



# Antonio John D'Amico Sr.

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**A**ntonio J. D'Amico, Sr. of Lewes passed away on Friday, May 2 surrounded by his family at the Veterans Home in Milford, just a few weeks shy of his 100th birthday.

A Magnolia, NJ native, Tony was the last surviving of his parents' 13 first-generation Italian-American children. Along with four of his brothers, he proudly served his country during World War II, enlisting in the US Navy in 1942. He served as a Coxswain on the USS Electra in the Pacific Theater, earning four ribbons and a Victory Medal.

After his honorable discharge Tony met and married the love of his life, Regina "Jean" Berger, in 1947. They raised their four sons in Camden, NJ, but moved to Lewes in retirement following sons Joe and Tony, Jr.

Never one to sit still, Tony continued to work after his initial retirement in both paid and volunteer positions. He helped his sons with their business until it was sold in 2006, then worked part time at The Waterstill South until he turned 85. That's when he became more involved with the Lewes Senior Activity Center, volunteering and serving on its Board, until his body finally made him take it easy, well into his 90's.

Tony loved sharing coffee and stories with anyone. He was part of a special group who met in the early mornings and solved the world's problems at McDonalds, but Tony would join a spirited conversation anywhere. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, especially his grandchildren and their children.

Although he was a careful spender, Tony also quietly made sure no one in his circle went without basic needs. When times were tough for someone he loved, a needed item or cash would somehow just magically appear. Tony's kindness and generosity will always be remembered.



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Tony was preceded in death by his parents, A. Franco and Antonina Briguglio D'Amico, his 12 siblings, his sons Chris D'Amico and Tony D'Amico, Jr., and grandson Joseph T. D'Amico, Jr.

Tony is survived by his loving wife of 78 years Regina D'Amico; his sons Michael D'Amico and Joe D'Amico (Mary Beth) of Lewes; daughter-in-law Christine D'Amico of Oceanport, NJ; grandchildren Gina D'Amico (Brian Chorney) of Montgomery Village, MD, Veronica Brown (John) of Wilmington, DE, Matthew D'Amico (Brittany) of Brooklyn, NY, Suzanne D'Amico of Philadelphia, PA; and great grandchildren Johnathon Brown, Rylan Chorney, Ella Brown, and Miles Chorney; and niece Marie Chambers of Milton, DE.

Tony will be interred next to his grandson on Friday, May 16, 2025, at 11:00 AM at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro, DE.

In lieu of flowers, honor Tony with a donation of time or money to the [Lewes Senior Activity Center](#), the [Delaware Veterans Home](#) in Milford, [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#), or a cause of the donor's choice.

Please sign the virtual guestbook on the tribute page.




## Events


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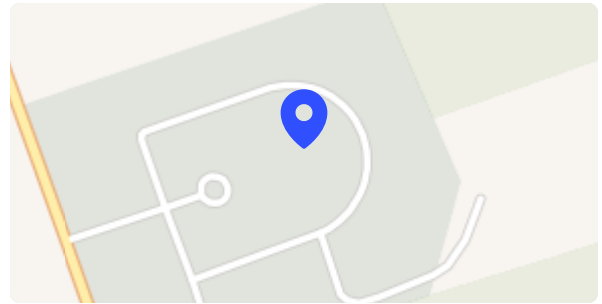
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### Chapel Committal

 **Friday**, May 16, 2025

 11:00 AM ET

 **Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery**  
26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro DE





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**James Mecke** lit a candle in honor of Antonio.

We remember Tony from all his help at the Lewes Senior Center. We attended several of his Wedding Anniversaries at the Senior Center. We know his wife Jean and Niece Marie who was their flower girl at their wedding. Tony did a lot at the Senior Center and may have been the oldest Veteran there. We will miss him, Jim and Linda Mecke



May 13 at 6:59 PM



**Mary Lou Hanley Warren** lit a candle in honor of Antonio.

It sounds like Mr. D'Amico was an amazing man! My thoughts & prayers are with his wife, Joe & Mary Beth & their family & the entire D'Amico family. May God bring you peace & comfort. Mary Lou Warren



May 11 at 10:20 PM



**Donna Hegge** posted:

I'm happy that I was able to visit with Uncle Tony shortly before his passing. First time I ever saw him with a moustache, and it looked great on him! Fortunate to have lived around the corner from Aunt Jean, Uncle Tony and the "boys" growing up and I have a lifetime of memories; good, bad and the ugly (especially when Joe and I were running into the house and my arm went through the storm door window) I was more concerned about hightailing it out of there before Uncle got home than the blood! I'm not sure if I was ever forgiven for that one! 😊 I also have fond memories of the times our families spent at Ocean Gate, but not when Michael or Tony, (forget which one) was jumping on the bed and put a hole in the ceiling, yikes! Uncle Tony sure did mellow over the years, I think it was when he had grandkids, they were his pride and joy. So, for now it's goodbye, and God speed Uncle until we meet again in Heaven. Hope you're enjoying a good cigar and head massage (more childhood memories). Love you, Donna, Joe & Amelia

May 11 at 1:07 PM



**Steve Koester** posted:

Loved seeing that young man on the bike at Lewes Senior Center. Enjoyed my times talking with him, about various things, but specifically WWII and his service to our nation. Tony was a very proud person, you could tell. I couldn't even get him his WWII veteran hat from the WWII museum in New Orleans without him paying me for it. Matter of fact, he insisted. Very fond of that young man. Rest well comrade. You are missed.

May 8 at 3:33 PM



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**Joanne Murphy** posted:

Tony was a true gentleman. He was loved by all at the Lewes Senior Activity Center and he will forever be missed.

May 8 at 2:29 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Antonio by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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