



## Seman (Sam) Riopka

August 24, 1924 - February 20, 2018

August 4, 1926 - February 20, 2018

A funeral mass is scheduled for Seman (Sam) Riopka at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 24 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Mr. Riopka was born in Lviv, Ukraine. In 1956, he immigrated to the United States with his wife and young son. Hard-working and loyal, he built a life of which any man could be proud. In 1977, he was transferred from New Jersey to Cullman, Ala. with Nicholson File. He worked there until his retirement. He later began working part-time at Cullman Municipal Golf Course, where he was well-known in the local golfing community.

Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Sam is predeceased by his son, Frank Werner Riopka.

He is survived by his beloved wife of more than 60 years, Paula; his granddaughter, Melissa, and grandson-in-law, Jonathan; his granddaughter, Ashlee; his grandson, John; and two great-grandchildren, Sam and Faith. A rosary will be at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home February 23, 2017 at 7:30PM.



# Previous Events

## Rosary

FEB **23**. 7:30 PM (CT)

Cullman Heritage Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *I'm so very sorry to hear of the passing of Sammy, I loved playing golf with him*

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**Chuck Calhoun** - February 24, 2018 at 05:07 PM

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“ *I had the amazing luck to know Sam's daughter Melissa, who to this day is the greatest person I've ever met. And I know Mr. Riopka had a lot to do with that. While I only met Sam and Paula a few times, they were always so kind to me. I will always remember Sam's love for his granddaughter, his love for his wife and of course, his love of golf. My thoughts and prayers are with you all, and I am sending all my love to you in this difficult time. --- Ric G.*

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**Ric Garni** - February 23, 2018 at 11:03 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Seman (Sam) Riopka.*



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February 23, 2018 at 10:51 AM