



# Salvatore S. Listro

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**S**alvatore (Sonny) Listro of Estero, Florida passed away on September 9, 2016 at Joanne's House Hope Hospice in Bonita Springs Florida. He was born in New Haven, Connecticut on August 3, 1930, the first born son of Sebastian (Sam) and Mary Listro. Sal attended Commercial High School where he played football and baseball for three years and was named the Outstanding Men's Scholar Athlete. He was elected captain of the 1947 football team. On the baseball team he hit the longest home run that was estimated to travel more than 500 feet. The newsman heralded the feat in banner headlines. Walt Munson, the nationally syndicated cartoonist, depicted the drama with an historic sketch. Upon graduating in 1948, Sal attended Southern Connecticut State College and Stone College where he received a degree in business. Sal was a veteran of the Korean War. After completing his two years in the Army, Sal joined the New Haven Police Department, where he served for 28 years attaining the rank of Sergeant. He received 28 commendations for outstanding achievements. He was personally commended by the director of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, after he single-handedly captured a fleeing felon following a bank robbery with a bone crushing tackle. In 1998, Sal was inducted into the New Haven Football Gridiron Club, and was honored as Man of the Year in 2006, in recognition of his dedicated service to the community. In 1981, Sal moved to Florida and lived in Stoneybrook Estero for the last 17 years. He joined the Publix Super Market grocery chain where he worked for over 20 years. Sal donated over 15 gallons of blood to the Red Cross, volunteered at Pine Woods Elementary School in Estero and coached little league baseball. He leaves behind his four daughters, Linda, Lauren, Gail, and Michele and one son Stephen; 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. He is also survived by brothers, Santo (Maureen) of Estero, Florida, John (Barbara) of Woodbridge, Connecticut and Richard (Dolores) of East Haven Connecticut; two sisters Marie (Fred) Acquavita of Hamden, Connecticut and Carol (Vaughn) Maher of



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Fort Myers, Florida; aunt Elaine Aspland of Guilford Connecticut, and one dearest uncle John (Dee) Gallucci of East Haven, Connecticut and many nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service for Sal will be celebrated at 9:00 AM on Monday, September 19, 2016 inside the Chapel at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice, 27200 Imperial Parkway, Bonita Springs, Florida 34135, (855) 454-3104. In lieu of flowers please make contributions in Sal's memory to Hope Hospice. To leave condolences, share a story or leave a tribute, please visit Sal's memorial webpage at [www.fortmyersmemorial.com](http://www.fortmyersmemorial.com) and sign his guestbook.



## Tribute Wall

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C4

**Car 44** lit a candle in honor of Salvatore.

Lit a candle in memory of Sergeant Salvatore S. Listro "Rest In Peace Sarge"!Car 44

August 21 at 9:04 PM



SH

**Sean Huff** posted:

I didn't my Uncle Sal, as he was known to me, very well. But the memories and pictures I do have tell me all the things i need know. I see a small image of myself as a man, in him in one my favorite pictures of him holding me as a small child. As if reality fractured for a second and you can see something time and space are susposed to hide from our prying eyes. But one thing I not only see but feel everytime I look at that picture is that this man is whole. This man is of pure heart. Instead wrecking his mind and heart over trying wreckless to untieing the figurative Gordian knot inside us all, he, like Alexander simply took a swipe with his sword with a true heart and all chatter of the mind turned to silence and he became pure of heart. As a male, in the density of the world he did what was needed and in death shall surely enter higher planterary life. And laws of suffering will now be halved. He filled the hole that I am trying to fill in myself. For his sake, OM, Amen.

June 21 at 12:49 PM

SY

**Sarah Hetherton Yeagle** posted:

Our family absolutely loved Sal! We first met him at Publix where he was a constant fixture. My kids would run over to him and give him a bear hug from behind. We even had him over to dinner one Christmas and he arrived with a huge smile, a dessert in hand and gifts for my three children. We sent a Christmas card to him the other day and it was returned. This is how I came upon this page. My heart is broken.... I am so deeply sorry for your loss! What a great man!Love, The Yeagle Family

December 23 at 1:08 PM

DC

**Dick And Betty Carlone** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Salvatore S. Listro

September 22 at 6:26 AM



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SB

**Sandra Beckhoff** posted:

Uncle Sal and my dad spoke on the phone every night at 6 no matter what. Even if they had just seen each other. I loved hearing their friendship and brotherhood through my dads stories. He held a special place in my moms heart too. She made Xmas fruit cake just for him! He was the only one that liked it. She would make extra so he could freeze it. I remember staying with him and Ronnie at their condo when I was little. I thought they were so cool living in that modern condo! He was a good man, he was loved, and will be missed.

September 14 at 3:42 PM

BF

**Bill Farrell** posted:

Sal and I joined the NHPD in 1954..worked together and spent many hours doing Corner Duty..Franklin and Grand.. Good times..Good Friends..Rest in Peace Retired New Haven Police Chief Bill Farrellll

September 14 at 1:12 PM

MA

**Marie Listro Acquavita** posted:

My Brother Sal, Sonny to me,God saw him getting tiredand a cure was not to beSo He put his arms around himand whispered "Come to Me."With tearful eyes we watched him suffer,and saw him slowly fade away.Although we loved him dearlywe could not make him stay.A golden heart stopped beating,hard working hands put to rest,God broke our hearts to prove to us,He only takes the best.

September 14 at 7:17 AM

JD

**Jim Doepke** posted:

We have frequently talked with Sal over the years shopping at Publix and will miss those exchanges. Sal was always thoughtful, pleasant and caring.Rest In Peace Sal.

September 14 at 4:18 AM

JD

**John Dattilo** posted:

I have know Sal since I was a rookie cop in 1972 and worked under Sgt. Listro for 9 years. After I retired I also moved to Ft. Myers where we re-established our relationship.Sal was always fair but tough when us rookies stepped out of line. Sal was soft spoken but could throw a mean punch when he worked at the bag. Sal will be missed by all who knew him. Rest in Peace.John Dattilo NHPD, Ret.

September 13 at 3:01 PM



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**Vaughn Maher** posted:

Sal was my brother-in-law and a great friend. I, too, worked with him on the New Haven Police Department. He was a very instrumental person in the success I had at the NHPD. More importantly, he was one of the nicest guys I ever met. He loved his family, cared about his friends, and was always there when you needed him. Luv ya, Sal, and if the Red Sox can't win the world Series, I'll be rooting for the Mets!!!Your favorite brother-inlaw, sorry Fred..Vaughn

September 13 at 8:26 AM



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