



Mr. Anthony T. "Tony" Bolos

February 8, 1928 - March 17, 2017

NEW HARTFORD - Mr. Anthony T. "Tony" Bolos, age 89, went to heaven and was reunited with those who went before him as he passed away peacefully on Friday, March 17, 2017 in the privacy of his home with his devoted family by his side.

Born in Utica on February 8, 1928, Anthony was the son of parents that immigrated to the US in 1912-1914, the late Sasin and Ida (Harfouch) Bolos. He attended St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Grammar School. Tony's father Sasin made a living selling pins and needles and then housewares door-to-door in East Utica. Eventually his father opened a grocery store on Columbia St. with his earnings calling it 'Bolos Groceries', where Tony worked stocking shelves and making deliveries from a very young age. A proud veteran of the United States Army, Tony was drafted at the tail end of World War II and honorably served his country stationed in the Philippines. On September 11, 1953 he married the former Sadie Abounader with whom he shared 62 years. Their love recognized no barriers and rose above all hurdles. Sadie's love gave him strength and courage. They were a magical couple as they embraced life. Tony was offered a job with G.J. Ralph/Food Broker, a company out of Syracuse that supplied grocery stores with a large inventory of items. He accepted the position and became their #1 Salesman for years — year after year, earning his way to Executive Senior Vice-President. He worked hard to put all his kids through Catholic education and he made sure that they had everything they wanted and most of what they desired, as long as they earned

it. His business advice and life advice was invaluable. Big Apple Music was started with a \$500 loan from Tony, and many subsequent loans to keep things going in the early days of the business. He had the biggest heart of anybody, and his love for his wife and his kids was over the top. Tony and Sadie's home was open to everyone as they raised five children plus at least a half a dozen nieces and nephews and their family members who came to live with them from Lebanon. He was a wonderful and fair Dad, and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren admired Gidu for his wisdom and enjoyed his stories.

Tony was a man of many 'lists' of things to do, and was a master organizer. He was a perfectionist at all levels and he had a passion for technology throughout his life. He just loved the newest gadgets. He traveled the Middle East and Peru where he video-taped all the great sites and events and brought home special souvenirs for his family. Tony totally loved America. He often sang the National Anthem, at any given time. His accomplishments reached the sky - literally - he was a pilot and owned his own plane, but Sadie made him sell it!

Tony was a parishioner of St. Louis Gonzaga Church, and back in the day he served as a Lector, was involved with the CYO (Catholic Youth Organization), and was chairman of the Festival of Nations.

On his death bed, Tony gave a family proclamation, telling each one of his children to be sure to care for, love and help one another.

He prayed for his children and asked God to protect them and guide them. He then recited the Lord's prayer and he told Jesus that if this was his time, he was ready to come home and ready to hold his beloved Sadie's hand once again.

Anthony is survived by his children and their loves, John and Renee Bolos of Columbia, SC, Missionary David and Debbie Bolos of Arequipa, Peru and Yorkville, Mark and Tina Bolos of Clinton, Peter and Sandra Bolos of Remsen, and Theresa Bolos of New Hartford. Gidu cherished his 23 grandchildren and their families, John Jr., Michael, Joanne, Laura, and Samuel; Chelene,

Jessica, Andrea, Anthony, Nathaniel, Josiah, and Timothy; Katrina; Mark, Christopher, and Rhiannon, and their mother Wendy Bolos; Rachel, Heather, Jazmin, Zechariah, and Elizabeth; and Peter Jr., and Amanda; and his beloved 22 great-grandchildren. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, sister-in-law, Tekla (Abounader) Bouchaya of CA; and the many wonderful friends who blessed his life. He was predeceased by his brother and sister-in-law, Toufek and Ardell Bolos; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Anna and Thomas Abounader, Mary Ann Bolos, and Susan and John Hagan; and his in-laws, Salim Abounader, Mitri Abounader, Tohme Abounader, and Martha and Nicholas El-Hage.

The family extends their appreciation to Dr. Naji El Khoury for his heartfelt attentiveness and personal concern; Dr. Scott Brehaut who is special man that truly follows his calling as a physician; the staff of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center as well as the nurses and aides at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center; they offered their care and Tony honored their goodness. The family was so mindful and heartened by the spiritual solace provided by Chorbishop John D. Faris, Father Aaron Sandbothe, and Pastor David Hedeem; and niece, Joyce Showalter, for being such a treasure in so many ways to her Uncle Tony.

The family will honor and commemorate Tony's life at a private gathering. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Anthony's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Wednesday morning at 11:30 at St. Louis Gonzaga Church where his Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed will be celebrated by Father Aaron Sandbothe and Deacon Paul Salamy. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the service. In lieu of flowers, donations in Tony's honor may be directed to the New Hope Children's Home in Arequipa, Peru, an orphanage that was established 20 years ago by Tony's son David and his daughter-in-law Debbie; envelopes will be available at the service or be directed to New Hope Children's Home, P.O. Box 107 Yorkville, NY 13495. Entombment will take place alongside his wife in

Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum at Holy Trinity Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum

1500 Champlin Avenue
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 22. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Louis Gonzaga Church
520 Rutger Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-6019

Tribute Wall

NA

“ today is april 15. Just this minute found out my old boss passed away. We also missed the wonderful sadie's passing until it was too late to make a calling hour. Thank you Theresa for the note. Hope all is well for the family as can be. God Bless you all Neil and Joan Agrasto Camillus, NY

neil and joan agrasto - April 15, 2017 at 06:08 AM

SK

“ Mark and family, We are sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Sending prayers and thoughts to you and your family.
Steve, Cyndi Kozak and family

Steve Kozak - March 27, 2017 at 06:57 AM

SU

“ Tony & I opened up a Video store together in Rome, NY many years ago. We never had a dull moment, between the both of us we never knew what was going to happen next! RIP friend and love to you and your wonderful family! Always, Sue

sue - March 24, 2017 at 10:19 AM

SO

“ To mark, Peter, and the entire Bolos family, my deepest and sincerest condolences on the loss of your dad. I never met the man in person, but I feel I may have met him through you, and Pete. Mark, you are a great, and caring individual, who has been given god-given talents, and you and Peter have always had strong moral connections with everyone you have met, through your business, as well as your many venues of entertainment. Losing a parent is one of the hardest ordeals a son or daughter has to endure, because they were the people who taught you, laughed with you, cried with you, and educated you about all of the rights, and the wrongs of this world. but with the character that you both have had instilled in you from them, you learn and you endure, and persevere in your life. I have lost a mother, and a sister, and it hurts a lot. May God bless you and your family.

*always a friend,
Sonny Dee.*

SonnyDee - March 23, 2017 at 12:00 PM

AN

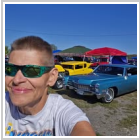
“ On behalf of my wife and I, we extend our deepest sympathy to the entire family.
We intend to make a contribution in memory of Anthony to the Hope Children's Home
Sincerely, Anthony and Marie Garramone

Anthony - March 22, 2017 at 01:43 PM

GB

“ Dear uncle Tony, you are the best person that i've ever known. Thank you for believing in me, and for helping me to come to America, and for raising me like one of your own. Thank you for all you've done for me and my family. Thank you for all the life lessons, and for your wise guidance. I miss you and miss aunt Sadie. May your soul Rest in Peace!

George Bouchaya - March 21, 2017 at 11:28 PM



“ So many awesome memories of Tony, He was always proud of my accomplishment s, I remember so many times him coming up with great ideas for me to make a few bucks, with either running a Hot Dog Stand or Mowing Lawns and plowing snow, I never forget the time back in 1988 while working for his son Mark I purchased a snow plow truck and Tony came up with the name Hollywood Snow Plowing, but after plowing only a few driveways the truck blew its motor out in front of Big Apple, I went inside to give Tony the bad news and he told Peter to let me keep it there until I could figure out how to get it towed away, yep, Tony was always a great guy even after I hit his soda machine with my truck he still loved me, Big Apple wasn't the same after he rtired, but I'll always remember all the great convrrsatio,s we had, Lord Bless him, He is now in arms of his beautiful wife and Jesus!

Patrick Moccaldi - March 21, 2017 at 07:43 PM

TM

“ Prayers & Condolences to the Bolos Family. I have known Mark and Pete for nearly 30 years and have worked for both. I met Tony & Sadie along the way. While working for Pete there were times when I would go to the house (to make a repair) and I would bring my son as a helper. Always upon arrival, I would lose my helper and Sadie had to make sure everyone was fed (especially my son because he was skinny) and Tony would ask those questions that were grandfatherly such as how are you and how are you doing in school, etc. Tony had a genuine interest in knowing. I think it was his nature to be caring and provide commentary if need be. My son enjoyed going with me when he knew we had to pay a visit to "Tony & Sadie's" because I think he knew he got special attention however knowing Mark & Pete, I knew this was a staple of the Bolos family. Tony will be sadly missed. God Bless Tony & Sadie as they were both faithful and loving on Earth.



Tony Mancuso - March 21, 2017 at 07:04 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony T. "Tony" Bolos.



March 21, 2017 at 01:31 PM

ED

“ So sorry to hear about your loss.
Our prayers & thoughts are with you at this sad time.
Andy & Elaine DePerno-Brown

elaine deperno-brown - March 21, 2017 at 01:14 PM

BB

“ *Mark and family,
May the Lord Jesus comfort you in your time of grief. Your dad was a great influence and blessing to your entire family. He was most of all a man of God and a man that loved his family with unconditional love. He will be waiting for a great reunion that will take place at a future date.
God bless,
Bill Britt*

Bill Britt - March 21, 2017 at 12:22 PM

JD

“ *Our Very Deepest Condolences to the Bolos family . May the love,comfort & peace of God be with you all . Your dad was a wonderful man whose legacy lives on through you . LOVE REMAINS !*

*Affectionately,
Jeanne & Dave DeSantis*

jeanne DeSantis - March 21, 2017 at 09:47 AM



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony T. "Tony" Bolos.*



March 21, 2017 at 09:02 AM

SS

“ Dearest Peter and family, We neva knew your father and we only know you a little bit from ova 20 years ago from you being so helpful and kind to us and first getting to know you at THE BIG APPLE.. Before you moved and after you moved into a different (other side) location. I have read your Dads obit and I must say it truly made tears stroll down my cheeks. It was really well written. I am sure that he was a wonderful person, as I know you are, so he must have raised you well and with great pride and love. I'm sure your Mum did as well. I think I teared up when I read your Dads really nice obit because my Dad too was a hard working man. (Mom too, lol gotta give Moms credit!!!) The point is: I definitely feel your pain and know your pain,,, of the loss of a parent. when I lost my Mum in hospice before my dad passed, and our entire HUGEEEEEEEEEE family was at the cemetery and people, like myself right now PETER want to say something, to hopefully make it better. In my opinion, when you are grieving, there really isnt any words to ease the pain. For instance, because my mom was in hospice, we knew she was not well and Anyways I just want to say this my friend Peter, If One more person, sisters as well, had walked up to me and said (trying out of love and kindness) about my Mom ... she is in a better place!!! This.. FULL CIRCLE PETER is me sharing. I really understand your pain and with all my heart (even thou we dont know each other that well) If one more person said that to me , in my my mind i kinda wanted to smack them,, NOT really but there was never a better place , except on earth. SOOOOOOOOOOO lets bring it around back to you and your DAD . Lets hope This commentary (personal note) distracted all of your loved ones!! Whatever whatever aside Peter , I/we are soooooooooooooo sorry about the loss of your Dad/father. Cant tell you enough God speed!! Angels on all of your families pillows OHHHHHHHHHHH and hope its ok I posted here ??????

sunshine ray stone - March 20, 2017 at 10:19 PM

SS

I dont think I was clear , sorry , when at my Mums funeral, If one more person had walked up and said::: SHES (my mom) is in a much betta place< I felt (not really) I wanted to smack them!! Of course I didnt want to do that BUTT , In a grieving mind,, shes not in a betta place. Oh my goodness,,, Again again again and again , after all of this text,, I just want to reiterate, Your Dads picture looks super cool and your obit was soooooooo great,, I hope you and your family feel better soon mentally and I can say that cause I know@!!! HUGSSSSSSSS xoxoxo

sunshine ray stone - March 20, 2017 at 10:35 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony T. "Tony" Bolos.



March 20, 2017 at 06:14 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony T. "Tony" Bolos.



March 20, 2017 at 04:56 PM

LG

“ Love Sandy, Ted and Samantha Gingras purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White for the family of Mr. Anthony T. "Tony" Bolos.



Love Sandy, Ted and Samantha Gingras - March 20, 2017 at 01:43 PM

TB

“ I can't explain how heartbroken I am. I miss you "pops". I made coffee today for the first time in weeks. And drinking it without you was very lonely. I love you daddy.

theresa bolos - March 20, 2017 at 11:50 AM

TA

“ Tullio and Joy Dell Aquila purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Mr. Anthony T. "Tony" Bolos.



Tullio and Joy Dell Aquila - March 20, 2017 at 10:15 AM



“ Dear tony im really im lost for words .. i will always remember OUR bond we had ..i remember the very first time i met u i was scared bc i heard you didnt want anybody helping you with your daily living skills.. but the first day we met we became friends u looked forward to me coming 3 days a week we always listen to your son marks cd at shower time and i will always remember the joy you brought to my life also i would take you to your docs appt and try to help you in and you would say to me i dont need help honey. or when i would take you for your hair cuts them stairs would scare the hell out of me because you never wanted help and they were so deep and so many i would stand at the bottom of them and hold my breath.. we would go for our walks and you would tell me some story's or just sit outside and u enjoyed the weather with the pups i could go on and on but i will forever carry my memories of us in my heart fly high buddy love you and i will see u again xoxo



Melissa Marie - March 20, 2017 at 09:15 AM

TB

Miss him so much.

theresa bolos - March 20, 2017 at 11:46 AM

ML

Theresa & family, Very sorry for your loss, but he is joined with his wife now. Just keep the beautiful memories of them and get stronger with each passing day. Mary and Richard Lynch

Mary Lynch - March 22, 2017 at 09:22 AM



“ *Melissa Marie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Anthony T. "Tony" Bolos*



Melissa Marie - March 20, 2017 at 09:02 AM

 Kathy
Mo RN

“ *I'm sorry to hear that your Dad has passed, but happy as I know he was so ready to go with his lovely wife. Speaking to him, his faith and love for his family were paramount to him. It was a gift being able to see that, and I'm blessed for meeting him. My prayers are with you all. Kathy Moccaldi, RN*

Kathy Mo RN - March 20, 2017 at 08:58 AM

DS

“ I never knew your dad personally , but I know about him by knowing some of his children. Therefore I know he was a great man by the way his children behave ,and the values they share. I have lost my dad in 2010 so i know how you feel. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May you be encouraged by the hope we have in Christ.

The David Spradling Family

David Spradling - March 20, 2017 at 05:14 AM



“ Frances Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Anthony T. "Tony" Bolos



Frances Smith - March 20, 2017 at 04:35 AM



Although I did not know him personally I felt I did because of John and John Jr .. they exude his many great attributes as the apple does not fall far from the tree as our parents always said.. truly a loving bonded family . May the peace of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ be with you now.

Frances Smith - March 20, 2017 at 04:44 AM

KA

“ There are so many memories I don't know where to begin. BUT our family favorite. About 18 yrs ago you came for a short visit. You wanted to go to the mall (which is about a mile away) You asked TJ to go with you....just the two of you
When you got to the end of the street from our home, you said "You drive TJ. I don't know which way to go."
TJ drove you to the mall and back. You will forever be the best Uncle ever!

Kathy - March 19, 2017 at 10:22 PM

JU

“ Tony, the 30 years I worked at Big Apple, you were like a Father to me. We had many funny & memorable moments throughout the years. I'm happy that I got to see you before you passed because I'm away and will miss your memorial. God Blessed you & Sadie with wisdom & guidance in raising your children & I know you were proud of each & every one. I will miss you but we will someday be reunited. With Love. Judy

Judy - March 19, 2017 at 09:32 PM

ND

“ Working for the Bolos family at their beloved Big Apple Music can not be mentioned without talking about Anthony "Tony" Bolos. The smile he graced us all with each and every day he walked into that store was absolutely priceless. Personally working with Tony through the years at Big Apple definitely carried over some great stories but most of all some unbelievable memories. I know the Big Apple Music family I once worked with would all say the same thing and that is Tony will sure be missed, but NEVER forgotten.



Rest In Peace Tony! It was an absolute pleasure getting to know you and working with you through the years

Nick Devins - March 19, 2017 at 09:13 PM