

Anthony F. Puccio

January 17, 1937 - April 18, 2020

Anthony F. Puccio, 83, passed away on April 18, 2020 at Staten Island University Hospital South.

He was born January 17, 1937 in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn to Vincenzo and Mary Puccio. He settled in Eltingville in 1965 where he and his wife raised their two loving children.

Anthony served his Country proudly in the United States Army, and was transferred to the United States Army Reserve where he was honorably discharged - achieving the rank of Corporal. He also served in the National Guard.

Anthony's career spanned 44 years in the Pre press and Printing industry after graduating from the New York School of Printing High School where he never missed a day of school - having 100 percent attendance as a child and teenager. He was a proud member of The Amalgamated Local One Printers Union.

In his younger years, Anthony was an avid paddle-ball player and in later years learning and loving to play Pickle-ball at the YMCA.

He was a Poker champion at Harrahs Atlantic City Casino, beating 119 people in a poker tournament lasting 7.5 hours. He was also an avid boater, fisherman and Coast Guard Auxillary Member.

His life passion was tending to his multiple fish tanks, ranging from salt water to afrikan cichlids and his latest Aquascaping Fish Tanks with live plants.

Anthony was a long standing Mets and Giants fan, as well as having a great passion for tennis tournaments and attending numerous US OPEN Tennis matches with Rafael Nadal being his number one player.

Anthony, a devout catholic was a pious daily communicant at Holy Child Roman Catholic Church.

His latest accomplishment is a self published book called Biza, a biography of Anthony's father's quest as a young boy to come to America during WWI from Palermo Sicily.

Anthony had the greatest smile and sense of humor - his laugh was infectious. He also had a knack for telling a great story. Anthony will be sorely missed by everyone who has been blessed to have him in their life. Besides a very close family, he leaves behind many many friends who adored him and loved him.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Genevieve Puccio, nee Spoto, his son Michael and daughter Donna, Michael's wife Anne (Lorenzo), granddaughters Nicole and Tara and Donna's partner Maureen Brady. He was preceded by his parents Vincenzo and Mary Puccio and his brothers Donald and Victor Puccio. Anthony is also survived by his furry grandkids, Rusty, Hershey and Trevi.

Funeral Services are private. Anthony will be laid to rest in Resurrection Cemetery and a Memorial Mass will take place at a later date to celebrate his life.

Comments



“ Happy Father's Day Uncle Tony



Joe - June 21 at 09:44 AM



“ Condolences from Francesca Mannino and the Perez family! I was a single young lady at the time of a boat ride I went on in Atlantic City with Anthony and his family! I hope he will be watching us all with 'Aunt Mary' from above!

Francesca Perez - April 22 at 04:55 PM



“ Condolences from Caterina Mineo sorry i never got to meet Anthony I know He was a wonderful man. Aunt Mary always told us about her sons and families she loved so much . R.I.P Anthony

caterina mineo - April 22 at 06:19 PM



“ In this time of sadness and loss we feel close as family to Gene,Michael, Donna and family sending prayers and love our deepest condolences to everyone.

Francofonte's family

carolina francofonte - April 23 at 12:08 AM



“ Condolences from Mannino family in Chicago! Our prayers go out to family that have lost a piece of their heart!

Ciao Anthony!!!

Antonio Mannino - April 23 at 03:21 PM



“ So sorry for your loss... I will always remember how happy he was in Palermo and how kind you all were when I came to the States to visit you guys ! My deepest condolences to the whole family.

Daniela Mannino

Daniela Mannino - April 22 at 04:35 PM



“ Donna, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember when I first met your Dad years ago, he was such a genuine person. We had a nice talk and I felt like I knew him for years. His kindness and warmth was truly something I will never forget. I didn't spend much time with him, but the few times I did, I knew I was with a special Man. Linda's stories about the card games on Good Fridays always were something special and I loved hearing the stories of your dad and the lingo he used. I pray that over time, your sadness will turn into beautiful memories and you can look back on them with Love and Joy.

Stephen Geraci - April 22 at 02:10 PM



“ Patricia Lucci sent a virtual gift in memory of Anthony F. Puccio



Patricia Lucci - April 21 at 01:12 PM



“ Our prayers are with you and your family Jenny! Rip met Tony one time with you Jenny and I could see the light in Tony

Patricia Lucci - April 21 at 01:15 PM



“ Our prayers, thoughts and hugs are with the entire family, and a wonderful family you are. I shared the same birthday - - January 17. As neighbors of Donna and Maureen we saw the Puccio's often when visiting. Our Love To All, Patti & Greg

Patrice Doyle - April 21 at 01:52 PM



“ May Tony Rest In Peace and continue to guide you and your family in life. Our deepest and most sincere condolences.

Love to all, Janine

Janine Scalley - April 24 at 02:22 PM



“ Thanks for all the fun memories & countless laughs we shared over the years! You will be truly missed. RIP to my neighbor and friend With deepest condolences always , Tony Moreira

anthony moreira - April 21 at 12:20 PM



“ Dearest Tony,
I have the fondest memories of spending so many fun times growing up in your home. We shared many vacations together, parties and countless meals, while fighting over the last piece of steak or Jennie's meatballs lol! You always had a smile on your face and would light up the room whenever you walked in. Thank you for always treating me like family, you will be forever missed RIP Tony Until we meet again.....
Our sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy always , Tina, John and Nico

tina santorelli - April 21 at 11:59 AM



“ Tony was always kind, caring and warm to my family. We'll never forget him and see his memory living on through those who knew him best.
Our deepest condolences for Donna, Mike, Jenny and the whole family.
-Mark, Maritza, and Lukas

Mark Goller - April 21 at 11:57 AM



“ From Lonnie Moore
My sincere condolences and prays to Donna and family! May the wonderful memories of Mr. Puccio give you solace during this difficult time...

LONNIE MOORE - April 21 at 11:54 AM



“ From Carole and Tommy Lorenzo,
Tony you will be truly missed by all who knew you. You always had a smile on your face. You have a beautiful family and led great life. So glad you got to fulfill your dream to write your book "Biza". Tommy and I enjoyed reading about your dad and how he came to America.. May gods eternal light shine upon you.

carole lorenzo - April 21 at 09:28 AM



“ In memory of my father-in-law Tony. He is already sending us signs with red cardinals to show that he is with us, maybe not physically, but certainly in spirit. Tony has always had a special bond with God and he has been called home to be with his parents and brothers and certainly Ambrose Cantale. We will cherish many memories, especially when he forced fed his granddaughters, Nicole and Tara to eat crème brûlée and pistachio ice cream until they vomited! I'm sure Blue Bunny ice cream and rib eye steaks will be waiting for Tony. We will miss the many stories and

jokes. He was very funny, smart, and knew how to have a good time. Not only did we lose a very special man and wonderful grandfather, but I lost my first customer as a pedicurist. No more flying toenails! Tony actually let me clip his toenails when he had his hip surgery last year. I thought I had a new career! Tony brought a very special being into our lives 11 years ago. Our Shih Tzu Rusty will be a constant reminder of our precious Tony. We are forever grateful for Rusty. We all lost a piece of ourselves when Tony decided enough was enough. Our hearts ache when your heart aches, dear father. So, please rest in peace. Love always, your daughter-in-law Anne

Anne Puccio - April 20 at 10:35 PM



“ AMIGA,
SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. PRAYING FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. I AM EXTREMELY SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR FATHER. HE HAS DEFINITELY LEFT AN INDELIBLE IMPACT. MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCE. LOVE YOUR AMIGA ANA ALBA.

Ana Alba - April 20 at 05:31 PM



“ Sorry for your loss

Ralph Defalco - April 20 at 05:38 PM



“ Our whole family sends condolences to all of you in this time of sadness and loss. We look forward to the day when we can join in celebrating his life. You are all lucky to have had such a loving person in you lives.
Love from The Gold's

Lewis Gold - April 20 at 01:41 PM



“ Unknowingly, until the move to Staten Island, The Puccio and Pellecchia families lived around the corner from each other most of their lives. My sister Gina and Donna played softball together back in the seventies coached by Mrs. Puccio who led them to may victories. Donna and myself became friends in the early eighties. The rest, as they say, is history. I was always welcomed in the Puccio home and shared many meals and martinis expertly made by this exceptional man. He taught me how to fish and encouraged Micheal, Donna and myself to get our boating certificates. I believe we all cheated off his paper at the final exam. Every Good Friday I spent with this family was a blessing. After our martini's and fish dinner we usually ended our night with a friendly poker game. No one squeezed out the final hand like Mr, Puccio. With a painfully slow process of dealing each card he would always have his poker lingo ready . A lady for the lady or a pair of deuces never loses. His sense of humor and

wit never disappointed. I never left their home without a good belly laugh and a feeling of contentment. He was a man of passion and devotion to his family and all who knew him. You will be missed beyond measure. As if you didn't know, I love you, and I pray for your soul to be reunited with those you lost. Rest in peace, my captain, my friend. When it's my time I expect you to be at the helm with a martini waiting for me.

Linda - April 20 at 11:49 AM



“ To My Dear and Beautiful Father.....

You are sorely missed already !! I loved and will continue to love you with every vapor of my soul. I am my father's daughter - therefore I have learned character, forgiveness, to love and to know what it is to receive unconditional love. It is now I have to go on in this earthly world without you which will be the most difficult thing I will ever have to do in my life. But I also share your piousness, another genuine gift that I have learned from you. I have no doubt that I will feel you in a breeze, and feel your warmth from the sunlight on my face (aside from me putting my face in your pea cap and baseball cap to smell you). Today is Grandma's birthday (4/20)...Happy Birthday Grandma !! God have mercy on your soul, may you rest in heavenly peace and may we continue to embrace each other through spirit. Peace and Love in your joyful reunion with God the Father, Jesus Christ his son, along with Grandma, Grandpa, Uncle Donald, Uncle Victor and family and friends who have also passed before you.

Love Always and Forever until we meet again.....

Your Daughter Donna XOXOXOXOXOXOXOX

PS: We are doing our best with your fishes and fish tanks.....BLUB - BLUB

donna - April 20 at 11:22 AM



“ Donna

My deepest condolences to you and your family. My Prayers and thoughts go out to all of you.

Eileen Corless

Eileen Corless - April 20 at 10:51 AM



“ Donna,

My thoughts to you and your family during this time.

Donna Minnes

Donna Minnes - April 20 at 09:02 AM



“ Donna,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. I remember your Mom and Dad always being so welcoming into their home. My condolences to you and your family.

Love,
Elaine (A friend from many years ago)

Elaine Susan - April 19 at 11:16 PM



“ Dear Jenny we are so sorry for your loss! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family we never had the pleasure of meeting tony!! Maybe one time in a supermarket with you.. in that 1 time you could see the light in him. Patricia and Joseph Lucci

Patricia Lucci - April 20 at 11:20 AM



“ To the Puccio family,
I am so very sorry for your loss. Although I never had the pleasure of meeting Tony I feel like I knew him well. From his legendary poker play to his handball skills, his Sicilian heritage and most toughing to me... his tremendous love of family that allows shined through my friend Donna's loving stories. My heart is heavy for you all, but you are a blessed family with love that will never die. Rest in Peace Tony.

lisa marchesano - April 20 at 04:23 PM



“ Donna & Family,
So sorry for your loss. I remember how kind & generous your Dad was. Im sure he will be greatly missed.

Love, Barbara (a friend from years back).

Barbara - April 20 at 06:08 PM



“ I'm Jackie, the boy from next door beginning in 1965. Mr. Puccio taught me a about life, as I might never have learned otherwise. That's because all my family, including my father, were civil servants. Mr. Puccio though, was a BUSINESS OWNER. Because of my "brotherly" relationship with his son Michael from our kindergarten era, I learned the way of life of those, whose efforts DRIVE the American economy, the Business Operators. What an education I got! What an eye opener, for a kid who would only have known life from a single viewpoint! Mr. Puccio was also a craftsman brick-layer. And I KNOW, that my love and appreciation for brick and stone structures, is rooted in seeing him build with his father, the walls that adorn the front of the Puccio property TO THIS DAY! Mr. Puccio was ALWAYS kind and welcoming toward me, and he had a humous way about him that makes me think of Peter Sellers. Certainly, I am a better person for having had the privilege to know Mr. Puccio so well, and spending about 50,000 hours of my life with his family! To Mr. Puccio I say, "Say hi to my mother, your old neighbor and friend, 'Annie May'. And, I'll see you when I get there! Love, Jackie"

John (Jackie) Mathieson, Jr - April 19 at 11:14 PM



“Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts”
Our family is keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.
Love Lia and Family

Lia Mannino and family - April 19 at 10:16 PM



“There are no words for the loss of Uncle Anthony prayers for the family for gods comfort and support during this time and always. He is with his brothers and mom and dad now .



Denise and Anthony Orlando - April 19 at 08:23 PM



“We are so sadden for you all of the passing of Tony. Please know you are all in our prayers. If you need anything we are here for you. God Bless for peace and strength

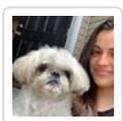
marie - April 19 at 08:17 PM



“His favorite photo of us



Tara Puccio - April 19 at 08:03 PM



“I love you Poppy from the bottom of my heart - Tara & Rusty



Tara Puccio - April 19 at 07:55 PM



“ Donna ,
Sal and I are thinking and praying for you and your family. Our deepest sympathies.
Shona



Shona Fatta - April 19 at 07:42 PM



“ Aunt Jenny, Michael, and Donna, I am sending my deepest condolences with tremendous sadness to all of you and the rest of your beautiful family...Uncle Anthony will always be greatly loved and he will be missed beyond words...He Was The Best Of The Best...Rest In Sweet Peace....

Maria Delicati - April 19 at 08:14 PM