

SAM VENTURELLA DEAD AT AGE 78.



Well known Georgist Sam Venturella died of cancer June 4. For almost 60 years he was committed to the Georgist philosophy after being introduced to it by a customer in his brother Joe's barbershop. He served as the president of the Henry George School in Chicago for 20 years and also edited the school's newsletter. He established a storefront for the

school in 1986, using the bequest left by former Chicogoan and Georgist Samuel Leonard (known as Sam Levin in his Chicago days). He was a member of both Common Ground-USA and the Better Cities Committee of Illinois chapter. In 1977, Sam Venturella and Nadine Stoner organized the first joint Georgist conference in Lake Geneva, Wis., which was the forerunner of the Council of Georgist Organizations. Later in the 1980s he served as the president of the Council of Georgist Organizations, and in 1995 he served as primary planner for the Council's successful conference in Chicago.

He was a retired city planner for the city of Chicago. A member of the Knights of Columbus, he also sang in choirs at Our Lady of Lourdes and later at St. Timothy's Church in Chicago. He is survived by four children, grandchildren, and his wife, Dorothy who resides at 5040 N. Lowell, Chicago, IL 60630. The family requests memorial contributions be sent to Henry George School, 417 S. Dearborn #510, Chicago 60605.

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