

Mr. Anthony J. Scialdone

September 18, 1944 - October 2, 2021

Mr. Anthony J. Scialdone (aka “Tony Troy”) passed away unexpectedly at the age of 77 on the evening of Saturday, October 2, 2021 – a great loss to his beloved family.

Born on September 18, 1944 in Utica, NY to the late Joseph J. and Eleanor J. (Pugliese) Scialdone, Tony was destined to live a life enriched by love, service, and fulfillment. Baptized a Roman Catholic, he attended parochial grammar school, where he received all his sacraments. Tony learned the teachings of the Church as a boy, and held those values close throughout the remainder of his life. He graduated from T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1962.

The former Anne-Marie Eriksen met Tony at the age of 18. On July 13, 1968, they married at St. Theresa Church in New Berlin. Throughout their 53 years of marriage, they went on to live their best lives together, with Anne-Marie always remaining the love of Tony’s life. Tony cared deeply for his children and grandchildren, always making time for them, and always sharing many words of great value. He was well-known as an epic conversationalist who was never hesitant to give advice, solicited or not!

Tony earned acclaim in his younger years for playing guitar and singing with local musicians under the stage name, Tony Troy. He was a member of bands such as The Cruisers and The Original Playboys. Following his marriage, he stepped back from being a musician to focus on his family. After his kids were grown, he returned to the stage to perform karaoke and to occasionally sing

with his favorite local music acts. Tony particularly enjoyed the “Golden Oldies” including tunes by Bobby Darin, The Beatles, and Ricky Nelson. In addition to his music, Tony pursued other artistic outlets such as photography and drawing.

In terms of professional work, Tony’s first major job was at General Electric (GE) on Bleecker Street in Utica. As a self-taught “computer geek,” he went on to work as a systems programmer at Mohawk Data Sciences (MDS) in Herkimer, and then moved to Par Technology in New Hartford where he continued applying his programming skills. After retirement, Tony could be found actively taking on projects that bridged his love of computing and artistic expression, such as creating websites, editing newsletters, designing slide shows for events, and curating musical compilations for family and friends. Tony understood the importance of service to others, which he embodied in many ways. He was a member of the US Army Reserve, Medic Division of the Elihu Root Center. He was active in several former local organizations, including acting as president of the Mohawk Valley Computer Club and the Utica Lodge 450 Loyal Order of the Moose. He even coached a baseball team that his son Anthony played on as a kid, even though Tony’s favorite sports were basketball and football.

He always cheered loudly for the Boston Celtics when his all-time favorite athlete, Larry Bird, was their star player. Tony also had an appreciation for great television performances, and in particular, enjoyed re-watching classics with characters such as Barney Fife on The Andy Griffith Show, Reverend Jim on Taxi, and Larry, Darryl, and Darryl on Newhart. Additionally, Tony had a fondness for the Adirondack region of New York State. A favorite summer event was traveling with his family to Saratoga, Lake George, and the Lake Champlain regions.

Of the many professional and personal hats that Tony wore, nothing was more important to him than the well-being of his family. While he had special terms of endearment for various family members, Tony’s favorite was in referring to his and his brother’s children and grandchildren as “fish” or “fishes”.

He was welcomed to eternal rest by his brother Joseph J. Scialdone (March 29, 2021) and his cousin Peter J. Scialdone (January 13, 2021), who together, shared a special closeness and are now united in peace. Tony is survived by his loving wife, Anne-Marie, and his two sons and their loves, Anthony Jr. and Heather Scialdone, as well as Michael J. Scialdone and Brandy Falise. He also leaves behind his cherished grandchildren, Dominick and Valentina Scialdone; and his nephews, nieces, and great-nephews. He is further survived by his Uncle Joe and Aunt Betty Ponessa; his sister-in-law, Dale Scialdone; in-laws Diane Eriksen Vaughn (and her late husband Ricky), Marion and Larry Goetz, and Tom and Linda Eriksen; and many cousins. Tony also shared long-time and treasured friendships with Ed and Mary Cattadoris and Marie Duink.

Tony's family wishes to thank the physicians and staff of CNY Cardiology for their years of dedication and service to his medical needs.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Tony's Mass of Christian Burial which will be held at 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at St. Thomas Church, 180 Clinton Rd., in New Hartford. The family will pause to acknowledge those present at the service. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family. The Scialdone family gratefully accepts memorial donations made on Tony's behalf to St. Jude Children's Hospital online at <https://www.stjude.org/donate/>; envelopes will also be available at the service.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT 12. 11:15 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Church
150 Clinton Road
New Hartford, NY 13413

Tribute Wall

JN

“ John and I were stunned and heartbroken to hear of Tony's passing. We were JUST talking about the wonderful, wonderful times we had playing at the Moose Club in Marcy, which was all due to Tony! He looooooved music and was so supportive of us which inspired us to do the very best job we could and have a blast doing it. And, he designed our first website as I had NO clue how to even begin. Tony was a kind and warm soul who was a great friend and truly fun to be around! We loved being with him and Anne Marie. He was taken too soon...a great, great loss. Rest in peace, my friend.

Joey Nigro-Nilsen - October 21, 2021 at 05:29 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony J. Scialdone.



October 11, 2021 at 03:11 PM

GB

“ Anne so sorry to hear of the loss of Tony such a nice guy he will be so missed. Rest in peace Tony Love Gary and Brian



Gary and Brian - October 09, 2021 at 10:09 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony J. Scialdone.*



October 08, 2021 at 01:18 PM



“ *Anne-Marie. So sorry about Tony's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you my friend.*
Linda

Linda Mann - October 07, 2021 at 11:17 AM



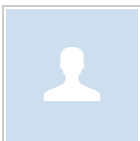
Thank you so much, Linda. Thinking of you my friend!

Anne-Marie Scialdone - October 07, 2021 at 03:03 PM



We are so sorry to hear of our dear friends passing. We will always remember him, as we always affectionately referred to him as TonyGuitar. rest in peace.

David and Lucle Joswick - October 08, 2021 at 06:24 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony J. Scialdone.*



October 06, 2021 at 05:36 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony J. Scialdone.*



October 06, 2021 at 03:51 PM



“ *My wife and I have a very special connection to Tony. He was my very best childhood friend and that friendship continued to live on to the day he died. Rest in peace my friend. I love you. I'll always cherish memories of playing whiffle ball near Ventura's restaurant and we shot baseball cards on the library steps. He was my best man at my wedding. I'll miss our phone conversations.*

Ed Cattadoris

Ed Cattadoris - October 06, 2021 at 03:09 PM



“ *It's been many years since I have seen Tony. I remember his warm heart and cheerful attitude. Prayers to the Scialdone family. From: Lisa and Kyle Wielgosz, Brittany Wielgosz White.*

Lisa Wielgosz - October 06, 2021 at 02:50 PM



“ *So sorry for your family's loss. Anthony, Jr. is a good friend of mine and, in reading his father's obituary, I can understand where he gets his great personality and sense of humor. Praying for your comfort in this heartbreaking time.*



Dawn Cline - October 06, 2021 at 02:05 PM

AR

“ *My condolences to the Scialdine family. I remember Anthony from St. Agnes parochial class of '58.*

Arthur - October 06, 2021 at 09:49 AM