



Anthony J. DiLorenzo

October 31, 1937 - July 26, 2024

Anthony J. DiLorenzo, more commonly referred to as Tony or Tony D, swiftly left us on the evening of Friday, July 26th.

This after a whirlwind of visitors over the prior few days from his family and friends sharing stories of yesteryear and celebrating with a couple of great Manhattans.

Tony D played many roles early in his career, including an on the road salesman for Uncle Ben's Rice and as a car salesman for White Oldsmobile. His passion for cars infected him, and despite his change in career paths to the life insurance industry, he craved the next best car deal and arranged such for numerous family members, friends and clients. His favorite car was simply 'the one he could get the best deal on!'

Tony started his insurance career at New York Life, 'the company you keep', but he didn't keep them for very long once he realized that you needed a diversified portfolio of carriers to truly suit your customers needs, so he set out on the trail of being an independent agent and founded Michigan Approved Planners, which eventually became Michigan Planners, as it is known today.

Once it came time to ease away from his working life, Tony D followed the path of his mother and two sisters, finding his way very comfortably around

the kitchen, feeding anyone who came within ear shot of his banging pans, or within the scent trail of freshly chopped garlic. His other passion was spending every Summer at his cottage on Platte Lake where he made numerous friends over the years. You could say that was his happy place!

Tony loved his family, his cars and fishing simply on his pontoon boat. But most importantly, he loved to share his time, his stories and his life with his family and friends around the dinner table, where fables, wine and laughs faded deep into the night.

In his final weeks of his life, he left us with his last joke, in that he described himself as perfectly healthy; the only thing wrong with him was his date of birth!

A great salesman and storyteller, a great father, brother, friend, finally playing his best role in life as Papa Tony!

Beloved husband of Barbara. Loving father of John DiLorenzo, Mike (Laura) DiLorenzo and Karen (Nando) Bartolotta. Proud and adored Papa Tony of Mikelle, Kailey (Aaron), Jonathon (Kayla), Joseph, and Sophia. Dear brother of the late Mary Ann (Anthony) Giorgio, and Mary (the late John) Pellegrino. Cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, John and Rosalia DiLorenzo.

A memorial mass will be held on February 7th at St Isidore Catholic Church, 18201 23 Mile Road, Macomb, MI 48042. There will be a Memorial gathering at 9:30am with the Memorial mass beginning at 10:00am.

In lieu of flowers Memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital (<https://www.stjude.org/>) or Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Attn: June, 80 Powder Mill Rd., Morris Plains, NJ 07950. Please note

donation in memory of Barbara DiLorenzo or Anthony DiLorenzo.

Please share memories with the family at their online guestbook at
WujekCalcaterra.com

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

FEB 7. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Macomb, MI 48042

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Tribute Wall

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“ When I started in the insurance industry 26 years ago Tony was already an industry veteran. He treated me like a friend and more importantly a peer and not like the 25 year old noob that i was. That’s just the kind of guy he was.

He also showed me how if you took the cover off your cars air filter and turned it upside down it sounded “tougher”

One of the best ever.

Rest in peace my friend

Tim Gilder - August 09, 2024 at 11:21 AM

AB

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. D’s passing. He will be missed. Thoughts & prayers to you all.

Ann Biafore - August 06, 2024 at 03:51 PM

DG

“ Dear Barbara and Family, We were deeply saddened to hear the news of Tony’s passing. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy. Tony became our fast friend when we bought the place next door on Platte Lake. He sure loved to entertain us with his fabulous food, drink and of course the stories of his youth. He was a great friend and his memory will be eternal. How can you forget a guy like Tony, he was larger than life in so many ways. Prayers for peace and comfort! 🙏

Dan and Kyle Gulick - August 03, 2024 at 09:02 PM

JP

“ To Barbara and the whole family. Hard to believe that “Toe” left us so dam soon; his absence leaves a giant void of friendship, good humor, and fun times. There must be at least a dozen or more good stories that we still needed to share. Toe loved Barbara, the kids, his family and friends, his boat, his cottage, his cars, and could not be happier than when he would invite 10 or more people over for an impromptu dinner, which he personally cooked. We shared many an insult about our different Italian dialect, and which one was actually the correct pronunciation. I suspect that argument is still going on with all his pals in heaven .Sure am going to miss you man. Joe P

Joe Puzzuoli - August 02, 2024 at 11:10 AM

ND

“ Barbara, John, Michael, Karen and families; So very, very sorry to learn of Tony's passing. We have many fond memories of our times at Platte and the many dinners that we shared with Tony and Barbara. And the car deals (the "Tonymobiles"!) that he used to get for us! Love and sympathy to you all.

Nigel and Trudy davies

Nigel & Trudy Davies - July 30, 2024 at 08:44 PM