



## Sebastian Sam Leone

December 1, 1951 - October 4, 2019

Sebastian (Sam) Leone, 67, of Eatontown NJ, passed away on Friday October 4, 2019 at home. He was born in Neptune, NJ and attended Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church and School. He achieved a B.S. and an M.A. degree at Seton Hall University, South Orange, where he majored in French and Spanish Education and Modern Languages.

Sam began his teaching career at Manasquan High School. He obtained supervisory certification and obtained a promotional position as supervisor of the foreign language department at Freehold Regional high School and Colts neck High School where he created the Specialized Learning Center. Sam chaperoned student tours to France and Mexico. He also organized and coordinated student exchanges with schools in France. In most recent years he worked for Monmouth University as supervisor of student teachers in World Languages.

During his 33-year career, Sam attended numerous universities during the summers including Millersville, PA; Universities of Montpellier and Grenoble, France; and Universities of Alicante and Santander, Spain. He was awarded by the Rotary International where he spent a summer program at the historic Chavaniac-Lafayette chateau in France with other professional instructors. Sam served as an executive board member of NJ's FLENJ. He also became very active with the regional and national foreign language teacher conferences where he occasionally gave presentations.

In 1984, he met Ed, his life-long partner of 35 years. They loved traveling

together to Europe as well as exploring Canada, many regions of the U.S. and Hawaii. They were lovers of music and classic films. They lived the past 9 years in Tinton Falls and recently moved to Eatontown. They're members of St. Anselm Catholic Church. Sam suffered from a long illness and is survived by his spouse Ed Lamb.

Visitation will be from 4pm to 8pm on Wednesday October 9, 2019 and 10:45am to 11:30am on Thursday October 10, 2019 at the Bongarzone Funeral Home, 2400 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls. Interment to follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory to Alzheimer's Research, [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org). For online condolences and directions please visit his memorial website at [www.bongarzonefuneralhome.com](http://www.bongarzonefuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **9**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home  
2400 Shafto Road  
Tinton Falls, NJ

## Visitation

OCT **10**. 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CG

“ *What a beautiful soul - I had the pleasure of being his student in French at MHS in the early '80s, and to this day I smile remembering "au Guignol" (puppet plays) and verbally stumbling through the items we were bringing on picnics... he sat through each and every student running through the litany of identical foods with his patience and good humor and quick, "Bon!" of encouragement. Rest peacefully.*

*To his friends and family - know that the ones we love, and are loved by, never leave us. Only the container changes.*

*Coreen "Reeni" Long, MHS '83*

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**Coreen L Garrity** - October 09, 2019 at 02:12 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sebastian Sam Leone.*



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October 08, 2019 at 07:36 PM

MW

“ *Mr. Leone was such a great teacher. I had him for Spanish at Manasquan HS in the late 1970s. He was the teacher everyone wanted - he was cool and made learning fun. I always felt that I could talk to him if I had a problem, even if it wasn't Spanish related. I send my sincere sympathy to Ed. Peace.*

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**Molly Hoffman Watson** - October 08, 2019 at 06:10 PM

LF

“ Mr. Leone was my teacher at Manasquan High School in 1979. He was intelligent and kind, and I always looked forward to his class. With his encouragement, I went on to major in Special Education, and minor in Spanish. I have thought of him often through the years, and I always hoped I made my students feel as supported and confident as he made me feel in his classroom. My condolences to Ed, his family and friends.

*Laura Freely*

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**Laura Freely** - October 08, 2019 at 03:41 PM

LW

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Sam taught me French in Manasquan during the 1970's. He was quite possibly my favorite teacher. He was kind and engaging and made learning fun.

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**Linda Fitzgerald Williams** - October 08, 2019 at 01:55 PM

MN

“ I will always share and remember the amazing friend and colleague. We shared many fun experiences! Rest in peace, "mi amigo."  
-Meryl

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**Meryl Norych** - October 08, 2019 at 09:37 AM

MG

“ I will always remember Sam as smart, kind, genuine, sincere and a wonderful colleague. I can still see him standing there with his hands in his pockets sharing his wisdom and always adding a little chuckle to whatever we were discussing, We were all blessed to have Sam in our lives... along with the countless number of student lives he touched. To Ed, his family and friends .. we all mourn the loss of Sam and pray he is at peace. May the memories bring you all peace and solace. Sending sincere condolences to you all.  
Marci Grabelle, FTTHS

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**Marci Grabelle** - October 08, 2019 at 08:30 AM

LW

“ I am so heartbroken by this turn of events. Too young to go. Sam, Terry, Norman and I loved our periodic lunches and dinners together, lately at MJ's, before he became ill. We remembered/shared our work experiences, travels, and after-retirement ventures to keep ourselves engaged in helping others in the field of education. When Sam was first at my school as a supervisor, I discovered that he had taught with my sister-in-law Kathy at Manasquan before she died of breast cancer in 1989. I bonded with Sam as this personal connection was so powerful between us. His speaking of her and her work there helped me grieve a bit with some comfort. And how we envied his annual vacations to Hawaii! I had been there twice, so it was easy to talk with him about the best sights and restaurants there. Sam and I could always find time for each other to resolve educational issues or talk over a new project. Finally, I was so pleased that my oldest son Chris had Sam for French! He has left us much too soon, but his impact and friendship will be always with us. I am so sorry for your loss. He was the best of educators and friend. --Lynnda Williams, Freehold Township High School, 32 years

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**Lynnda J Williams** - October 07, 2019 at 08:46 PM

RL

*Mr. Leone was my French teacher at Manasquan High School in 1978-1980. He tried to make learning fun. We played Mille Bornes to improve our comprehension and conversation skills. There have been a lot of fond memories of Mr. Leone shared today on various Manasquan High School Facebook groups. He will be missed.*

**Rosemary Lynch** - October 08, 2019 at 09:25 PM

RT

*“ Dearest Ed,  
Sam was one of the nicest and kindest man I had ever known. I loved hearing about his travels to Spain and his thoughtfulness to my daughter. He will always be a loving memory to me. My Love to you always, Renee Tompkins*

**RENEE TOMPKINS** - October 07, 2019 at 12:49 PM

JL

*“ Ed.. our love and sympathy to you and your family. We did have lots of fun when living I west long branch , great memories. Hopefully , Sam is at peace now and hopefully you will be also. Love Johnny and John*

**john bonica and laurino** - October 07, 2019 at 11:22 AM

DM

*“ I worked with Sam for years at Manasquan High School. He was an absolute gem & a credit to the teaching profession. My sympathy to his loved ones who I am sure will miss his kindness & his humor.*

*Diane Marklein*

**Diane Marklein** - October 07, 2019 at 10:59 AM

RL

*Ed...Charlie and I will so miss Sam as part of our family. He was so kind and sweet. We loved watching the old movies with him. He achieved so much in his lifetime and touched so many lives. It was time for Sam to rest in peace.*

*Love, Robbie and Charlie Lamb*

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**Roberta and Charlie Lamb** - October 07, 2019 at 02:06 PM

EL

*Sam was the love of my life. I miss him so. We had 35 beautiful years together. You're now in peace. God bless you. Love, Ed*

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**Ed Lamb** - October 07, 2019 at 04:26 PM

BH

“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Sebastian Sam Leone*



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**Bongarzone Funeral Home** - October 07, 2019 at 07:31 AM