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## Sam V. Dixon

1928-2017

Sam Vickroy Dixon, owner of Dixon Financial and Insurance Services, died Sunday, March 19, 2017, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

Sam was born April 17, 1928, in St. Louis, Mo., to Arthur and Hester Vickroy Dixon. He lived in Granite City, Ill. until moving to St. Louis in 1941, when his father passed away. He was then raised by his father's sister and husband, Hazel & Harry Malseed until 1948, when he went to the New York Giants Minor League training site in Stanford, Fla. Previously, Sam was signed by the St. Louis Cardinals in 1946 while playing for Harris Teacher's College. Sam had three children, Bruce, Mark, and Karen, and five siblings, Anabel, Norman, Susan, Arthur, Hester, and a half brother, Charles. After playing four years of Minor League Baseball, he worked for the Santa Fe Railway in Chanute, Kan. In 1958, he entered the insurance business. While in Chanute, Sam managed the American Legion Baseball Team for many years. He and his wife, Babs, were Neosho County Chairmen of



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the Cancer Crusade for several years.

Sam and his family moved to Lawrence in 1963 to be the Home Office Agent for Standard Life Insurance Co. for one year. He then became an Independent Agent and Broker for the rest of his insurance career. In 1976, he and his beloved wife Babs were chairmen of having the fire hydrants in Lawrence painted as Revolutionary Soldiers for the Bicentennial.

Memorial services will be held at 11 am Saturday at Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home, with Don Cunningham officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

Memorial contributions are suggested St. John Catholic School or Senior Wheels, in care of the funeral home, 601 Indiana St., Lawrence, KS, 66044. Online condolences may be sent at [rumsey-yost.com](http://rumsey-yost.com)

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## Messages & Condolences

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*From Robin Douglas...*

I woke up this morning and thought about Sam. I was going to put a card in the mail to him. I came into work and received an email from John Hall stating that Sam had passed. I had sent Sam a card a few weeks ago, something I did from time to time, and I had spoken to him via the phone in February. I met Sam twice in my life, through the KOM reunions. We remained friends for 20 + years. He never stopped missing Babs. And it brings me peace to know that he is with her once again. He loved his daughter with every breath he took. He was an animal lover and loved his cats. And he was an all around nice, funny, happy, joyful guy. I will truly miss him, even though we only spoke 4 or 5 times a year and I would drop him a note from time to time in the mail, I am sure he knew how much not only I thought of him, but also how much his true friends thought of him. Even though he never met my mother, he always asked how she was. He was truly, truly kind. He will be so missed and if I take anything away from our friendship it is to begin each day with a positive attitude. I was blessed for knowing him.

*From Jan Erland...*

Sam was a wonderful neighbor and community supporter. Sam will be missed in Lawrence.

*From Cindy Merkel (Cindy Poulsen from Kasold)...*

Deepest Sympathy and Condolences to your family. I lived across from Sam and Babs as child and have the fondest memories of them. I can recall spending many days sitting on the front porch with Sam and my brother Eric eating Nuts & Bolts that Bab's made. They were so kind and loving to a couple of young kids! Sam definitely was a bright light in this world.

*From Jan Poulsen and family...*

Sam and Babs were wonderful neighbors and friends when we lived on Kasold. They would have our children Keith, Pam and especially Cindy and Eric on their porch. Babs would make Nuts and Bolts, and Sam would entertain them with their cats for hours. He will be greatly missed. They were a wonderful couple.

*From Sue Kay Huff...*

Jack and I were just shocked to hear such sad news! Uncle Sam will be missed greatly! He always had a contagious smile and a twinkle in his eye! Being with Uncle Sam was always a wonderful experience, as he had a way of making everyone laugh! Our condolences to Karen, Mark and Bruce at such sad news! Our thoughts and prayers are with you!

*From Theresa Schmidt, Eric Felton, Jesse Felton & family...*

We will miss our Sam...

*From Don Papst...*

Thank you so much Coach Sam for your positive influence on myself and many other young ball players when you managed the Legion team here in Chanute. GREAT MEMORIES!! No conversation can be had about baseball in Chanute without your name coming up. I have never forgotten you and have always loved you,

and always will. Rest in peace with your beloved Babs my friend. All my best to the family in their time of sorrow.

*From Margie Orozco Waller...*

Sam was a wonderful man, he was a good friend of my brother Sam, when we lived in Chanute. My brother always looked up to him. May they both meet up again in heaven. Rest in peace.

*From Hedy Hahn...*

Rest in Peace Uncle Sam

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