



Salvatore Vitale

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Salvatore Vitale, 70, known to family and friends as Sal, died peacefully at home on Saturday January 18 after a 14 month battle with Leukemia. He was surrounded by family at the time of his passing and was lovingly supported by many friends throughout his illness.




Sal was born in New York City to Peter Vitale, Sr of Cinisi and Rose Palazzolo of Terrasini, Sicily. He is survived by his wife Judith, his stepson CJ Pedores, his daughter Faybra and son-in-law Josh Luke, his brothers Peter, Frank and Joe, and many close cousins and family members.

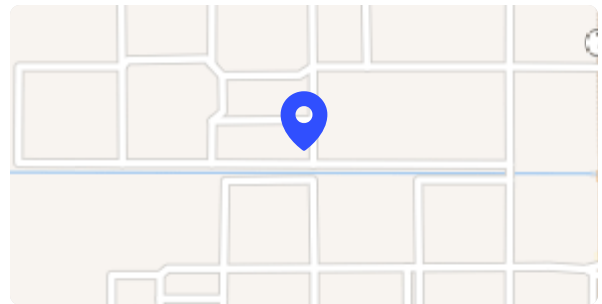
Sal first came to Tucson in 1971 to head a summer education program on San Carlos reservation. He got degrees in education and devoted the rest of his career to working with and helping special needs children. He was famously generous of his time and talent with his friends and family as well as his students, and his big heart and compassion will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

Visitation will be at Evergreen Mortuary on January 26, 2020 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Funeral Mass is scheduled for 2:00 PM on Monday January 27, 2020 at St. Odilia church. Burial to follow in Evergreen Cemetery.






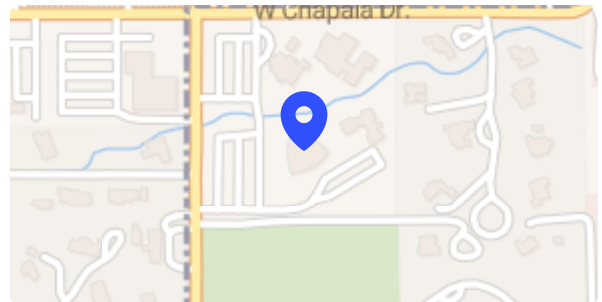
Visitation

-  **Sunday**, January 26, 2020
-  2:00 PM - 6:00 PM MT
-  **Evergreen Mortuary and Crematory**
3015 North Oracle Road, Tucson AZ 85705



Mass

-  **Monday**, January 27, 2020
-  2:00 PM MT
-  **Saint Odilia Catholic Church**
7570 N Paseo Del Norte, Tucson AZ 85704





Tribute Wall

Salvatore Vitale



Theodore C. sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Vitale family.

January 26 at 8:52 AM



Brian And Toby Laudensch And Family sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Vitale family.

January 26 at 3:01 AM



Sigird Ekrut And Kris Ekrut sent a Love Everlasting Bouquet to the Vitale family.

January 24 at 10:41 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Vitale family.

January 23 at 3:51 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Vitale family.

January 23 at 3:42 PM



Annie Kaufman lit a candle in honor of Salvatore .

I miss you so much my dear, sweet friend. See you on the other side. I will watch over those you love, as promised. Be happy, fly free with the hawks 💜

January 22 at 12:49 PM





Tribute Wall

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JB

Javier "Bj" Barajas posted:

I was blessed to know and work very closely with my brother Sal at Pierson Middle School in the Nogales Public Schools. We were teachers and coaches together and I have many fond memories of this special man. His love and dedication to the students was his greatest gift to our community. Know that he was loved in return, by his students, their parents and those of us who were fortunate to know him and get close to him in our time as teachers at Pierson. Rest in Peace "Paisan", you left a mark in Nogales.

January 22 at 7:28 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Vitale family.

January 22 at 6:54 AM



BL

Brian Laudenbach posted:

Sal and I became friends in 1972 and have been close friends ever since. Our career paths are closely parallel. We both attended Pima college then and transferred to the the University of Arizona the next year. In 1976 Sal and I earned our BS degrees in Education majoring in Rehabilitation. Simultaneously we both worked with intellectually and emotionally disabled students at various agencies. In 1987 Sal became a teacher of students with Special needs in the Nogales School District. Several years later Sal taught at Pueblo High School in TUSD. After retirement Sal continued to substitute in TUSD. His lifetime of dedication to advocating and educating those with disabilities is a testament to Sal's devotion to family, friends and everyone who came in contact with him. Rest In Peace my friend.

January 21 at 8:47 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Vitale family.

January 21 at 4:37 AM





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Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Vitale family.

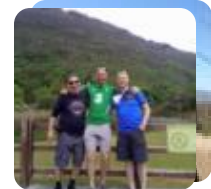


January 21 at 2:43 AM



Sean O'dowd shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

R.I.P Sal From your friends in Ireland.



January 21 at 2:41 AM



Sean O'dowd posted:

R.I.P Sal From all your friends in Ireland. Thanks for the great memories it was an honour to call you my friend.

January 21 at 2:00 AM



Jane Dugas posted:

Well, Sal, now you know what it's all about. Rest in peace my friend and know how much you are loved. You will be missed but with only the fondest of memories. I'll never forget your kindness in taking Tara to NY, their first Communion and as the proud Dad at Faybra's wedding. You gave many the best life. May you rest in peace. Jane

January 20 at 10:52 AM



Wanda Pacheco lit a candle in honor of Salvatore .

Sal, I will always remember the kind and thoughtful person that you were' I enjoyed working with you at Pueblo high school back in the 90's. I was then fortunate to meet up with you again years later at Catalina high school' You were a great educator, and you always put your heart first' May you rest in peace my friend'My thoughts and prayers are with all'Wanda



January 20 at 9:12 AM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Vitale family.



January 20 at 3:49 AM



Gina Watters posted:

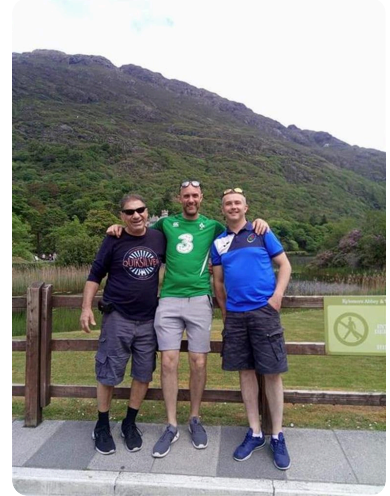
Sal, you've been part of all our girls lives ever since I can remember. You were a spicy 🌶️ tough Sicilian but kind and got a kick out of us girls and our constant shenanigans. An adventurous spirit and a million thousand countless friends from literally all over the globe. Whenever I think of racquetball, gold Honda's, huge trampolines in backyards, old classic Nissan sport cars, or hear Roxanne by The Police I think of you. Your driving used to scare the sh#t out of me at first but after a few times in the car with you I realized you were a skilled driver and I'll never forget watching you maneuver the steering wheel of your gold Honda single handedly while singing some classic rock song on the radio while we were in the car. Your smart little smirk and shaking of your head when you thought us girls were being ridiculous and we absolutely were of course. Or the time you screamed at Faybra and I in your thick New York accent when we named our science project "Jizzy Juice" and made a huge poster board of those exact words our freshman year in high school because we were so clueless and innocent to what that word meant and then when you cracked up at us when you realized we were absolutely clueless. I remember your face softening instantly when we were like: "what?!" Probably super inappropriate to post but these are my most honest hilarious and cherished memories of you Sal. Watching you dance with Faybra when she married her love at her wedding. Always giving good financial advice! You were loved by many and will be missed greatly. My heart aches for you Faybra. My heart is with you :broken_heart:

January 19 at 4:45 PM



Sean O'dowd shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

January 21 at 2:41 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Salvatore by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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