



Mr. Anthony S. "Tony" Milograno

July 15, 1926 - June 16, 2018

NEW HARTFORD - Mr. Anthony S. "Tony" Milograno, age 91, returned to his beloved wife when he passed away on Saturday, June 16, 2018 with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica, Anthony was the son of the late Alfonse and Anna (DeFiore) Milograno. A proud Veteran, Tony enlisted in the United States Army and honorably served his country from 1945-1949 during World War II; having been awarded the World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and American Theater Medal. He was assigned to the position as a secretary at the Pentagon. He was then commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force, serving from 1951-1955 during the Korean War era, being Honorably Discharged as a 1st Lieutenant in May 1955. From July 1951 – July 1953, Tony served as the Assistant Chief of the Information and Education Division and Chief of the Personal Affairs Branch, Personnel Services Division, at the Headquarters for the Continental Air Command at Mitchell Air Force Base, Nassau County, New York.

On June 16, 1951 he married the former Helen Lonero with whom he shared almost 59 years of marriage prior to her passing on June 12, 2010. They were a sentimental couple, always with a watchful eye upon one another. Tony and Helen had a complete love and regard that was rare. The tempo of their personalities completed their song of life.

Tony's repertoire of musical aptitudes was prolific and began developing when he was 9 years old. Anthony's Uncle Tony Milograno gave him the love of

music. He earned a scholarship and was playing violin at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester while still in high school, a prodigious accomplishment and testament to his talent. He then furthered his studies at the Utica School of Commerce, where he learned his typing and short-hand skills, and Syracuse University, where he majored in Music Education and Violin, earning his bachelor's degree in 1951. Tony completed additional graduate hours to earn his New York State Certification as a Music Teacher in February 1954. Tony remained a loyal Syracuse University Basketball fan until his passing, rarely missing a game on television.

Tony began his teaching career in New Berlin and went on to be the Music Supervisor for the Clinton Central School District, serving them for 32 years. During this period Tony was granted a rare sabbatical, allowing him in 1967 to study abroad for nearly a year in Vienna, Austria, with the Concertmaster of the Vienna Philharmonic. In addition, he played the violin with multiple orchestras and as part of local performances by major acts including Bob Hope and Tony Bennett. Tony was also the Conductor for the Mantovani Orchestra, which traveled throughout the United States.

He gave of himself when he performed at local nursing facilities, churches, retirement communities, and funerals in memory of his wife Helen. Tony taught violin and numerous other stringed instruments throughout the Utica area. A classically trained violinist, he conducted Utica's Civic Band, was Concert Master for the Utica Symphony Orchestra, Conductor of a Youth Orchestra in Chautauqua, NY, and First Violinist in the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra (CSO), where he spent 26 joyous summers with his family and friends, his violin, and his golf clubs.

Anthony is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Dr. James C. Brown; son and daughter-in-law, Anthony J. and Lynn Milograno; his grandchildren, Alicia Milograno and her husband, Eli Hampton, Elizabeth Milograno and her husband Patrick Berry, Michael Milograno, Kaitland Brown, Walker Brown, Zoe Brown, Christy and Mike Colangelo, Amanda and Steve Krupski, Brett and Alaina Meus; and his great-grandchildren, Lillian Berry,

Haley Krupski, Emily Krupski, Reagan Colangelo, and Matthew and Logan Meus. Survivors also include his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Rita Gigliotti, and Joseph Lonero. He also leaves behind his feline companion Lucy, who was always by his side until his passing. Tony was predeceased by his brothers and sisters-in-law, Carmen and Rose Milograno, and Rosario "Ray" and Theodora Milograno; and his in-laws, Antoinette and Joseph Gillette, and Felix Gigliotti.

The family expresses their heartfelt gratitude to the outstanding medical team at the Sitrin Health Care Center second floor rehabilitation and skilled nursing units, St. Luke's Hospital Emergency Room, the New Hartford Fire Department, and Edwards Ambulance for their care and compassion shown to Tony and his family over these many months.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on Friday from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Anthony's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday at 12:00 noon at the funeral home with Father Joseph Salerno officiating and Father Paul Drobin in attendance of the ceremony. Tony was a lover of all animals. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in Tony's memory to your favorite animal shelter.

Tribute Wall

LA

“ I can remember when Tony (Who always seemed like a big smiling teddy bear to me) stood in front of our fifth grade class sharing his love for music and the violin. He put the violin in my hands then and I have not put it down since. He really shaped my whole life. Even up until this past year, we have been violin soulmates – sharing music, CDs, information. I should also mention that he had become a father figure for me since I had lost my father not long after starting the violin. I wish I could have somehow said goodbye to him! Well I'm sure that he heard me when today I performed a very heartfelt Ave Maria in his memory.

To Susie and Anthony Jr. I am very sorry for your loss. And little Lucy too..... If she needs a home...?

Luellen Abdoo - June 23, 2018 at 09:17 AM

BK

“ The memory of listening to Mr Milagrano play the violin at MVILR is a blessing I will treasure forever. A talented, gentle man will fit right in the heavenly symphony.
Barbara Kamp

Barbara Kamp - June 22, 2018 at 07:29 AM

PD

“ I did not have the honor or pleasure of knowing Mr. Milograno or his entire family. I did know he was an amazing , wonderful man, father and grandfather because I do know and love his son Tony J. Milograno, son-in-law Jim Brown and grandson-in law Mike Colangelo. All three men that were totally dedicated to Oneida County's Stop DWI Victim Panel.

May all the family and friends of Mr Milograno experience how close the Lord stays to the broken hearted. Just the thought of Tony and Helen being reunited and working on their new song for all eternity makes my heart smile.

Patty Washburn DeMinico

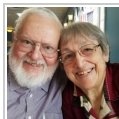
Patricia DeMinico - June 22, 2018 at 07:03 AM



“ Before I moved to Clinton at age 10, I had "studied" the trumpet. I later wound up with a violin and took lessons at school from Mr. Milograno. As intuitive and knowledgeable as he was those 60 some years ago, he gently convinced me that I might have a much better musical future if I changed my choice of instruments. During lunchtime one day, I was sitting on the bleachers with some friends when we saw Mr. Milograno walking out. What could he want? He came up to me and asked, "Brooksy, how would you like to be in the senior band while you're in Junior High?" I still recall the thrill I felt at those few words. "Please, what do I have to do?" "Would you be willing to switch to the tuba?" I did and remain forever grateful to him.

Too many wonderful experiences happened in this man's presence for me to scratch the surface but I must say that, other than my father, Mr. Milograno held the highest point of esteem of all male role models, mentors, heroes, and friends I could have had. Years later, I had the privilege of working with his wife Helen and her sister Antoinette Gilette. Both of these fine ladies reflected the sweet appreciation of life that was so exemplified by "the boss". Thanks to Mr. Milograno I was gifted with the belief that a life without music is dust. The world is a little dustier today without the sounds of both his wonderful music and his gentle philosophy. Goodbye, for now, my hero.

Angie Brooks - June 21, 2018 at 02:45 PM



Clearly these are the experiences of Jim though Angie knew and respected him and his family equally warmly.

Angie Brooks - June 21, 2018 at 09:49 PM

RO

“ Anthony got me first interested in music at an early age...was always told we were related...to Anthony's family you have our Thoughts and Prayers!

Richard Orilio - June 21, 2018 at 10:26 AM

FP

“ Susan, Gail and I were saddened to read that your dad died. We are traveling and unable to tell you in person what a treasure he was to Clinton Central School. I am sure that we will meet in the gym to continue talking about how much I enjoyed working with your dad. Frank Perretta

Frank Perretta - June 20, 2018 at 08:33 AM

SN

“ Sandy and Shane Nelson purchased the Europe an Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Anthony S. "Tony" Milograno.



Sandy and Shane Nelson - June 19, 2018 at 12:26 PM