



Samuel John Cochran

March 13, 1938 - June 26, 2013

Samuel John Cochran, 75, passed away, June 26, 2013 at a Mansfield hospital.

Private services are being held.

Samuel was born March 13, 1938 in Long Beach, California to Samuel and Violet Cochran. Samuel enjoyed working in sales and had previously worked as a manager for JC Penny and for Western Auto before opening his own business, Hobbies For Dad and Lad in Bedford. His hobby store was the largest RC dealer in the southwest. Samuel enjoyed fishing, boating, hunting and being outdoors. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Survivors: wife of 35 years, Carol Cochran of Arlington, daughter, Dianne Soule and son David Cochran both of California; stepson, Troy Brown of Maypearl.

Comments



“ Just like Chris, Sam was my boss when I was a teenager at good ole' Hobbies for Dad and Lad. Sam was a great businessman and taught me countless lessons that I try to carry with me today. I will always remember his dry wit and keen eye for business. Sam was a very kind man that cared for his employees. I can still hear him saying "hey guy" with that big smile of his every time one of his employees came through the door. I also remember the time a customer said "Sam what is your hobby." Sam said with a straight face, "I don't use any of this stuff, I just sell it." And sell it he did. I remember him rushing to the hobby warehouse dealer to get every stealth fighter kit that came out when he saw the model mentioned on the news. He was never afraid to order a huge supply of a hot item. Sam also taught me to hush up when the sale was complete. Today, when I go to a store and hear a sales person bugging a customer about why they are making a certain purchase my skin crawls-- they already have the sale, and it is time to hush up! Sam was also a big proponent of the customer is always right--but never at the expense of his employees. Sam respected all of his employees, and stood behind us, even when we were goofy and annoying teenagers. Sam always treated us like equals. I am so thankful that I was able to be mentored by Sam, and able to call him friend. Todd Spake

Todd Spake - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Sam was a great man!!

Chris Cope - April 21, 2019 at 08:42 PM



“ I will always remember my Dad as an intelligent, witty, and complex man. Dad lived in Texas and my brother David and I live in California. There were many years that went by and we grew up to be good kids. Dad never missed a birthday and always called us to check on us, even though he was nearly 2,000 miles away. Dad walked me down the aisle on my wedding day in 1991. I will forever remember how happy I was that my Dad was by my side. My mother passed away in October 2012 and Dad was so instrumental in consoling my brother and I the last 8 months. I will always, always, cherish that. Dad, you are now in a wonderful place. We know you are at peace. David and I miss you so much that words cannot describe the loss. We will see you again someday. Love, Your Daughter, Diane

Unknown - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I work for Sam when I was 15. He gave me a job with my parents commission. I thought the people I work with was great. Todd spake and Eric shusler,dan,Tom,and Troy who I haven't seen in 25 years. He was the best boss I ever had and I still talk about him today. I will miss him but will not forget him....

Unknown - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM