



## Drew Santarone

September 25, 1946 - September 22, 2025

Andrew "Drew" James Santarone, 78, passed away on Monday, September 22, 2025. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 AM on Friday, September 26, 2025 in the Chapel of Williams Funeral Home with Rev. Kenny Walker officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday from 10 AM until the service hour.

Drew was born on September 25, 1946 in New York City, had family in Philadelphia, grew up and was a lifelong resident of Milledgeville. He was the son of the late Teddy and Lee Thigpen Santarone and was preceded in death by brothers, Nikki and Mike Santarone. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force and worked for GA Power for many years. He started working at the Recreation Department when he was 16 years old and later became a GHSA and GIAA referee for 30 years. He liked working in his yard and tinkering in his shop and loved to travel, and spent a lot of time at Disney. He was also an avid Jimmy Buffet fan. His athletic background and love of sports led him to coaching all sports, in addition to being a referee. He also had the privilege of coaching with his daughter. He loved his family but his greatest joy was spending time with his grandson John Clark Spencer.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Clark Santarone; daughter, Jennifer Spencer

(Bryant), and grandson, John Clark Spencer; brothers, Tony Santarone (Sallie), Terry Phillips (Lynne); nephews, Wes Santarone (Lori), and Jeff Santarone (Doris); and niece, Marlena Patterson (Jeff).

Flowers accepted and for those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to the softball and baseball programs at the Baldwin County Rec Department.

# Cemetery Details

## Heritage Memorial Park

371 Log Cabin Road  
Milledgeville, GA 31061  
(478) 452-2148  
staff@williamsfuneralhome.net  
<https://www.williamsfuneralhome.net>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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1670 N. Jefferson St.  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Webcast will start approximately 10 minutes before the service in memory of Drew Santarone



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - September 26, 2025 at 08:59 AM

SJ

*I'm so sorry for your loss*

sharon johnson - September 28, 2025 at 05:46 PM

CW

*So glad I could watch Drew's service! He was a sweet man. And such a gentleman always! So grateful to have been a friend. Praying for the family.*

Carol Ruark Watts - October 05, 2025 at 05:37 PM

JB

“ JAMES SNELLGROVE & BRENDA lit a candle in memory of Drew Santarone



JAMES SNELLGROVE & BRENDA - December 26, 2025 at 12:03 PM

JM

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Jodie Mosley - October 08, 2025 at 03:28 PM

JM

“ *Rip. Mr. Drew. God. Bless you. We love u and will miss u. Ingods care*



Jodie Mosley - October 08, 2025 at 03:28 PM

JA

“ *Joyce and Billy Andrews lit a candle in memory of Drew Santarone*



Joyce and Billy Andrews - October 01, 2025 at 07:13 PM

MH

“ *I was always excited when we had Mr Drew as our umpire because we knew the calls were gonna be right. He was a part of my childhood through baseball out at the Rec and I'll never forget him. Rest in Peace, Mr Drew!*

Michael Hollis - October 01, 2025 at 05:35 PM

KN

“ Jennifer, and family,  
I am so thankful for the time I had with y'all during our childhood to get to know him. Our thoughts and most importantly, prayers, are with y'all during this time.  
Psalms 30:5

Kristin Nixon - September 29, 2025 at 11:46 AM

JB

“ Linda, Tony, Terry and the Santarone family, we are deeply saddened to learn to Drew's passing. Drew was a long time friend of Joyce and I and someone I spent many hours with on the back of his motor scooter during our high school years. There are not many roads in Baldwin County we didn't travel. He was a super friend and will surely be missed. Rest in Peace good buddy. Prayers for you and the entire Santarone family.

Joe Bellflower - September 28, 2025 at 09:35 PM

MH

“ Mary L Hauser lit a candle in memory of Drew Santarone



Mary L Hauser - September 26, 2025 at 07:22 PM

GO

“ Tony and Sallie, we send condolences to you and all the Santarone family. May God comfort you and give you peace and strength during this difficult time.

Gary & Joan Oxford - September 26, 2025 at 01:07 AM

RW

“ *Sending prayers to Drew's family. Drew was such a thoughtful and caring man.* ”



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**Ray Woodall** - September 25, 2025 at 11:04 PM

VB

“ *Vickie & Mike Brown lit a candle in memory of Drew Santarone* ”



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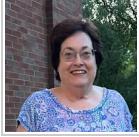
**Vickie & Mike Brown** - September 25, 2025 at 07:30 PM

VB

“ *To all of Drew's family, we are sincerely sorry for your loss. I grew up next door to the Santarone's. The backyard and street football and baseball games are some of my fondest childhood memories. Drew and Tony have always been supportive and protective of children and sports. Their positive and quiet encouragement has shaped many young athletes in Baldwin County. As time has passed, Drew and I have not seen as much of each other but every time we meet at Kroger or Walmart, he has taken the time to share stories about his wonderful daughter and amazing grandson. Linda, he frequently mentioned how you were the love of his life and how precious Jennifer and John Clark were to him. He was very proud of all of you. Drew was one of the finest and kindest men I have ever known. He will be sincerely missed. Our prayers are with each and every one of you.* ”

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**Vickie and Mike Brown** - September 25, 2025 at 05:49 PM



“ Linda, Jennifer and family: So sorry to hear of Drew's passing. We always enjoyed him. He was our first neighbor when we got married, then we came to know you and Jennifer with the "dance" world and Ronnie working with him at Georgia Power. He will be missed. He had a big heart for his family! Sending prayers and hugs! Ronnie & Cheryl Williams

Cheryl Williams - September 25, 2025 at 05:46 PM



“ Twanda Prince lit a candle in memory of Drew Santarone

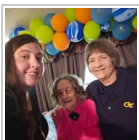


Twanda Prince - September 25, 2025 at 05:40 PM



“ Tony and Drew always made me feel like family. Grew up watching the Santaone boys play ball. Love You Guys.  
Mike Veal

Mike veal - September 25, 2025 at 05:29 PM



“ Tony , Sallie , Drew's Family so sorry for your loss of Drew . We had good times at Walter B Williams BALL PARK . We grew together. Your family will be in our prayers.

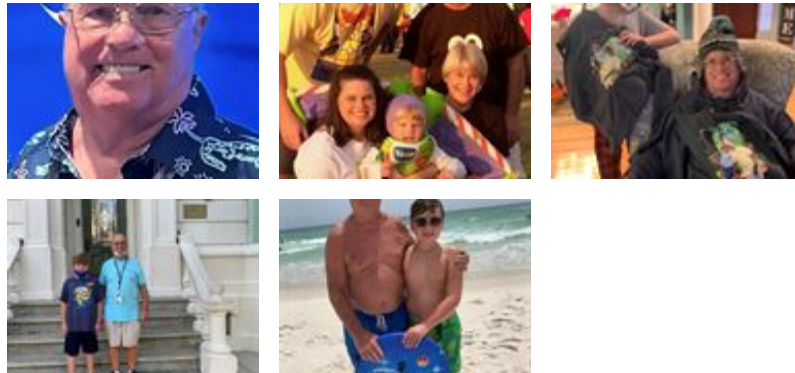


Love Karen , Kathy , Nolan. Sonya Grimes.

Kathy Nolan - September 25, 2025 at 05:04 PM



“ 88 files added to the album Life Tributes



**Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory** - September 25, 2025 at 02:52 PM

CM

“ My Condolences to Tony and Drew's Family. I grew up at Bonner Park with the Santarone's. Tony was in my class at Baldwin, but having played football at Baldwin it seems like we always looked up to the older players. I guess that is how I remember Drew as a Baldwin Brave. Blessings,  
Charles Middlebrooks  
Waco, TX

**CHARLES D MIDDLEBROOKS** - September 25, 2025 at 12:02 PM

LM

“ We will miss Drew. So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Luther and Berta and Friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery.



**Luther Minor** - September 25, 2025 at 08:21 AM

SA

“ *Susie Anderson lit a candle in memory of Drew Santarone*



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**Susie Anderson** - September 24, 2025 at 09:56 PM

LF

“ *Lamar & Flo Franks lit a candle in memory of Drew Santarone*



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**Lamar & Flo Franks** - September 24, 2025 at 04:40 PM

SP

“ *So many memories of younger years with this good good man! RIP, Drew*

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**Sandra Jones Prosser** - September 24, 2025 at 03:05 PM

CE

“ Linda, Jennifer, Tony, John Clark, and family,  
We are so sorry for the passing of Drew. We have many fond memories of his coaching softball for our daughter's team over the years. He was a remarkable coach. He spent much extra time with her developing her softball skills of which we were very grateful. He was able to start with a team of average skilled players and turn them into champions. He won many softball championships at the Baldwin County recreation department for our daughter's team. He and Larry were friends starting in the fourth grade and roommates in their early 20's.  
Drew will be missed by all who knew and loved him. We are praying for healing comfort and that you will find strength in each other's love and support and that of your friends.  
Jesus said, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

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**Cheryl B Eady** - September 24, 2025 at 11:25 AM

DT

“ So very sorry to hear of Drew's passing! He was truly one of a kind!  
So many great memories of Drew behind the plate at ball games!  
Most of all were the always kind and encouraging words he gave to the kids who played the game! Drew, you will be missed!

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**Deborah Tapley** - September 24, 2025 at 10:43 AM

LM

To Mrs Linda , Tony and Sally I am truly sorry for your loss. Louvenia Vera Marlowe

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**Louvenia Vera Marlowe** - September 24, 2025 at 10:02 PM

TP

To the Santarone family, My deepest sympathy to you all.  
Lots of precious memories.. Love to all

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**Twanda Prince** - September 25, 2025 at 05:33 PM

JD

*The Santarones were fixtures at Bonner Park. Always enjoyed them, especially Tony and Drew. Thinking of all the family today.*

**Judi Johnston Davis** - September 26, 2025 at 11:40 AM

PD

“ *So sorry, Tony and family to hear of Drew’s passing.* ”



**Patsy Dalton** - September 24, 2025 at 10:32 AM

DB

“ *Tony and Sallie, my condolences, thoughts and prayers for you and your family at this time.* ”



**Debbi Batchelor** - September 24, 2025 at 09:59 AM

LS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Grew up with Drew and worked with him at Ga Power. He was always so friendly and humorous. We pray for your comfort during this difficult time.* ”

**Larry and Angela Spillers** - September 24, 2025 at 09:57 AM

SI

“ *Tony, Linda, Jennifer and family, so very sorry for your loss. Drew was a fine man and will be remembered fondly. Holding all of you close in our hearts and prayers.* ”

**Steve and Judy Prosser Ivey** - September 24, 2025 at 06:53 AM

DH

“ We are so sorry to hear of Drew’s passing. So many of our memories of our time in Milledgeville include Drew and Linda. Sending love, hugs, and prayers for peace and comfort. Dwight and Vicki Hamrick

Dwight and Vicki Hamrick - September 23, 2025 at 10:23 PM

IN

“ Tony so sorry to hear about Drew, please know you and all of the family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Imogene and W.B. Nesmith - September 23, 2025 at 08:23 PM

JM

“ Jennifer and family, My sincere condolences to you all. My heart breaks for you as I know how much you loved your daddy. Please give my love to John Clark. You are in my prayers.

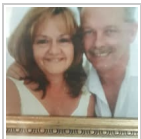
Jan Mullis - September 23, 2025 at 07:37 PM

JS

“ James & Brenda Snellgrove lit a candle in memory of Drew Santarone



James & Brenda Snellgrove - September 23, 2025 at 05:33 PM



“ Drew was a special man. Grew up knowing all the Santarone family. Such fun times. My heart goes out to all of them. My love and sympathy to all.

Deborah Wilkinson - September 23, 2025 at 05:19 PM

FL

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Drew, Grew up in the same neighborhood as Drew and his family. His mom always kept the prettiest yard. The family is in my thoughts and prayers in this difficult time.



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**Fay Leverett** - September 23, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ I am so very sorry to hear of Drew's passing. He was always so much fun to be around. Thinking and praying for Linda and Jennifer and all the family.

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**Crystal Ryerson** - September 23, 2025 at 03:01 PM

JB

“ We are so sorry to heard about Drew passing. We remember good times with y'all! We are thinking of you and your family. Prayers as you go through this. Love, Johnny and Phillis

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**johnny and Phillis Brown** - September 23, 2025 at 02:30 PM