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Letter: Fond memories of Salvatore 'Sam' Favazza

To the editor:

I knew a great man, and his name was Salvatore Favazza of Gloucester. He ran an insurance business in Gloucester, and he also was the first person to represent Gloucester fishermen. Salvatore was paid very little for his service; however, he attended every meeting and, in my opinion, did a great job. He was also one of the co-founders of the Widows and Orphans, a nonprofit association.

In 1964, Sam Favazza asked me to serve on the Widows and Orphans Board. I have served on the board to date, and have also nominated others to do so. Sam also led the St. Peter's Fiesta for years, donating his time to the city of Gloucester and to the care of others.

As much as I loved my father, Sam Favazza was a second father to me. Later, Sam was told he had incurable bone cancer and had about six months to live; a difficult diagnosis for such a handsome, healthy looking man.

What I can't forget is about a week before he died, he came to see me at my mother-in-law's house. He had a nurse with him and was in a wheelchair, but was determined to see me and say goodbye. There are still tears in my eyes when I tell this story.

I hope that, after reading this letter, people will look around them at the people of Gloucester who are caring and unselfish and think of others first. Sam Favazza was a great man and I miss him to this day.

Sam Parisi
Gloucester

Comment: That visit Sam Parisi remembers was more likely in summer 1976 as my father was bed-bound by September and died on November 7th, almost 16 months after he was given six months to live. I was his nurse and chauffeur. We made lots of visits that summer.

- *Karen Favazza Spencer*