Samuel Charles Sofia

November 11, 1936 - July 24, 2016

Samuel Charles Sofia of Fairview, Texas passed away July 24, 2016, at the age of 79. He was born November 11, 1936, to Samuel Anthony Sofia and Vivian (Ireland) Sofia in Fort Edward, New York. Samuel married Jean Perkette on January 24, 1959, in Fort Ann, New York. He was of the Catholic Faith.

Samuel is survived by his wife, Jean Sofia of Fairview, Texas; son, David Sofia and wife Theresa Kuhn of Richmond, Texas; daughter, Dianne Massei and husband Mark of Allen, Texas; granddaughters, Erika Sofia of Decatur, Illinois, Samantha Massei of Belmeade, New Jersey, and Christina Massei of Allen, Texas; grandsons, Justin Sofia of Austin, Texas, Mason Massei of Allen, Texas, and Myles Massei also of Allen, Texas; great-grandchild, Sawyer Sofia of Decatur, Illinois; and a host of other loving family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister.

Services will be held 1:00 p.m., Saturday, August 13, 2016 at St. Jude Catholic Church in Allen, Texas.

Memorials

Jean, I am so sorry to hear about Sammy. The memories we made together will forever be cherished. Please accept my condolences from Dick and I.
Love, Sheila & Richard
It was very sad news to hear of Sam's passing. He was a mentor to many and friend to all. What a great guy, always willing to help and support others. My sincere condolences to Jean, all of his family and many friends. Rest in Peace Sam...

Truly saddened to hear of Sam's passing. As a high school friend from years past I think of his fun-loving personality. So glad we were able to reconnect at '04 class reunion. My condolences to Jean and family.

The passing of Sam saddens me tremendously. My sincere condolences go out to Jean and the rest of his family. May he rest in peace.

Sam made all of us better people. Always willing to help, always had a story. He was a good friend and mentor. We are all fortunate to know a man as special as Sam. He will truly be missed. God Bless Sam and his Family

So sad to hear the news about Sam. He was a great man, sharing his knowledge with so many Nalco customers and Nalco people. He was a great teacher and mentor. I loved to play golf with Sam. We always had a great time. Now I wish I had got down to Texas to see him more often. I will miss him. Thanks Sam for all you did for me and my family. Our sympathies and prayers go out to the family.

Sam helped me to grow as a person and in my career at Nalco. It was good to see he and Jean at Callawassie as they looked for places to retire. Ahhh! What a great guy!

I was very sorry to hear of Sam's passing. He was a great friend to me in my years in the water group and was most helpful to me when I came to the paper group. I will miss his laughter and his council. I worked with his son David after
retiring from Nalco and he exhibited the same professional qualities of his dad. My best to you and your family David. Dick Hertz

RICHARD HERTZ, AUGUST 1, 2016

Sam's passing truly marks the end of an era with Nalco. Sam was the unofficial Godfather to so many during his illustrious career. I know I was a beneficiary. He will be missed. Heart felt condolences to all the family.

MIKE CHASE, AUGUST 1, 2016

It was my extraordinary pleasure to know and work with Sam when we were both in the Pulp and Paper Group at Nalco. He was the consummate professional with all his colleagues but was always a fun guy to be around 'after hours' too. Sam got the careers of an extraordinary number of Pulp and Paper 'newbies' off in the right direction always making sure they were being treated fairly, while ensuring they knew their stuff and would be valuable assets to their customers. My sincere sympathies to his family. Remember him everyday in your heart and he will always be with you.

BILL HOROSZKO, AUGUST 1, 2016

Sam and Jean were one of my fondest memories of Nalco. Sam was the most kind-hearted, giving individual I have had the pleasure to call my friend. He gave so much of his time and boundless energy to help us be successful. Sam so loved to be happy and shared that with everyone. My love to Jean, David, and Dianne and their beautiful families. Tom Surface

TOM SURFACE, JULY 30, 2016

So sorry to hear about Sam's passing. He was such a character and a genuinely kind man. My condolences to Jean and the rest of the family.

LINDA ROBERTSON, JULY 30, 2016