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Pete Samuel Sciara, 76, of Memphis, TN passed away on May 3, 2016 at Indian River Medical Center in Vero Beach, Florida, surrounded by his family. Pete was born in Memphis, TN on June 30, 1939. He graduated Christian Brothers High School and continued his education at Christian Brothers College. He was married to Mary Catherine Sciara (Koppeis) on July 2, 1960; they were married for 54 years. He began working at the young age of 10 at his father's restaurant, Sam's Spaghetti House at 73 Poplar Ave. In 1954 the family moved the restaurant location to Perkins Ave and renamed the restaurant "The Villa." The restaurant was well accomplished by the 1960's with several famous customers frequenting the establishment. After 11 years the Villa was redeveloped into a small strip center with a mix of tenants including a jewelry store, hair salon, restaurants and several other small businesses. Converting the restaurant into a commercial strip center led Pete to discover his second passion—developing commercial and residential developments. In 1984 Pete purchased 6161 Poplar Ave and opened a real estate company. In 1986 he acquired the adjoining property 6155 Poplar Ave and built Palazzino Restaurant. After many years of success, Pete redeveloped these properties into a commercial strip Center and opened Café Max where he was joined by his children in his final restaurant endeavor. Pete was very much loved by his family and friends and always helped others help themselves. He lived a vicarious life and will be missed by all. He is survived by his wife Mary, his children, Rose (Alan), Regina (Kevin), Carl (Kishea) and Sam along with his 10 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and the rest of his relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Rose, and sister, Charlene. The funeral service will be held at 10:00 AM on May 7, 2016 at Church of the Holy Spirit. Father Michael Werkhoven will be officiating. Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery located at 5668 Poplar Ave. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Memorial Park Funeral Home (901) 767-8930. Visitation will



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commence on Friday May 6th at 4 PM to be followed by a rosary at Memorial Park Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38119. "Celebrating Life... Behind the Stone Wall"



Tribute Wall

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HS

Harvey Slentz posted:

I just came across this obituary for Pete Sciara. His wife Mary Catherine would come North from Memphis each summer when she was a teenager and stay with my family. My Mother, Mary Margaret Slentz, is her Aunt, and the namesake of "Mary" for Mary Catherine. Mary Catherine watched Mom's role as a registered nurse and surgery supervisor at the small-town hospital, and they talked about nursing late into the night. I remember very vividly the times when Pete and Catherine were dating, and he would drive the 80-100 miles up I-55 or US 61 to Hayti Missouri to see her and spend time with her. Although I was pretty young, I could see the two of them had strong, passionate feelings for each other. Some relationships are like a 'crock-pot' - things slowly simmer along. From my vantage point nine years younger, their relationship was more like a BBQ pit where the charcoal is always simmering, and lighter fluid is occasionally thrown on the coals to produce a big blaze for a while, then back to simmer. The last conversations I had with Pete were about the farms that the grandparents of both Catherine and me had left to their kids - that would be my mom and Catherine's mom. As our moms rose in age, the farm became more a joint effort with our generation, and Pete shouldered much of the decision making for him and Mary Catherine. One thing that struck me as unusual was Pete's telescopic focus on doing the right thing in all dealings with the farm property. As an attorney for 40 years, I've seen the extremes of ethical and unethical behavior. Pete not only wanted to do the right things, but he started many discussions with an aim to manage their farm inheritance wisely, and to compare his and Mary Catherine's strategies with those of three other other groups of 'grandchildren'. Pete and Mary Catherine were quite a couple, and raised four great children. They left the world a better place, and in better hands through their kids.

November 24 at 7:01 PM

RB

Rose Beard posted:

My dear cousin Pete.....You have been with me all of my life. I love you and all of your family. I found out today that you have gone to heaven. We used to say whichever of us got there first was to save seats for the rest of us. rose sciara (uncle charlie's girl) 6.12.16.

June 12 at 10:32 AM

IS

Irvin Schatz posted:

Pete and I were CBC '56 classmates. Over the years I have many fond memories of him and his family restaurants. When my wife and I were dating we enjoyed romantic dinners at the Villa. Later with our daughters we finished many a basket of fried zucchini at Cafe Max. I miss those places and will miss the man who made them such a success. Irvin Schatz

May 9 at 4:33 AM



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DD

Damian Donati posted:

So sorry to hear about Mr. Sciara's passing. I always felt the Donati's grew up with the Sciara's. Even our fathers were school mates and friends that continued to the children. What a great family and man. Our thoughts and prayers are with Pete and his family in this difficult time. God bless. The Damian Donati family.

May 5 at 4:25 PM

AL

Albert posted:

To the Sciara family, Praying for your family at this time. Pete was a great man and I thank him and your family for everything you did for me. I will always have fond memories of the time I worked at Palazzino's. Big Al 1986

May 5 at 3:33 PM

YM

Your Benchmark Family, Melissa Meier & J posted:

Your Benchmark Family, Melissa Meier & James Frye purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Pete Samuel Sciara.

May 5 at 1:11 PM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Pete Samuel Sciara.

May 5 at 11:25 AM

DA

Daly posted:

Pete was a wonderful man, husband, father, grandfather, businessman, teacher and friend. God Bless your soul and spirit and everyone that has been touched by your incredible life !

May 5 at 6:02 AM

RO

Rob posted:

I have fond memories in dealing with Pete dealing with Pete at Cafe Max. It was a family affair 2 sons, daughter and wife all worked there. A proud but yet humble man.

May 5 at 5:53 AM



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MP

Memorial Park posted:

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pete Samuel Sciara.

May 4 at 4:11 PM

TJ

The Harter Family- Michael, Leanne, Josh posted:

The Harter Family- Michael, LeAnne, Joshua & Adam purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Pete Samuel Sciara.

May 4 at 2:06 PM

SH

Sabrina Haddad posted:

Rest in peace uncle Pete, you were such a sweet man, may your sweet soul be at peace, you will forever be an angle for your loving family 🌹❤️ Sending our love and prayers always to the Sciara family XO 🌻 Love the Haddad family and uncle Frank and aunt Josie Sciara

May 4 at 1:27 PM

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May 4 at 1:26 PM

MS

Mary Sciara posted:

I love you Papa Dog ❤️👶

May 4 at 12:08 PM

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May 4 at 12:02 PM



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DC

Deb Cazaropoul posted:

Rose, Wishing for you and your family that beautiful and cherished memories help ease the pain of loss, my condolences. Deb Cazaropoul

May 4 at 9:07 AM

MW

Malena Walker posted:

Rose, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. ♥

May 4 at 8:45 AM

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Malena Walker posted:

Rose, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. ♥

May 4 at 8:38 AM

PM

Park Forest - Dawn Mann posted:

Rose, Very sorry for your loss, lots of prayers for you and your family.

May 4 at 8:15 AM

CJ

Carl Robert Sciara Junior posted:

I am praying for you Pete, you are the best grandfather I could ask for

May 4 at 7:33 AM

CS

Carl Sciara Jr posted:

Love you papa dog

May 4 at 7:30 AM

MI

Michelle posted:

Rose sending prayers for you and your family during this very difficult time.

May 4 at 7:05 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Pete by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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