



## Camillo "Tony" Simonetti

August 24, 1933 - March 20, 2021

SIMONETTI, Camillo Anthony

Tony passed peacefully on March 20, 2021 after a brief illness. Born on August 24, 1933 son of the late Antonia and Margareta. Tony grew up on the east side of Detroit attending St Catherine High School, U of D and Macomb CC. He served in the Army with honor and then joined Park Davis where he spent most of his career. Tony married the late Norma Galli, with whom he raised three fabulous children. Michael (Éllen), Robin (Tim) Clarey and Thomas (Kerry). Best Nonno to 12 beautiful grand children and even more beautiful 12 great grand children with two more on the way. Tony found new love and happiness with Carol Dowdy whom he married on August 2, 2003. Bringing children Virginia and Rebecca Ruggirello and Elizabeth (Chris) Dowdy into the family. Tony spent his retired years with Carol on Amelia Island, Florida and Auburn Hills, MI. Tony was a true blue guy and a hero and mentor to many. What a terrible loss we all feel. He is survived by his wife Carol, his sisters, Agnes (Art), Zaccanti, Gloria (Peter) Bertollini And Margaret (Jim) Chesnick. In-laws Mike and Diane Aldridge, Lou and Betty Sera and Roger and Linda Crabtree. Cousins Mariolina Andrei, Lucia and Pino Anelli and Susanna and Carletto Bottioni of Berceto, Italy where he lived a few years when he was a child. Also Rachel and Mario Lorensen of Las Vegas. Gary Novara his most loved and best friend. He was a great volunteer. Past president and Chairman of Columbus Day Parade, United Foundation Chairman and many more. Life Time member of both American Legion #0054, Fernandina Beach, Florida and V.F.W. Bruce Post#1146 St Clair Shores, MI. Retired he traveled the world with Carol Including a visit to our wonderful Italian family. He loved gardening, fishing and golfing. And was thrilled to have had a hole in one. I just found the the \$35.00 bucks he won for the effort. He was a great cook and loved his family to pieces. He was my hero of hero's. He will have all of our hearts and love forever. Visitation Wednesday 3-9pm at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. 54880 Van Dyke (25 Mile). In state Thursday from 10:30am until the 11:00am Mass at St. Kieran Catholic Church (53600 Mound Rd. between 24 & 25 Mile Rds. Shelby Township). Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guest Book" @ WujekCalcaterra.com. In lieu of flowers consider donations to V.F.W. Bruce Post #1146. St Clair Shores, MI. 48080.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **24.** 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. Shelby Township  
54880 VanDyke Ave  
Shelby Township, MI 48316

## Instate / Funeral Mass

MAR **25.** 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Kieran  
53600 Mound  
Shelby Twp., MI 48316

# Tribute Wall

SN

“ Tony was such a card. Always smiling and kind to everyone. He was a special friend to my family and we will always remember him with loving thoughts. Love to you, Carol,

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**Sara Novara** - March 27, 2021 at 12:49 PM

JT

“ A lifetime's worth of smiles and kind words all compressed into about 40 years that I've had the privilege of knowing Tony. Godspeed  
John & Rosie Tesija

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**John Tesija** - March 25, 2021 at 09:17 AM

DN

“ Tony was such a wonderful friend to all of us. With his welcoming smile, it was always a joy to visit with him. He will be truly missed by our family and everyone who ever had the pleasure to know him and call him friend.

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**Debra Novara** - March 25, 2021 at 08:25 AM

PC

“ I have nothing but the fondest memories of Tony. From his wonderful smile, incredible sense of humor, and kindness towards everyone, he was truly a great person and will be dearly missed. Tony was the type of person who radiated positivity and always had an incredible energy about him. You could always count on him for great advice, or just for a good laugh when needed. Although my family and I will miss him, his memory will live on in our hearts.

Love,

*Peter, Minami, Miu & Leo Cipriano*

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**Peter Cipriano** - March 25, 2021 at 08:00 AM

HD

“ Tony was truly a part of the Novara family. I don't think I can even remember a time when he and our dad, Gary Novara, were not together. Our dad often tells us that one of his favorite memories was of him and Tony careening around Italy while blasting Andrea Bocelli's Con te Partiro. That song was always on repeat in our homes and will always remind me of the two of them in their prime—living it up with delicious food and great wine in the beautiful countryside. When last we visited Italy, our driver, Fabio, sporadically took us to the Antinori vineyard. Dad jumped out of the car for a picture and immediately called Tony. It turns out it was one of their favorite wines. So many good times and memories. Tony was such an amazing person, with a wide smile, big heart, amazing work ethic, and a kind word for everyone he met. He loved Carol, her cooking, and each one of his kids and grandkids—who he always bragged about! The world was a better place because of him. All of us will miss him so much.

Heather Dorn - March 24, 2021 at 11:56 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Camillo "Tony" Simonetti.



March 24, 2021 at 10:21 AM

JT

“ Our deepest sympathies to Uncle Tony's family. In the early 50s, when he was dating his 1st wife, Norma, he spent a lot of time with me and I knew he was a special person. This special person will be missed. So very sorry, Pat & Joe Tucci

Joe Tucci - March 24, 2021 at 09:23 AM

CD

We were so sad to hear this news. Tony was always bigger than life... loved his stories and kind heart. He will be truly missed by all who loved him. Sending Love.. Hugs and Prayers to Carol.... all his children... grandchildren and great grandchildren. They have all lost a very special man. We are so sorry we are not able to be there in person but please know all of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love and Hugs to all of you!

Connie Davidson - March 24, 2021 at 07:59 PM

MN

“ Tony was a true member of my family, and was always like another grandfather to me. I cannot think of a time when he was not a part of my life. From my earliest memories of family vacations in Callaway Gardens and growing up watching my dad and him kick around, to his Vegas wedding (and my own wedding), to grabbing a bite to eat as my next door neighbor (thanks for all the great food Carol!), along with innumerable golf outings and lunches at Picano's, and all the way up to my first real job, he has taught me more than words can describe as to how to be a better person both in life and in business.

*Humor, empathy, support, kindness, persistence, hard work, and loyalty...Tony had all of the best qualities in a human being, without any of the bad parts.*

*He was always a huge supporter of mine, and helped to give me the confidence in myself to succeed, even when I was unsure. I will miss hearing his voice around the office "MY MAN!" And hearing him heckle my dad over a game of Gin, but mostly I will just miss Tony and the joy that he brought to everyone lucky enough to have known him. Thanks for all of the good times and memories Tony, we love you and know that you are smiling down on us from above.*

Love,  
Michael, Abby, Ava, Juliana, & Dominic Novara

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Michael A. Novara - March 23, 2021 at 11:43 PM

PA

“ Tony was a great friend to my wife Sarah and I. We will greatly miss him. It was our great honor and pleasure to call him our friend. - Paul and Sarah Catenacci



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Paul - March 23, 2021 at 09:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Camillo "Tony" Simonetti.



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March 23, 2021 at 07:17 PM

TM

“ Tony was a great guy you'll be missed a lot of fun playing golf with him and Gary two wonderful guys we're gonna miss you Tony very much will be praying for you and your family so sorry

Tony michael - March 23, 2021 at 06:04 PM

KM

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family in your time of grief.

Rick and Kathy Mason



Kathy Mason - March 23, 2021 at 05:36 PM



“ Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Camillo "Tony" Simonetti.



March 23, 2021 at 04:02 PM

MB

“ Carol, so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Fondly, Janie (Vreeland) Burkey.

Maryjane Burkey - March 23, 2021 at 10:55 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Camillo "Tony" Simonetti.



March 23, 2021 at 10:25 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Camillo "Tony" Simonetti.



March 23, 2021 at 10:20 AM

GA

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Gary - March 23, 2021 at 08:28 AM

GA

*Tony was my mentor for the last 50 years & then added my children & grandchildren to that undertaking. When he felt some of my grandsons needed encouragement, he would call them, spend time with them, & push them toward success. He always had a smile to share & humor to bestow on anyone he met. We will miss you, my oldest & dearest friend, for the rest of our lives. We love you Camillo. Gary & Carol Novara*

Gary - March 23, 2021 at 08:38 AM

LN

*I was so proud to call Tony my friend and I will miss his kindness and the fun we always had together. When Gary asked me what I wanted to do next week when I came home for a visit, I said I wanted to go to Picanos's and play gin with him and Tony and Avinash. Pam and I will never forget you, Tony. Les Novara*

Les Novara - March 23, 2021 at 10:50 AM

RL

“ Sincere and heartfelt condolences to you and your family,  
Roseann Liccardello



Roseann Liccardello - March 23, 2021 at 07:19 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Camillo "Tony" Simonetti.



March 22, 2021 at 08:26 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Camillo "Tony" Simonetti.



March 22, 2021 at 06:52 PM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Camillo "Tony" Simonetti.



March 22, 2021 at 06:51 PM

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**Lawrence Nowicki** - March 22, 2021 at 06:47 PM