



Sam A. Zona, 60

Sam A. Zona, 60, of Industry passed away at the Beaver Valley Medical Center at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011, as the result of an automobile accident.

Born May 15, 1950, in New Castle, he was a son of John P. Zona and Clara Zarilla Moraldi.

He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1968 and was a well-known football player at the school. Sam attended Sterling College in Sterling, Kan. and played football there for two years.

He then graduated from Youngstown State University with a bachelor of science degree in education and secondary social studies in 1975. In 1993 he earned his elementary certification from Westminster College.

During his college years he also had coached the BVM Blue Angels football team.

Sam was a teacher for the Riverside School District from 1975 until 1985 where he taught sixth grade science, math, language arts and eighth grade social studies.

While at Riverside Sam was also the defensive coordinator for the Riverside High School football team.

From 1985 until 1993 Sam was the head football coach for the Grove City Area School District and taught high school social studies. Also from 1992 until 1993 he was the special teams coordinator and offensive backfield coach at Slippery Rock University.

Since 1995 Sam worked in sales management.

Sam was a member of Holy Redeemer Parish and

the special activities group of the parish. He also was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Beaver County and Pennsylvania State Coaches Associations, Pennsylvania State and National Education Association and was a past member of the Ellwood City Packers Youth Association board of directors.

He was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan and enjoyed collecting Superman memorabilia, model trains and woodworking.

Survivors include his mother, Clara Zarilla Moraldi of Shenango Township; his wife, Susan Madeleine Zona of Ellwood City; a daughter and son-in-law, Adriene and Joe Alarcon of Wexford; two grandsons, Nicholas and Kyle Alarcon; a sister, Rudelle and Mark Francis of Rochester, N.Y.; a brother, David and Patricia Zona of Lecanto, Fla.; and Linda Pitini of Industry.

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He was preceded in death by his father, John P. Zona; and stepmother, Dorothy E. Main Zona.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the Samuel Teolis Funeral Home, 309 Spring Ave., Ellwood City.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Redeemer Church. Burial will follow at Holy Redeemer Cemetery.

Those attending the Mass are asked to be at the funeral home by 9:20 a.m. Monday as the procession to church will leave at 9:30 a.m.

Please sign the guestbook at www.ncnewsonline.com.

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