



Samuel Alden Gaylord

August 16, 1929 - May 6, 2024

Samuel Alden Gaylord, age 94, of Bourbonnais passed away Monday, May 6, 2024 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. He was born August 16, 1929 in Akron, Ohio. Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by Evergreen Cremations in Kankakee.

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“ Sam was not my biological father - he married my mother in 1984, and I met him in December of 1985 at age 30. He was a great husband to my mother, and over the years, we developed a great bond and respect for each other.

He was an intelligent yet humble, true conservative, loving man, and as a high spirited, aggressive entrepreneur we were total opposites: yet, we always found common ground and enjoyed long hours of great conversations.

He became my "pops", the only "father" I ever really got to understand and love, always a fan of my success, and supportive in my tough times. He was the only grandfather my children knew and loved.

He will be missed dearly, and never forgotten for all the love, humor and joy he brought our family, and as the always dotting husband for the past 40 years.

Rest in peace "Pops" - Patrick Soler

Patrick Soler - July 12, 2024 at 01:21 PM



“ *"The magic of my father was that he never asked for more than the world gave him, and yet he found joy and worthiness in every small thing that fell at his feet. He was a man of infinite and generous humor, a man of curiosity and invention, a man who had more inherent decency than he would ever think to take credit for."*
Joshua Gaylord

Patrick Soler - May 20, 2024 at 03:07 PM

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“ It’s hard to find the right words to say when you lose one of the most important people in your life. Sam Gaylord was my grandfather, and I am beyond grateful to have had him in life. Some of my best memories growing up were with him. He was always willing to do anything to put a smile on my face.

My grandfather was an amazing person and I will forever cherish every memory I made with him. From our early morning donut trips to sitting at the park for hours watching me play.

Words can’t describe how much you will be missed. You were the best grandfather, and I will always be your little Reggie.

Danielle Baron - May 17, 2024 at 10:33 PM

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“ Sam Gaylord was my grandfather, and was one of the best parts of my childhood. If you asked me where most of my fondest memories lie, it was with this man. I never knew him to not be willing to spend the day doing whatever it is I’d ask of him.

He was one someone who never was good at throwing something away, especially random pieces of wood. He would end up somehow taking all this stuff he collected and making a giant wooden rocket ship, or a wooden car that he tied to a rope and haul me up and down the street.

My grandfather was a great man, and a better grandfather and I will struggle knowing that my nickname Skyler is done with.

I love you Grandpa and I hope I can create the childhood for my kids that you gifted to me.

Chris Baron - May 17, 2024 at 09:20 PM