

OBITUARY



Samuel J. Morreale Sr., 99, a lifelong resident of Hackettstown, N.J., died at his residence on Friday, February 20, 2015. Visitation will be Monday, February 23, 2015, at the Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High St., Hackettstown, N.J. 07840 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. A 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at St. Mary's Church of the Assumption, 305 High St., Hackettstown, N.J. Interment will be at the Union Cemetery, Hackettstown, N.J. Online condolences may be sent to the family at cochranfuneral.com. Born October 30, 1915, in Hackettstown, "Sam" was the son of the late Salvatore and Marianne Shiffano Morreale. Prior to his retirement, Sam owned and operated Hackettstown Automotive Co. and the Arrowhead Improvement Company. He later pursued a career in real estate and maintained his license well into his 90s.

Sam proudly served our country in the United States Army, obtaining the rank of technical sergeant in the Sixth Armored Division, Tank and Vehicle Sector, from 1942 to 1946. Mr. Morreale learned his automotive skills in the armed services and upon his honorable discharge he honed his skills at the General Motors Institute in Flint, Mich. A civic-minded man, Sam was active in many organizations. He was a member of Kiwanis International since 1941, twice serving as president, and was the current archivist of the Hackettstown Club. UNICO International gave him the Warren County Distinguished Veteran Award for his participation in World War II. Sam was also selected to be a member of the Hackettstown Community Hall of Fame. Sam was an amateur private pilot and continued to be an automobile enthusiast who was always willing to lend a helping hand to fix virtually any type of combustion engine or mechanism. Sam is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Josephine Rocco Morreale, at home; one son, Samuel J. Morreale Jr. of Kinnelon, N.J.; three beloved grandsons, Samuel J. Morreale III, Peter J. Morreale and Matthew C. Morreale, as well as three nieces. He was predeceased by two sisters, Ann Whitehead and Grace Mohr. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent directly to the church.

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