



## Saverio "Sam" Reda

August 22, 1928 - December 26, 2014

Saverio James Reda, 86, Topeka, passed away Friday, December 26, 2014, as a result of a brain tumor. Sam was born on August 22, 1928, in Cherokee KS the son of Mike, Antoinette and Fummie (Naccarato) Reda. He graduated from Cherokee High School and attended Pittsburg State University. In 1966 Sam moved to Topeka. He married Karen Needham Christian on March 29, 1980, in Topeka. Sam worked for The Kansas Grain Inspection Service, Inc. as warehouse chief up until his retirement in 1994. Sam was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church. He loved to travel the world and enjoyed Golden Glove boxing in his youth. Sam was dearly loved and will be sorely missed. Survivors include his wife, Karen, of the home; children, Lisa Davis, Sacramento CA, Scott (Robin) Christian, Denver CO and Michelle (Rob) Hudson, Sacramento CA; grandchildren, Maeve, Zachary, Claire, Dan, Reece, Angela and Alicia and his great-grandson, Easten. Sam was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Angela Kiefer. Family will greet friends from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Christ the King Catholic Church, 5973 SW 25th Street, Topeka KS 66614. Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. following the visitation. Memorial contributions are suggested to Christ the King Catholic Church or Midland Care Hospice, 200 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka KS 66606

# Tribute Wall

DD

“ Only met him once. Met his father Mike as well. We went bowling like a father and son would do.

Doug

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**Doug Dubus** - January 11, 2024 at 12:41 AM



“ Saverio "Sam" Reda

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

CS

“ Karen, Lisa, Michelle, Scott - Traci pretty much summed it up. Sam was always so much fun to be around, he always had a warm smile and a bad joke. He was as genuine a man as you will find and I am so very thankful for his and Karen's friendship to my folks. As Traci said, I know Dad is there to welcome, without a doubt, his dearest friend. Much love to all of you from the Stratmanns.

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**Chris and Dawn Stratmann** - December 29, 2014 at 01:03 PM

SB

“ Karen,  
I worked with Sam when I was there at Grain Inspection.  
He always had a smile and was willing to help others.  
He will be truly missed.  
May he rest in peace.

-susan

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**Susan Burdick** - December 29, 2014 at 09:14 AM

SD

“ Dear Karen,

*Barb and I send you our sympathy for the death of Sam. May God bless and comfort you with your great loss. Barb and I regret that we will not be present at Sam's mass due to an earlier commitment out of state.*

*Sam, good friend, may you rest with God for all eternity. It has been a honor having you as a friend.*

*Stan and Barbara Dennis*

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**Stanley and Barbara Dennis** - December 28, 2014 at 06:25 PM

TB

“ Dear Karen, Lisa, Michelle, and Scott -

*Heaven definitely has a new angel looking over us now. I know my Dad was there to welcome his dearest friend with a big hug. Sam was like an uncle to me and my brother growing up. I will always remember his smile and sense of humour. My Dad and Sam would always try to see who could find the funniest birthday card for each other. Even towards the end of my Dad's life, Sam would always get my Dad laughing with a new joke or story. My thoughts are with you all right now. Sam was truly one of a kind!  
Love - Traci*

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**Traci Stratmann Bortz** - December 28, 2014 at 12:55 PM