



Obituary

Died: Monday, July 4, 2016

DALESANDRO, RONALD LEE "SAM", 75 OF
BLAIRSVILLE, PA (BLACKLICK TWP)

passed away on Monday, July 04, 2016 at Forbes Regional Hospital, Monroeville, PA. He was born July 01, 1941 in Blairsville, PA, the son of the late Joseph Dalesandro and Mary (DeSalle) Dalesandro. Ron's first love was baseball and he played for many years. Starting out in the 1950's with the Blairsville Little Leagues, he worked his way up through the sandlots playing Junior Legion and with the Colts of the D-U league. He left high school for a chance to play in the big leagues when he was signed by the Chicago Cubs minor league organization as a Pitcher. After a brief career with them, he returned home to graduate from high school, hanging up his curve ball, and exchanging it for a bowling ball. Ron's true calling was bowling where he became an accomplished bowler and promoter of the sport. He was the Manager of Mohawk Lanes in Indiana, PA since it opened in 1973 and then became owner in 1986. He also owned the Sokol bowling alley in Blairsville until 1993. He served on the Board of Directors for the Bowling Proprietors Association of Pennsylvania where he was a member for many years and in which he was named the 2012 Pennsylvania Bowling Proprietor of the Year. He was a member and served as an officer in several other bowling organizations locally and across the state. He was a certified instructor and spent much of his lifetime passionately teaching fundamentals to bowlers of all ages. He also enjoyed working with various non-profit organizations helping to raise money for their causes over the last forty years. Ron was inducted into the Indiana County Sports Hall of Fame for his achievements in both baseball and bowling. At the age of 22, he won the first of his two PA state Doubles Championship titles. He also went on to win an All Events Handicap Title, 2 State Mixed Team titles and was ranked 13th in the national ABC tournament where he competed for 38 consecutive years. Ron rolled a total of three perfect 300 games with two being in sanctioned events. Ron loved his family, spending time with his one and only granddaughter, Alyssa, and numerous pets. He also loved traveling, playing poker, and was an avid sports fan, especially watching the Pirates, Cubbies and Steelers. Sam is preceded in death by his wife, Carole (Johns) Dalesandro of Blairsville, PA; daughter, Michele Housholder & husband, Mark of Coral, PA; daughter, Holly Dalesandro of Blairsville, PA; daughter, Nicole Dalesandro of Indiana, PA; daughter, Joelyn Dalesandro & fiancé, Todd Hadden of Dixonville, PA; granddaughter, Alyssa Dalesandro and also numerous Nieces & Nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Jane McBurney and brother, Joseph "Sonny" Dalesandro. The Family will receive friends at the

Service Summary

Visitation

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Sun Jul 10, 2016

James F. Ferguson Funeral Home

25 West Market Street
Blairsville, Pennsylvania 15717

Memorial Service

3:00 PM Sun Jul 10, 2016

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James F. Ferguson Funeral Home, Inc., Blairsville, PA on Sunday, July 10, 2016 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at which time a Memorial Service will be held. Rev. Timothy Monroe will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 300 Penn Center Boulevard, Suite 602, Pittsburgh, PA 15235 or the Humane Society, 191 Airport Road, Indiana, PA 15701.