



## Samuel C. Kotzmoyer Jr.

May 16, 1935 - September 13, 2020

Sam Kotzmoyer Jr. May 16, 1935 – September 13, 2020 who resided at Arden Courts of Fair Oaks, Assisted Living in Fairfax, Virginia was a loving husband, father, and family man that also touched many people along the way by his many acts of kindness.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Kotzmoyer; his son, Steven Kotzmoyer; granddaughter, Jessica Kotzmoyer; sister, Adrienne Peiper; mother, Mildred Kotzmoyer; father, Samuel Kotzmoyer Sr., (US Navy Seal).

Surviving is his daughter, Sharon Prisaznick (Mark); granddaughter, Amanda Pine (Alec); grandson, Kyle Markham; great-grandson, Max Pine and brother's-in-law, Ray Dunham (Julie) and Brent Davis.

Sam was born in Pennsylvania and went on to join the United States Air Force where he used his natural cooking talents as a professional chef. He attended Cook School training with the military in New York for several months. Sam was stationed in Japan for 92 days. His next assignment was at DOW AF Base in 1952 near Bangor, Maine for 3 years. It was there he met the "love of his life," Shirley Dunham. After wedding, they moved to Washington, D.C. to the next assignment. To provide stability for his family, Sam worked at many United States Air Force Bases in the metropolitan area. They were Bowling, Andrews, Fort Myer and the Pentagon. He had duties for 6 months or up to 1 year in Alaska and Puerto Rico.

Sam liked working at the Pentagon in the Joint Chiefs of Staff, #1 Mess Hall and eventually retired in 1972. He was an USAF Master Sergeant at the Pentagon with multiple ribbons and awards for his outstanding, professional customer service, plus his unique gift for the most creative/artful presentations with food. He worked for many higher-level Generals, management and served the President at the time, Dwight Eisenhower. Sam received a Medal for Military Merit while at the Pentagon.

After his retirement, Sam worked at several long-term food service jobs, all to provide for his wife and family. That was always uppermost- to care for his loved ones.

Sam was a bowling enthusiast. His love for the game took him on tournaments as well as regular leagues throughout the week. He won a Gold Pin Award from the USBC Nation's Capital Area Association for high games (online) and awarded recognition for the most 300 games with an impressive ruby ring. There were also badges and paper award

recognitions that he received.

Sam was a man of his word; had a generous heart and soul and had his priorities straight. His wife, Shirley was his top priority and so was his children, grandchildren and other family, friends, bowling buddies/team members and coworkers. He will be greatly missed, but his spunky spirit and the drive to succeed lives on in all that knew him.

A Graveside service with Military honors will be held at Quantico National Cemetery, Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 1:30 PM.

# Cemetery

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## Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Rd  
Triangle, VA, 22172

# Events

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<b>SEP</b>	<b>Graveside Service</b>	01:30PM
<b>23</b>	<hr/>	
	Quantico National Cemetery	
	18424 Joplin Rd, Triangle, VA, US, 22172	

# Comments

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“ Of the many activities we enjoyed doing with Sam for many years, bowling and playing poker were two of the more prominent. With the advent of automatic scoring of the play during a bowling match, cheating was completely ruled out. However, on occasion, it was not un-common to see an ace fall out of Sam's sleeve when the betting got fierce during a rowdy poker game. I will bring a deck of cards with me so that the next time I see you we can organize a friendly game. I think it was your turn to deal? Eventually, our dependable server will join us in order to keep the beer flowing.

Ray and Julie Dunham

Ray Dunham - September 17, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ Haha - fun he was and a little unpredictable! Love to you both

Sharon Prisaznick - September 20, 2020 at 02:33 PM

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“ Love Michelle and Dave purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Samuel C. Kotzmoyer Jr..



Love Michelle and Dave - September 16, 2020 at 12:48 PM

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“ Sharon Prisaznick (Kotzmoyer) lit a candle in memory of Samuel C. Kotzmoyer Jr.



Sharon Prisaznick (Kotzmoyer) - September 14, 2020 at 10:18 PM

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“ So sorry Sharon. May he R.I.P. Him and Shirley are together again. 2020 has definitely been a rough year.

**Londa** - September 14, 2020 at 04:27 PM