



Anthony Daniel Ritts

February 6, 1934 - January 14, 2021

Anthony Daniel Ritts, age 86 of Lewes, DE, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 14, 2021. He was born on February 6, 1934 in Philadelphia, PA, son of the late Dominic and Carrie (Perugini) Ritts.

Anthony graduated from Lincoln Prep in 1951 before joining the military. A proud veteran who served his country in the 82nd Airborne, he was stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC from 1956 - 1958. Anthony later coached little league (Pop Warner) in Bensalem, PA in 1960 and was an avid hunter for many years. Always involved, he was also a member of the Sheet Metal Workers Local Union 19 in Philadelphia, PA while living in Moorestown, NJ. A longtime resident of Moorestown, Anthony retired from Cutler Industries in 1996 before moving to South Hampton, NJ. Hoping to fully enjoy retirement and his love for the sea, he moved from New Jersey to Lewes, DE, where he spent the remainder of his life with his wife, Marlene. While living in Lewes, Anthony became a member of American Legion Post 17, the Knights of Columbus, Msgr. J. Desmond Council #13348, and Knights of Columbus Patriotic 4th degree Assembly 2413, Georgetown, DE.

Anthony was a talented woodworker who enjoyed spending his time building things and tending to his robust garden and colorful flowers around his home. Faith played an important role in his life and he attended mass regularly at St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church in Lewes.

Anthony's resiliency, strength and wonderful sense of humor will be greatly missed, and he will continue to be loved by all.

In addition to his parents, Anthony was preceded in death by his sister, Angelina (Ritts) Reynolds of Southampton, NJ. He is survived by his loving wife of 22 years, Marlene (Kaminski Wilhelm) Ritts; his daughters: Donna (Ritts) Rice (John), Traci (Wilhelm) Imel (Josh), Heather (Ritts) Arena (Frank); his grandchildren: Kellie (Gifford) Morrotto (Nicholas), Karlie (Gifford) Thomas (Drew), and James Gifford; his great granddaughter, Kennedy James Morrotto; his numerous nieces and nephews; his brothers: Ronald Ritts

of Bensalem, PA and Francis Ritts (Betty), of Southhampton, NJ; and his sister: Mary Ann Ritts of Southhampton, NJ.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, there will be no in - person service.

A Celebration of Life via live streaming will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 3:00 PM. All are welcome to join the stream by visiting the following link:

<http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/permalink/9803615/LTWebcast>

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Anthony's name to American Heart Association, www.heart.org/en/get-involved/ways-to-give, or American Stroke Association, www.americanstroke.org/donate.

Please sign Anthony's online guest book on this page.

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Parseell Funeral Homes & Crematorium - January 16 at 04:43 PM



“ What a beautiful farewell to a wonderful man. Love you Tony.

alice Hinderliter - January 21 at 03:27 PM



“ A Beautiful service. Marlene, Thank you very much for letting us be a part of it. We are sure that Anthony loved it and is smiling down on everyone. A great tribute to a wonderful man. We both feel truly blessed that we got to be a part of your lives. Love, Ted and Marianne

Marianne Brukiewa - January 21 at 03:30 PM



“ Thank you for sharing this beautiful service and our cousin Anthony with us. There are so many great memories and we appreciate them all. He will be missed. Our sincere condolences to you, Marlene, and all his family.

cousin Marce & Vince

Marcelline Malandra - January 21 at 03:43 PM



“ Tony was a good friend and neighbor to our family. We became neighbors when I was thirteen years old and he became like an uncle to me. He was someone I looked up to, someone I trusted. Tony was always ready to help us. He was more than a neighbor he was a friend. We shared many family gatherings together. We miss Tony and cherish the years of sharing and joy that we experienced . To Marleen and the rest of Tony's family please accept my condolences.

Gus Flacco Jr.

Gus Flacco Jr - January 21 at 04:14 PM



“ Words are so inadequate. They never adequately seem to be able to express the sorrow that is in our hearts.

Remember, God gave us memories so that we may have roses in December. May you always cherish the memories you have of Tony as they will carry you through the rough times in life.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Love to you all.

Donna and Gary Siquefield

Donna Siquefield - January 21 at 04:27 PM



“ Tony was beloved by many and a wonderful friend. One would never be a stranger long in Tony's presence.

He loved life and has left his footprints on this Earth and in the lives and hearts of many.

The love expressed in the many encouraging words of family & friends is a tribute to his life, and tells a wonderful story. He will now make heaven his home. Praise the Lord. The beautiful service, Bible verses, music, lovely flowers, photos, care, respect and love are an honor to Tony. Marlene and Traci ... your stamp of care, love, beauty and planning, was sweet and pleasing to the soul. God bless you and may your hearts be full of peace for all the love you sent Tony this day in his Heavenly home, Faith filled forevermore. Hallelujah & Amen.

We send our love, Janet and Les

Les and Janet Imel - January 21 at 05:31 PM



“ I was privileged to have worked with Tony many years ago at Cutler, and to have been able to be called his friend. We first met in 1973 when I was an apprentice. Tony could sometimes be gruff (yeah, I know, surprising, right???) and intimidating. And I was a wet behind the ears kid just out of high school. I then went into the military in early 74, and returned to Cutler 4 years later. I had grown up and Tony warmly welcomed me back and took me under his wing. I learned a lot, separate and apart from making sure Tony got his pie and coffee each day at 4:30. I then left the industry in 1980 to become a Police Officer. Regretfully, I did not keep in touch with Tony over the years but I did think of him often. Now, as a Chief of Police who also has a law degree and license, I look back and see Tony teaching me how to run a crane and be a competent sign hanger. God Bless you, my friend and mentor. Rest in Peace; you have more than earned it.

Michael Hawley

Michael Hawley - March 26 at 09:28 AM



“ Tony you will be sorely missed . I can remember you coming over my parents house for a cup of coffee and sitting around laughing. My first camping trip was with your family. You went to my kids soccer game and bought all the kid McDonalds. Oh how happy they all were! You were fun to be around and greatly loved. Mom always said Tony's a great neighbor
Marlene I am so sorry for your loss. I pray for your strength and endurance. Hugs
Marlene

Theresa Ricci - January 21 at 08:48 PM



“ My Man! Miss you



Josh Imel - January 21 at 08:35 PM



“ Sorry but liking my own post... made me smile

Josh Imel - January 21 at 08:40 PM



“ Good Bye Uncle Tony....

As you now watch over us, smile some more as you can clearly see all the kindness, laughter and love you have created by being in our lives..... we are forever grateful. We love you, miss you and thank you for all that you have done for us, especially for making my ciocia so happy.

Anthony and Julie Tarra

Anthony Tarra - January 21 at 03:40 PM



“ Anthony You are back with mom and dad again
Will miss you. Mary Ann

Mary Ann Ritts - January 21 at 03:36 PM



“ We miss and love you. Betty & Frank

Will always remember our times at Caesars and watching Lorenzo's Oil at the Delaware beach. Much happier times.

Also,Anthony thanks for lending us the Grand Prix for Francis to take me on a date!

Betty Ritts - January 21 at 03:31 PM



“ With our deepest sympathy. Jim and Carol Hurley

Jim Hurley - January 21 at 03:30 PM



“ Such a lovely service, he will be greatly missed by all of us. He looked just like himself!
Love you Sister

Sister Sandy - January 21 at 03:30 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. I will forever remember "Uncle Tony is great he gives us chocolate cake" . . while skiing down the mountains. I love you and will miss you.

Lynn Langnas - January 21 at 03:28 PM



“ Always looked forward to seeing him at the Ritts reunion. We'll miss him.
Cousin, John.

John - January 21 at 03:26 PM



“ Sending love and prayers your way, Love you guys, Hope to see you soon <3

Matthew Grassa - January 21 at 03:26 PM



“ So sorry for your loss ciocia Marlene. Uncle Tony always had a way to make us smile and will be missed. Love you

Katie Cordova - January 21 at 03:24 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss Marlene, our prayers and thoughts are with you. John and Kris

kris and John kaminski - January 21 at 02:38 PM



“ Rest in peace to Poppy. You will be greatly missed by many. Words can't express how much you mean to me and my family. I will always remember the good times we shared and you will always be in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss Marlene. I know how much you both meant to each other and just know he is looking down on you all the time.

Love,

Kellie and the Morrotto family

Kellie Morrotto (Gifford) - January 21 at 02:21 PM



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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium - January 21 at 01:47 PM



“ Marlene and family, so sorry for your loss of Tony. Appears that he had a wonderful life with family and friends. So glad to have recently met my neighbor and wish I could have had the pleasure of knowing him. Sincerely, Carol

Carol Lowe - January 20 at 10:15 PM



“ Marlene, I am so very sorry to hear of your husband's passing. I am thinking of you at this time of sorrow. Your Heron Bay neighbor Diana Ryan

Diana Ryan - January 19 at 04:19 PM



“ Dear Marlene and Family, We are so sorry to hear that Anthony was called home. He was the kind of guy you would rather see Coming than Going. We are positive that they are all happy to see him in Heaven. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Ted and Marianne

Marianne Brukiewa - January 18 at 12:38 PM



“ Marlene and Family I am sorry for your Loss,Anthony will be missed ..I will keep all of you in my prayers .
Richard Perugini

Richard Perugini - January 18 at 12:06 AM



“ Rest In Peace.

Michael John Perugini

Susan Perugini - January 17 at 09:25 PM



“ Uncle Tony will always hold a special place for me, he taught me how to hunt and we had many hunting adventures, he also had the opportunity to hunt with his great nephew my son who will always remember those times as well. He always made sure we were safe but we always had a good time lots of laughs. He will be missed! he was the best uncle anyone could have! We love you and miss you.

Bob ritts - January 17 at 06:54 PM



“ Uncle Tony was a wonderful man and uncle who loved his family. I will always remember our family parties at his home in Moorestown. He was so generous and giving and will be missed greatly.

Michelle Pirog - January 17 at 12:46 PM



“ Sending love and prayers. We will miss him so much. Love you guys xo

Sandy Grassa - January 17 at 12:33 PM



“ Tony was a great inspiration to me especially during our "adventure" years. Beside our close family and social ties I can share many other experiences. We hunted many years together, were co-workers in the sign company, served in the Army Reserves where we applied and passed qualifications to serve in the Special Forces (our CO torpedoed that plan), we took flying lessons for private pilot license, we were Judo partners where I ultimately met my wonderful wife. He was my Best Man and Godfather to our first born. There were many laughs and great memories that will always remain in a special place in my heart. Tony always had a big heart and deep faith. I am sure that Our Lord is telling him "Job well done, my good and faithful servant".

Cuz Joe

Joseph A Ritts - January 17 at 12:13 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. We all loved his generous, fun-loving, bigger-than-life spirit. I'm thinking he will meet up with my dad, Carmen, and start a new Ritts Reunion in heaven. Maybe he can bring his own stove and make sausage and peppers for the crowd.

Rosemary Hronchak - January 17 at 10:29 AM