



## Mr. Anthony D. "Tony" Pettinato Jr.

February 19, 2015

Mr. Anthony D. "Tony" Pettinato, Jr., age 81, passed away unexpectedly in the comfort and dignity of his home with his loving family at his side.

Born in Utica on August 9, 1933, Anthony was the son of the late Anthony and Carmella (Chiellino) Pettinato. A proud veteran of the United States Army, Tony honorably served his country from 1956-1957 during the Korean Conflict. On July 11, 1959 he married the former Marilyn A. Kaido with whom he shared 55 years; they made the most of their time together and their greatest joy was raising their four children. For more than half a century, they enjoyed each other's company, their good home-grown food, and a lot of laughter.

Anthony was endowed with a tremendous work ethic. His extensive career culminated with the IIT Research Institute / Reliability Analysis Center where he provided a litany of cutting edge communication and aviation technology innovations. He offered specialized reliability and maintainability services to a broad spectrum of government agencies. The Federal Aviation Administration sought his advice in planning reliability qualification tests, and appointed him a member of the FAA design review team. He was a technical advisor to the U.S. Air Force for mission control and communications, where he participated in design reviews, critiqued all reliability and participated in maintainability demonstrations. He also led a team which analyzed reliability data on Orbital Replacement Units intended for use on Space Station Freedom.

Prior to joining IITRI, Tony served 30 dedicated years as a Reliability Engineer for the Rome Air Development Center at Griffiss Air Force Base. He was a

branch chief at the Air Force Rome Laboratory, where he led a team of 12 engineers providing expertise to a variety of Air Force Systems, and earned an international reputation for excellence as a reliability advisor. His service on a joint Air Force-FAA project in 1972 led to an FAA request for Rome Laboratory reliability support that has continued for more than 20 years. His branch also developed engineering tools including updates of reliability prediction models, factors for translating reliability data into operational terms, and the widely acclaimed RADC Reliability Engineer's Toolkit.

Tony held a degree in Chemistry and Mathematics from Syracuse University, augmented by participation in the Syracuse University Modern Engineering Program and a variety of courses in electrical/electronic engineering and program management. He was a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Reliability Society, the Air Force Association, the Old Crows Association, and the Armed Forces Communications and Engineering Association. He received four Air Force Scientific Achievement Awards and held the Outstanding Civilian Career Service Award for Distinguished Federal Service.

Tony was a perfectionist, by nature. He believed in exploring education and knowledge based ideas and was a great debater on many topics including politics and sports. He projected a strong presence and was charismatic and humorous. He will be remembered as a mentor to many. He took pride in his home and his dance moves with Marilyn to the tunes of Buddy Holly era music. He enjoyed traveling to visit family, and after retirement, he volunteered at the St. Elizabeth Hospital. He was a member of the American Legion Post #229, and the Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity at Syracuse University. He was a communicant of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church and past treasurer of its Holy Name Society. In his free time, when he wasn't reading stock market reports or golfing, you might have found him in his garden, surrounded by pole beans, garlic, tomatoes, hot peppers and basil.

Anthony is survived by his devoted wife, Marilyn; his daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Michael Pellegrino of Whitesboro, Sharon and Jay Garfinkel

of Long Island, and Antonette and William Melvin of Georgia; his son, Anthony Pettinato and Kimberly Jaquier of Utica; and his grandchildren, Kristin Pellegrino Eddy and her husband Christopher Eddy, and their son Joshua; Anna Garfinkel, Billy Garfinkel, and Billy Melvin. Always close to his heart was the memory of his grandson, Michael Paul Pellegrino, who preceded him in death on April 25, 2011. He will also be remembered by his sister and brother-in-law, Dolores and Louis Papale of Utica; his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, sister-in-law, Dorothy Holmes of Utica; in-laws, Robert and Suz Kaido of CA; many friends, with special mention of Dick Motto, Tom Oltouk, Al Tamborrino, and Joe Saraceno; and close neighbors Pat Corriero, and Ed Scanio. He was predeceased by his sisters and brothers-in-law, Flora and Rocco Macri, Serafina "Sarah" Pettinato, Lucy and John Jeamel, and his infant sister, Josephine Pettinato; his brother-in-law, Roland Holmes; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Felix and Frances Kaido.

Visitation will be held Monday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial donations in Tony's honor to the American Heart Association; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Anthony's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Tuesday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Kaminski. His committal service and military honors will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com  
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Marilyn and family,  
Sorry to hear about the passing of Tony. You and your family will be  
in our thoughts and prayers*

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**matthew chmielewski** - March 02, 2015 at 02:41 PM

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“ *Tony & Family, I was so sad to hear of the  
loss of Tony Sr. I can still hear his laughter.  
He was a great guy who will be missed by  
many. May the memories you have of him,  
stay fresh all of your days.*



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**Kimberly & Andrew Artessa** - February 25, 2015 at 07:40 PM

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“ *Anthony,*

*Im very sorry for loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are  
with you and your family during this difficult time.*

*Love,  
Felicia Colosimo*

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**Felicia** - February 23, 2015 at 03:58 PM

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“ Dear Marilyn and family, I am so sorry to hear about Tony. The last time I spoke to him in the Fall he sounded great. We were talking about all of the good times we had together when Phil was alive. We were reminiscing about our days in college and Nursing School. Take care of yourself.

*Nancy Trela-Keoghan*

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**Nancy Trela-Keoghan** - February 23, 2015 at 02:07 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony D. "Tony" Pettinato Jr..



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February 23, 2015 at 11:28 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony D. "Tony" Pettinato Jr..



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February 23, 2015 at 08:36 AM

JT

“ John & Tony purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Mr. Anthony D. "Tony" Pettinato Jr..



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**John & Tony** - February 23, 2015 at 08:33 AM



“ Roses For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony D. "Tony" Pettinato Jr..



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February 22, 2015 at 06:48 PM



“ Barbie-

*Michael and I are so sorry for your loss. XXXOOO*

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**Mr and Mrs Michael Paul** - February 22, 2015 at 06:36 PM



“ Barb and family.....

*So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers. Michele Nicoletta*

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**michele nicoletta** - February 22, 2015 at 06:23 PM



“ Miss your grandfather he was a great man and one of my favorite patients always coming in and saying have you seen Krissy. Then he would bring us pizza. My thoughts and prayers are with you guys love you and let me know if you need anything



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**Eileen** - February 22, 2015 at 06:02 PM

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“ Susie, Marc, Terry and Eric purchased the Condo  
lence Snacks for the family of Mr. Anthony D.  
"Tony" Pettinato Jr..



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**Susie, Marc, Terry and Eric** - February 22, 2015 at 02:53 PM

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“ Pearl Garfinkel purchased the Blue & White Sym  
pathy Floor Basket for the family of Mr. Anthony  
D. "Tony" Pettinato Jr..



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**Pearl Garfinkel** - February 22, 2015 at 02:26 PM