



## Samuel John Spath

September 10, 1949 - December 6, 2017

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Sam was born September 10, 1949, the third of five children born to Rev. Levon and Florence Spath, in Tandil, Argentina and spent his childhood years in Buenos Aires and Azul, Argentina where his parents were Lutheran missionaries. As a teenager, his family moved from Argentina to Santiago, Chile and eventually moved to Bloomfield, N. J. He attended Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA. While in college, he was a member of the U.S. Army Reserves.

Sam began his working career in sales for a manufacturing company in the New Jersey area marketing machine tooling. Sam was particularly suited to sales because of his ability to connect with people through his strong character, technical expertise, energy, and sense of humor. He was an avid story teller and was never at a loss for words. He taught himself the intricacies of computer programming and became an advisor for the rest of this family. He retired from Kamatics in Connecticut in 2014.

Sam has one daughter, Kimberly Alison Spath. In 2005, Sam met Bridget Mary Mullarkey, and they married on August 31, 2013. The couple moved from Connecticut to South Carolina where they spent many happy hours walking the sandy beaches and enjoying the ocean.

Sam will always be remembered for storytelling, and his ability to make others laugh, and his steel trap memory. He was an unabashed practical joker who loved to tease. He will be remembered for this loving support to his extended

family and constant communication with them even though they were scattered out across the country.

Thankful for having shared his life are his wife Bridget, his daughter Kimberly and William Shea, granddaughter Allie Shea, Southington, CT, stepson John and Mandy Mullarkey, grandsons Liam and Jamie Mullarkey, Naperville, IL. He is also survived by sisters Sue and Osvaldo Hirschmann, Houston, TX and Mary and Dick Crabtree, Pickstown, SD, brothers Daniel, Eugene, OR and Thomas, Houston, TX in addition to many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Florence and Levon Spath.

The family will receive friends from 12:00-2:00 PM and 4:00 to 6:00 PM Saturday December 16, 2017 at Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel. A memorial service will be held at 3:00pm Sunday, December 17, 2017 at Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel, 11528 Highway 17 Bypass, Murrell's Inlet, SC 29576. Telephone: (843) 651-3295

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 950 48th Ave. N, Suite 101, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 or St. Jude's Children's Hospital, PO Box 1000 Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908

Sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Samuel John Spath.*



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December 13, 2017 at 03:56 PM



“ *It was my privilege to have worked with Sam here at Kamatics for almost ten years. Over this time we became very good friends and we maintained this friendship even after his retirement in 2014. Both he and his wife became like family with my wife and myself, and Sam will be sorely missed. Love, prayers and all of God's Blessings to dear Bridget, Kim and the rest of his family and friends. May your fond memories of Sam provide peace to you during this difficult time. God Bless and rest in peace dear friend.*

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**Pat Kennedy** - December 11, 2017 at 02:07 PM



“ *Sam was my first supervisor at Kamatics and he was a very supporting mentor. He worked very hard and was always encouraging in my career. He was quick to tell a story or a joke and really cared about people, including customers and his coworkers. Even after he retired, he stayed in touch to offer support and congratulations to me on whatever happened in my life. I always looked forward to when he came to visit us up in the northeast. He will be sorely missed but fondly remembered.*

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**Steph M** - December 11, 2017 at 08:35 AM

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“ *Matt M. lit a candle in memory of Samuel  
John Spath*



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**Matt M.** - December 09, 2017 at 02:06 PM

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*Roland and I enjoyed being with Sam and Bridget very much..... we  
enjoyed numerous meals together ...laughing and sharing good stories  
about transition to life in the South.*

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**mary david** - December 13, 2017 at 01:48 PM