



## Antonio John D'Amico, Jr.

July 4, 1948 - April 22, 2020

Antonio" Tony" J. D'Amico, Jr.

Tony D'Amico, Jr., 71, of Lewes passed away at Harbor Healthcare in Lewes Wednesday, April 22, 2020.

Born in Camden, NJ to Antonio J. D'Amico and Regina Berger D'Amico, Tony was a graduate of Bishop Eustace Prep School in Pennsauken, NJ and Christian Brothers College in Memphis, TN. Tony went on to become a New Jersey State Trooper and a small business owner of A-1 Countertops in Millsboro, DE with his brother Joe.

When a ruptured brain aneurysm and stroke in 1992 made it impossible for Tony to continue working in the countertop business, he returned to school and became an IT professional, ultimately finding rewarding work with Lewes Public Library.

Tony was a US history buff and enjoyed the music of Andrea Bocelli but was known most for his avid love of sports, especially the Philadelphia Eagles. He and his brothers held season tickets for many years and received well wishes from then head coach Rich Kotite following Tony's stroke.

Preceded in death by his youngest brother Christopher D'Amico, Tony is survived by his parents, his brother Michael D'Amico; his brother and sister-in-law Joe and Mary Beth D'Amico of Lewes, DE; sister-in-law Christine D'Amico of Ocean, NJ; nieces and nephews Gina D'Amico (Brian Chorney) of St. Petersburg, FL; Joseph D'Amico, Jr. of Oceanside, CA; Veronica D'Amico (Johnathon Brown) of Wilmington, DE; Matthew D'Amico of Brooklyn, NY; Suzanne D'Amico of Baltimore, MD; and grand-nephew Johnathon Antonio Brown.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please donate in Tony's memory to Lewes Public Library, 111 Adams Avenue, Lewes, DE 19958 or to Easterseals Tunnell Center, 22317 DuPont Blvd, Georgetown, DE

19947.

Please sign the online condolence page at this site.

# Comments

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“ So sorry about Tony. When Tony came into the Outfit, New Jersey State Police, I was assigned as his Trooper Coach at the Woodstown Barracks. Tony was a fast learner and very bright. I really enjoyed training Tony. We lost touch with each other after the Trooper Coach period but I always had great memories of Tony. Rest Easy Tony, William Trump.



**William Tyler Trump** - May 14, 2020 at 01:03 PM

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“ It was always a pleasure to work with Tony at the Lewes Library. My condolences to all the family. He will be greatly missed.

Mary Bernheisel

**Mary Bernheisel** - April 30, 2020 at 12:56 PM

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“ Dear Uncle Tony and Aunt Jean, we are so sorry for your loss! You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Love, Mary Jean Weir Leisner and Thomas Leisner

**Tom and Mary Jean (Weir) Leisner** - April 27, 2020 at 12:41 PM

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“ I was fortunate to work with Tony for several years at the Lewes Library. He was a great coworker and a better friend. Even when he was going through so much of his own stuff, he always asked about my family, especially my Dad and kids. He was so helpful, both to patrons and coworkers.

Kristen Gramer Baker

**Kristen Baker** - April 26, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ So very sorry to hear of Tony’s passing. He was a great guy and will most definitely be missed by many. Condolences to the family.

**Charlie Stanislav** - April 26, 2020 at 11:35 AM

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“ My condolences to the D’Amico family. I attended Bishop Eustace for two and a half years and have unfortunately not seen Tony since our 1966 graduation. During those Eustace years both our Dads had become good friends. Of course, what initially comes to my memory is Tony wearing jersey number 39 and he and I being teammates in the backfield on the football team my last year at Eustace. But upon reflection, what I truly recall was Tony’s naughty laugh and then our ignominious moment of almost blowing up the school. I doubt this account is known to many if any in the D’Amico family. During our chemistry lab Tony and I sat next to each other and were separated by a shared sink. One day early in class I had discarded some chemical into our sink then later Tony dumped a potion into the sink and there was an immediate sound of “poof” followed by a small cloud rising from the sink with a disgusting odor. Tony had been looking into the sink and when the cloud rose it singed his eyebrows. Luckily, his eyes were not harmed. Our nearby teacher, Mr. Fox, yelled “open the windows and get out of the classroom”. Post our safe evacuation, during our next class when Tony sat down next to me I looked over at him and Tony started laughing. I couldn’t control myself with my hands covering my face while giggling. Yes, he had a great laugh and there were and are many wonderful memories of Tony in the class and on the football field. I hope at this time of mourning my memories of Tony can bring a smile to the D’Amico family members as it does for me. Tony may you Rest in Peace. Tom Reilly, Class of 1966.

**Tom Reilly** - April 25, 2020 at 03:23 PM

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“ Growing up around the corner from my cousins is filled with many special memories. Tony was 7yrs. older, and his favorite greeting to me was always, "Hi ugly!" I never took offense because that was Tony, and he was the big mahoff to us kids. Tony was always strong willed, and what he fought through was proof of that. He also loved to teach, recommended the best books to read, and we always had great conversations when I would visit at Aunt Jean and Uncle Tony's. As sad as it is to lose him, I know he is free of the body that failed him. And as God promises when we get to Heaven, we will receive a new body, so that makes me happy for Tony. With our love, and thoughts for your peace to Aunt Jean, Uncle Tony, Michael, Joe and extended family.  
Donna (Kay) & Joe Hegge

Donna Hegge - April 25, 2020 at 10:20 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Such a difficult time. God Bless.  
Joan and Phil Williamson

Joan Williamsn - April 25, 2020 at 07:53 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear this; you are in my prayers  
Cheryl

Cheryl Buxton - April 25, 2020 at 06:33 AM

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“ I met Tony & the D'Amico family many years ago when I worked at Dr Susan Rogers office. What a nice guy! I remember him always being positive - with a smile on his face & laughing. My deepest condolences to Joe & Mary Beth, Gina, Joseph & Veronica & the entire D'Amico family. Prayers for comfort & peace.



Mary Lou Warren - April 24, 2020 at 11:04 PM

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“ As the former Director of the Lewes Public Library, it is with great sadness. I learned of Tony’s passing this morning and let several members of the staff know. Tony came to work with us in tech support, first as a volunteer and then as a part time staff member. He had survived and worked very hard to recover from his traumatic brain injury to live a productive life, bringing his wonderful sense of humor, care for others and inspiration to those of us who knew and cared about him. His work at the library supported both patrons and staff, as well as assisting the tech staff of the library system to be their help staff at our library. On the days he worked he would often be in by 6AM doing computer updates and troubleshooting problems. He often could be found assisting patrons with computer tasks. He was valued by the library staff, the patrons, volunteers and we were privileged to have known him. I send my sincere condolences to his family and friends. He will be sadly missed.

**Chrys Dudbridge** - April 24, 2020 at 10:17 PM

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“ Tony and Jean

Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

**Nancy Bush** - April 24, 2020 at 09:49 PM

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“ Nancy Bush and Jim Quigley purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Antonio John D'Amico, Jr..



**Nancy Bush and Jim Quigley** - April 24, 2020 at 09:47 PM

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“ Tony was a friend I have good memories. I recall an "attitude" a confident style.  
RIP.

Dan Fisher, Class of 66

**Daniel G Fisher** - April 24, 2020 at 09:34 PM

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“ Tony, I was your worst best friend. I hope you passed easily. You certainly gave life a go. I will miss you always " Sister Mary Sunshine" from your "Cloud". See you on the other side my friend.

**Margaret Melson** - April 24, 2020 at 09:32 PM

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“ Tony was a great friend and a tough and valued football teammate of mine at Bishop Eustace Prep School (Class of 1966). My condolences to his entire family, especially his beloved and dedicated parents. RIP Tony. I remember you well and fondly.  
Joseph Ridgway

**Joseph Ridgway** - April 24, 2020 at 07:03 PM

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“ Tony was one of the greatest guys I ever knew since I met him in high school and someone I have always looked up to since then. He was really special and the world needs more people like him. Tony will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him. He is in our prayers always.

Bruce and Debbie Banasz

**Bruce and Debbie Banasz** - April 24, 2020 at 11:52 AM