



Mr. Anthony James "Tony" Comito

February 21, 1957 - April 15, 2018

NEW HARTFORD - Mr. Anthony James "Tony" Comito, age 61, went to join his loved ones who have gone before him when he passed away on Sunday, April 15, 2018 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center. Anthony bravely battled cancer and was surrounded by his loving family during his entire journey.

Born in Utica on February 21, 1957, Anthony was the son of the late Joseph J. and Phyllis C. (Caramadre) Comito. He was a graduate of Utica Free Academy/Class of 1975 and continued his education at MVCC. Tony married the former Deborah "Debbie" Christie on December 23, 1986. They were best friends and were always together. There was never a dull moment, and they were blessed with a good life.

Tony began his career as a roofer with Continental Roofing. He subsequently worked for the City of Utica in the Maintenance Department at the Utica Auditorium. He loved his position and met many fine people during the years he worked at the Aud. Tony became disabled from a fall, an injury that caused him to be homebound when his daughter was growing up. It was a difficult situation that turned into a blessing..

A good-hearted, generous man, Tony was loved so very much. In his younger years, he was affectionately known as "Bopie", a name given to him by his dad, or as Tony lovingly referred to him, his "cumpari Cheech". Tony was totally adorable with his handsome face and happy smile. He was a well-trained, helpful husband and the best dad ever. He and his daughter had a

powerful bond and their hearts were intertwined. He kept his parents alive in his heart and he adored his two sisters.

Tony was the funniest person, ever! He could inspire people by injecting a little humor and turning a serious situation into a hopeful one. He was a jokester, quick-witted and brimming with inside jests. A well-practiced prankster, he was king of the Whoopie Cushion and dollar snatcher. His antics were always perpetrated with good will and good fun. He loved to make a grand entrance, just another endearing attribute of his personality that made him so magnetic and memorable. On holidays, the family was all together with tons of food, games, and a rendition of the song "Dominick the Donkey". For years to come, whenever stories of his life are recounted to friends and loved ones, they will bring a tear to their eye and smile to their face.

Music was an important part of Tony's life. He was a member of the Yankee Cadets and was a drummer, an instrument he played from his youth. He gravitated to many genres of music, from Dean Martin to Jay-Z. He was a 70's man, and rock guitarist Jimi Hendrix was his idol. Tony was left-handed and could play the guitar upside down, just like his hero, Jimi! Tony loved rock concerts and could be spotted in the audience at many musical venues through the years. He enjoyed games of chance, and especially loved handicapping the horse races. He had a fondness and knowledge of horses, and could often be spotted at the track with his glasses and clip board, analyzing stats to determine the best contender. He was an avid sports fan and followed the NY Yankees, NY Rangers, and NY Giants. Boxing was a special sport that he shared with his dad. Whatever sport or pastime piqued Tony's interest, he pursued it with passion! Classic movies also caught his attention and he coaxed his family to watch them, ... from scary movies to the epic war drama of The Deer Hunter. Tony had an appreciation and respect for automobiles, and he liked to take rides at dusk to Bonomo's Ice Cream and Voss's. Everyone was welcome to pile in! Anthony LOVED to eat! Pizza was his favorite go to, in fact he had the phone numbers for all the local pizza parlors on speed dial!

Tony's life was full and fulfilling. He was grounded in his Catholic faith, had a reverence for the saints, and found comfort and peace in his prayers. Heaven has gained a guy with a sense of humor and a heart of gold.

Anthony is survived by his wife, Debbie; his daughter, Corinne Comito; and his sister, Donna Comito. He was preceded by his sister, Mary Ann Cavalier on January 1, 2006. He will also be remembered by his nieces and nephews with whom he shared a special closeness, including Heather Comito, and Michelle Canter; he was a great "Unkie" and was loved and will be missed by, Phyllis Cavalier, Nicholas Cavalier III, and Joseph Cavalier, as well as numerous other nieces and nephews; great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; brother-in-law, Nicholas Cavalier Jr.; mother-in-law, Janet Christie; in-laws, Sue and Michael Tinker, Billy Christie, Laura Christie, and Bobby Christie; aunt Barbara Tucker; and longtime friends, Anthony "Zubb" Zdeb, David Goldbas, and John Kaleta. He was predeceased by his father-in-law, Bill Christie; and his aunts and uncles, Peter and Josephine Comito, Lucy and Leo Laino, Kay and Joseph Beratta, Carmella and Victor Arcuri, James Caramadre, Frank (Johnny Bullets) Caramadre, and Carmella LoParco.

The family is grateful to Dr. Sultana Razia, Dr. Thomas John, and Dr. Joseph Booth, kind and compassionate physicians; the staff of the Slocum Dickson Chemo Department and Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, PCU caregivers, especially Rob, Brad, and Marie; and ICU staff, especially Ian who was an awesome nurse. "That was all God's work".

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Memorial gathering in Tony's honor on Saturday, April 21, from 12:00-3:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at <https://www.stjude.org> or Nature Works Best Cancer Clinic at office@NatureWorksBest.com; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Anthony's Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday afternoon at 3:00 at the funeral home immediately

upon conclusion of the gathering with Rev. Arthur Krawczenko officiating the ceremony.

<https://youtu.be/zz0O9VBlaWU>

Tribute Wall

LM

“ Dear Debbie, Corinne and Donna - I am so sorry to hear of the passing of my 1st cousin Tony. My dad, Joe Beratta, baptized Tony. Although we have not seen one another in years, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. - LouAnn Beratta-Mandronico (Aunt Kay and Uncle Joe's daughter)

LouAnn Mandronico - April 21, 2018 at 11:29 AM



Thank you so much. I remember uncle joe, I loved him ❤️

Corinne Marie - November 24, 2018 at 12:40 AM

KC

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Tony. Beautiful, touching tribute! What a wonderful husband and father! We were grade school friends and I left Utica at 18 years old and lost touch. Tony introduced me to awesome music such as the Allman Brothers Band, and helped my girl friends and I on our first camping trip, complete with his funny pranks. I was stunned to learn of this loss and will keep you in prayer, Debbie and Corrine, as you walk thru the grieving process. Tony with his abundant love will be still be by your side.

Karen Cougan - April 21, 2018 at 01:23 AM



Oh my goodness he told me about that camping trip! Thank you so much for sharing that and remembering him, he was the funniest and most loving man in the world.

Corinne Marie - November 24, 2018 at 01:42 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony James "Tony" Comito.*



April 20, 2018 at 05:05 PM



“ *My heartfelt sorrow for your loss, Tony was always a good friend, for the time I knew him.*

Marc T.

marc t - April 20, 2018 at 04:30 PM



“ *Tony.. we were friends so very long ago, my grade school buddy. I remember you as sweet and happy. My fondest memories of you are from 7th & 8th grades when you'd call me up, make sure it was me on the other end, set down the phone and play the drums. What a treat it was! When you were done we'd say "see ya tomorrow".
To Debbie and Corinne,
It seems we never have enough time with the people we love.
To paraphrase Kahlil Gibran.. the depths of our sorrow is equal to the height of our joys.*

*Love knows no boundaries.. he'll be around...
Sending you peace,
Tina Hyatt Conte*

Tina Conte - April 20, 2018 at 07:10 AM



Thank you for that memory ❤️

Corinne Marie - November 24, 2018 at 01:43 AM

BK

“ *Debbie,
My heart goes out to you & Corinne. May your memories bring you
comfort.
Love from your Jersey cousin,
Beth*

Beth Kondreck - April 19, 2018 at 10:03 PM



“ *Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Bright Mixed Flowers was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony James "Tony" Comito.*



April 19, 2018 at 09:30 PM

PW

“ *My condolences to the family .*

patricia D williams - April 19, 2018 at 05:03 PM

BD

“ *I am so sorry for your lose. I grew up around the corner from Tony and was one of his best friends when growing up. We did everything together. I have been thinking of him lately and wondering about getting together sometime. He was one of the best persons ever in my life and I thank God that we where able to be friends. I will be in North Carolina during service but you will all be in my prayers. God Bless - Bill Dillon*

Bill Dillon - April 19, 2018 at 11:00 AM

CC

Thank you so much. He has told me so many funny stories of "billy Dillon" and all the mischievous times you had.

corinne comito - April 19, 2018 at 06:36 PM

CC

“ In lieu of flowers we have a cancer research center to be donated to. Check Tomorrow for that link.

corinne comito - April 18, 2018 at 09:41 PM

VK

“ Another good angel has been taking to soon Growing up knowing him was awesome He was a lovely person.so sorry to all of you may God heal all of yall pain.God bless and prayers



Valerie kratzenberg - April 18, 2018 at 08:09 AM



Clarissa Marie

“ Tony stands for what a Father should be to a daughter. Debbie, Corinne, Donna, Heather and Michelle- there are no words that I can say to ease the pain and emptiness that you are feeling, I'm so very sorry. I love you guys. Rest In Peace Tony.

Clarissa Marie - April 17, 2018 at 08:01 PM