

Samuel W. Spangler

November 18, 2017

Samuel W. Spangler, 22, of Brownstown went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at Lancaster General Hospital after losing his battle with addiction.

Born in Lancaster on October 18, 1995, the son of Lisa C. (Russo) Spangler and Stephen C. Spangler.

Sam was a 2014 graduate of Conestoga Valley High School where he played soccer and baseball and a 2016 graduate of Thaddeus Stevens School of Technology. He was currently working at Oregon Dairy. He was a hard worker who took great pride in everything he did, especially lawn work. While growing up he attended Forest Hills Mennonite Church in Leola with his family.

Sam loved golfing, watching movies and sports, especially the Carolina Panthers. He loved spending time with his family and his cat, Ollie. He will fondly be remembered for his sense of humor, his selflessness, and easy going personality. Sam was well mannered and helpful to everyone. He was his parent's bright shining star.

Surviving in addition to his parents is a brother, Luke S. Spangler; a sister, Olivia C. Spangler; maternal grandparents, Barbara M. Russo and William J. Russo, Jr.; Uncle Doug Spangler, his wife Pat, uncles Bill and Michael Russo;

Cousin Jason Neher, his wife Luisa, cousin Laura Rowland, and her husband Matt, cousins Joanna, Billy, Lucy, and Maria Russo; and the love of his life, Christine Buckwalter. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Samuel P. and Doris M. Spangler.

Services will be private at the convenience of the family.

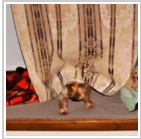
In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Sam's memory to the Humane League of Lancaster County, 1729 N. 11th St., Reading, PA 19604 or online at www.humanepa.org

Tribute Wall



“ *Samuel W. Spangler*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Toby Lee lit a candle in memory of Samuel W. Spangler*



Toby Lee - November 18, 2018 at 09:47 AM



“ *Dear Lisa and Stephen-although I don't know you, I wanted to let you know I mourned with you as I read about Steve and appreciate your courage in sharing how he died. I'm currently getting my master's degree in addictions counseling and I grieve with you over you loss.*

Cathy - December 05, 2017 at 12:47 PM



“ *Dear Lisa and family, I am truly sorry for the passing of Sammy! Such a sweet and handsome young man. He is resting in the arms of our Lord & Saviour and with relatives and friends who passed on before him. Love & Prayers, Carole Gibason Dellaquila*

Carole Dellaquila - November 25, 2017 at 10:59 PM

NT

“ Words can't express how very sorry I am for your loss. I had the pleasure of meeting Sam in 2011, and he made a wonderful lasting impression. He was an exceptional young man with an easy going, friendly spirit, and he made me feel welcomed. I'll never forget that about him. Addiction is a terrible disease, and unfortunately I know all too well the devastation it causes. May he now Rest In Peace. My love, thoughts, and prayers are with you all.



Nancy Truini - November 25, 2017 at 10:21 PM

KS

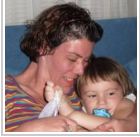
“ Steve, Lisa, Luke & Olivia,
We are so sorry to hear about Sam. Words can't express the sadness we are feeling. Please know your family is in our thoughts & prayers.
Darrel, Kathy & Andrew Smith

Kathy Smith - November 25, 2017 at 11:57 AM

CC

“ We were so saddened to hear of Sam's passing. He was always willing to mow our lawn when we were away. God bless all of you as you navigate this difficult time.
Rick, Carolyn and Natalie Crouse

Carolyn Crouse - November 25, 2017 at 08:37 AM



“ *My prayers are with all of you thru this difficult time. I am so sorry for your loss.*



Mary Elizabeth Russo - November 24, 2017 at 11:46 PM



“ *Lisa, Steve, Luke & Olivia... I remember being in my mid-late 20's when Sam was born, just a few years or so after Joanna. I recall both of them playing together during visits to PA. I never really had the opportunity to know Sam too well... always wanted the best for him and was looking forward to a future military chat. Genesis 31:49*

William Russo - November 24, 2017 at 04:01 PM



To the family. You are in my prayers during this difficult time.

Joani Hicks - November 24, 2017 at 07:41 PM



My prayers for courage and strength are with all of you threw this difficult time. May Sam Rest in Peace.

Mary Elizabeth Russo - November 24, 2017 at 11:26 PM



“ *Lisa and family, we are heartbroken to see this news. There are just no words to describe how sorry we are. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers, and in our hearts.*

Love, Marva, Roger David and Leah Godin

Marva Godin - November 23, 2017 at 10:42 PM

KM

“ Dear Lisa, Steve, Luke and Olivia,

We cannot even begin to express how very sorry we are about Sam. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Karen, Max and Sam

karen, max & sam meade - November 23, 2017 at 07:58 PM

AH

“ Dear Steve and Lisa,

Please know how sorry we are to hear of Sam's passing and our hearts are aching for you and your family. We want to express our sympathy and let you know that our thoughts are with you.

Scott, Amy, Gavin, Connor, Allie and Nolan High

Amy High - November 23, 2017 at 12:40 PM

SA

“ *There are no words, only tears as I try to wrap my head around what you all have and continue to go through. I just can't comprehend it! Rhonda and I have been thinking and praying for all of you ever since Shane told us of Sam's passing.*

Shawn, Rhonda, Morgan and Shane Adams

Shawn Adams - November 23, 2017 at 06:43 AM

JH

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Sam's struggle and passing. He was such a fun kid and I loved having him way back when in my fifth grade class. He had a way of spreading smiles. That's the way I'll remember him. My heartfelt condolences to Luke, Olivia, Lisa, and Steve.

Joan Haines (Franze)

Joan Haines - November 22, 2017 at 12:35 PM

KE

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. Hoping your family finds peace. The Erbs: Chris, Kathy, Tricia, and Katrina

Katherine Erb - November 22, 2017 at 09:03 AM

TB

“ Dear Steve and Lisa,
We are so so sorry for your loss. Addiction has invaded our life as well and is so very ugly. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers as you journey through this devastating time. May the Lord grant you comfort and peace.
Ed, Tena, Daniel, Aaron, Levi and Elisabeth Blain



Tena Blain - November 21, 2017 at 08:10 PM



“ Lisa we are so sorry for you and your family's loss. Your in our thoughts.
The Stoeckl Family

Beth Stoeckl - November 21, 2017 at 08:10 PM

JM

“ Steve and Lisa me and Ronnie are thinking and praying for your family at this difficult time so sorry for your loss he’s a guardian angel now thoughts and prayers with you and your family

Jodi Mongeau - November 21, 2017 at 08:07 PM



Steve and Lisa,
I'm so sorry for your loss! Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Kevin N Glenda Wenger - November 22, 2017 at 09:06 AM

JW

“ We are so sorry for your loss, Steve and Lisa.
Your family is in our prayers.
Gary and Jackie Weaver



Jackie Weaver - November 21, 2017 at 07:42 PM

MB

“ Sam always greeted me with kind words or a giant wave. His smile was contagious!! Our family will be keeping your family close to our hearts. Rest In Peace Sam.

Michele Boudier - November 21, 2017 at 05:16 PM

MD

“ I am so sorry for your family’s loss.

Mary Lynn DiPaolo

mary lynn dipaolo - November 21, 2017 at 04:51 PM

ML

“ Sam would always wave and greet me with a formal greeting. As his face would light up with a smile. He was a hard worker with a gentle spirit. My heart is filled with sadness for your pain and loss. May God help you through this time of mourning.

Melody Lucchese - November 21, 2017 at 03:35 PM

BP

“ Our thoughts and Prayers go out to your family. We lost our oldest son last December and truly understand what you are going through. May you stay strong for Sam and hold his memories close.
thinking of you
Fran and Becky Petri and family

Becky Petri - November 21, 2017 at 03:14 PM

DB

“ Our hearts broke with this news and thoughts and prayers remain with the Spangler family during this difficult time. Sam will always hold a special place in our hearts; a neighborhood favorite with his smile and charisma. Fond memories of Sam include his kindness and thoughtfulness, respect for others, and his ability to speak on a variety of topics. Take comfort in knowing he was loved and will be missed by all those who knew him.

Rest in peace Sam.

The Barton Family

Doug Barton - November 21, 2017 at 03:07 PM

LC

“ So deeply sorry for your great loss. I will always remember Sam playing baseball!!! They were such little guys with Camden and Olivia toddling around the baseball field. Prayers for all of you from the Clapper family.

liz clapper - November 21, 2017 at 02:28 PM

JR

“ Dear Steve, Lisa, Luke and Olivia,
John and I are heartbroken to learn of Sam's passing. We know you are all devastated and there are no words to express our deepest sympathy for your loss. May God's love and grace surround you always. We are sending our thoughts and prayers. May your memories of Sam one day bring you comfort and Peace.
All our love,
Kelley and John Rote

John and Kelley Rote - November 21, 2017 at 01:49 PM

LD

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I will always remember him as Sam, the kindergartner in my heart. Prayers for your family for strength and comfort in the days ahead.

Lori Ditzler

lori ditzler - November 21, 2017 at 01:45 PM

SG

“ Im sorry for your loss sam was a person who could talk to and always get a smile from he was a great friend and he will be greatly missed

Sheryl golicher - November 21, 2017 at 01:40 PM

LC

“ I will always remember Sam's easy smile and determination. He and my own son had much in common. Sam was well-liked by his peers, charismatic, and outgoing. As a fellow warrior-mom in this war against addiction, my heart is broken for your family. Prayers for all of you, and may you find comfort in knowing that Sam is now at peace, in the arms of his Heavenly Father.

Lori Casanova - November 21, 2017 at 01:12 PM

NS

“ I just received the news of Sam's passing. May God comfort you through this difficult time. Many fond memories of baseball and coaching Sam throughout this baseball career at CV. Steve and rest of the family, my heart goes out to you and please accept my condolences. May Sam rest in peace!

Nelson Suarez and the Suarez Family

Nelson Suarez - November 21, 2017 at 12:54 PM

KK

“ I am so very sorry for your loss, words cannot express. Sam was always so sweet and friendly and polite when he would come over to hang out with Noah and the other CV kids. My son Dylan played on the same baseball team too with Sam and he spoke very fondly of him. My heart aches for your loss and will continue to send thoughts and prayers for your whole family. I know Sam will be greatly missed.



Karen, Tim, Dylan, Noah and Tanner Kwiat

Karen Kwiat - November 21, 2017 at 11:42 AM

PP

“ Dearest Lisa, Steve, Luke, Olivia and your family - There are no words to express the sorrow and sadness that we all feel right now. Know that our love, thoughts and prayers are with you now and forever.

Pam and Todd Peffer and the entire Gradek Family.

Pam Peffer - November 21, 2017 at 11:02 AM

AM

“ I'm very sorry for your loss. My 24-year old son has struggled with the disease of addiction as well. My prayers are with you and your family.

Amy

Amy - November 21, 2017 at 10:43 AM

GM

“ Steve, Lisa, Luke, and Olivia, Words cannot express the ache of sadness in my heart over such a tragedy. Sam was always quick to ask if I needed help whenever he say me. His kind spirit will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers will continue for you and your family throughout this time as as the holidays approach. Our deepest sympathies.

Regina, Darvin and Hannah Martin

Gina Martin - November 21, 2017 at 10:28 AM

DW

“ Sam was a great kid and ball player. He will be missed. Sending prayers for strength and healing during this very difficult time.

Bryan, Dawn, Tyler and Hope Williams

Dawn Williams - November 21, 2017 at 10:16 AM

PB

“ Lisa and Steve I am so sorry to hear of this devastating loss . I can hardly imagine the pain. I have such good memories of his awesome job in the goal during indoor soccer, and the exuberant banter of the guys while driving the soccer carpool. It breaks my heart and the tears are flowing as I think of your great loss. My prayers are with you and the family.
Patti Martin Brubaker

Patti A Brubaker - November 21, 2017 at 10:06 AM

KA

“ Kat lit a candle in memory of Samuel W. Spangler



kat - November 21, 2017 at 08:57 AM

KA

Heartfelt condolences from my family during this difficult time.....Kat Brady....Zachary Cain's grandmother

kat - November 21, 2017 at 09:02 AM

TR

Sam always had a great sense of humor and great sense why we all need to keep an open-mind and heart. With sincere condolences,

Tamara Edwards Rotz - November 21, 2017 at 11:15 AM

AB

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your dear sweet boy Sam. My love, thoughts, and continued prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Andy Britton - November 21, 2017 at 08:54 AM

JB

“ From one parent who's son struggles with addiction to another, I am so very sorry for your loss. Addiction is such a struggle for the person as well as their family and friends. I am thinking of you today. JB

JB - November 21, 2017 at 08:53 AM

GS

“ Lisa and Steve, I am so sorry for your loss. My heart aches for you and your family. I often got to see Sam and say hi as he did my neighbors lawn on a weekly basis. And of course will always remember the days playing soccer with Zayne. You are in our thoughts and prayers!! The Shelly Family



Greta Shelly - November 21, 2017 at 08:32 AM

LI

Thank you, Greta for your kind words and hopefully forgiveness for Sam and his family, who didn't always handle things the right way. I'll never forget. 🙏

lisa - November 21, 2017 at 02:17 PM

PA

“ Our family sends its deepest condolences to yours at this most difficult time. My son Victor was on at least one team with Sam and we are very saddened by this news. - Patricia, Victor, and Linda.

Patricia - November 21, 2017 at 08:16 AM

JA

“ Sam, Will be remembered in my prayers, he now looks over US!!
John Ator..

John Ator - November 21, 2017 at 08:05 AM

TE

“ So very sorry to hear of your son's passing. Addiction is a terrible disease. My heart grieves for your family. God bless.

Teresa - November 21, 2017 at 07:16 AM

TL

“ Lisa, I don't know what to say. I am so sorry for this.



Toby Lee - November 21, 2017 at 05:54 AM