



Antonio "Anthony" "Pags" Pagliaro Jr.

April 23, 1981 - March 28, 2018

UTICA/SCHUYLER - Mr. Antonio "Anthony" "Pags" Pagliaro, Jr., age 36, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 in the comfort of his home with his loving family and friends by his side, after a brave 5-year battle with colon cancer.

Born in Utica on April 23, 1981, Antonio was the son of Antonio "Tony" Sr. and Enrichetta (Papa) Pagliaro. He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1999 and began his professional destiny and purpose in life — to help people in need of emergency medical services, by training as an EMT with Kunkel Ambulance. He went on to earn his Paramedic degree by attending classes through the partnership program between Herkimer County Community College and Bassett Hospital. In 2004, Anthony met Nicole Krowicki, and soon after, they declared their love. They tied the knot on May 8, 2010 and dedicated their lives to one another, and to their children. Not only were Anthony and Nicole husband and wife, but best friends. You never saw one without the other or without their children, and they all shared a true companionship! It was a family affair!

Pags loved his family, his life, and his work as a Paramedic/Supervisor with Kunkel Ambulance, a career that spanned over 15 years. He concurrently was a member of the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company and the Schuyler Ambulance Company where he served as Director of Operations and was promoted to Ambulance Chief. Pag's passion was to provide critical help and comfort to those in need, especially in his hometown of Utica. He will also be

remembered for coaching, teaching, and mentoring the younger generation. The scanner was always on, and his advice was always sent, to the very end. It was more than a career; it was a calling.

Anthony was adored by many. He was a truly beloved son to his parents and they will be ever mindful of what a beautiful person he was and will always be. As a brother and middle child, he was a role model and he led by example. He was respectful and always aware of his behavior. He was a leader in so many ways. As a dad, he interacted in his kids' world in an integral way. He was the #1 'dance dad' for Alexis, and for Antonio he was sports manager and taught him the protocols for Fire and Ambulance calls. Kylie was "daddy's little girl" and she was always by his side. If something went wrong, she was never at fault.... It was so obvious that he fulfilled his role as dad with love, leniency, and laughter. Pags was also a passionate cook, a pursuit that was prompted by having an Italian mom who was a great cook, but he would power up some of the recipes with his own twist. His almond paste cookies, chocolate roll, and cassata were delectable because he was also blessed with baking skills. He added a pinch of humor to the household when he prepared his cuisine and confections. He also tried his hand at gardening, a venture that was impressive and bountiful. Pags put effort into his apparent forte as a "Mr. Fix-it" around the house. He enjoyed the great assortment of tools, but he never could get the jobs done... until he called his father-in-law, and things got fixed; yet he could paint a room like no other. He enjoyed the pastimes of collecting fire patches and statues of firetrucks, as well as visiting the Fire House of any town or city he happened to be in, and tour their facility. The 9/11 tragedy was a memory he never forgot, and when in New York City he visited, talked, and offered compassion to those who served during that tragic time. Although he was a fierce advocate of firefighters, he was, first and foremost, an EMS front liner.

Anthony served on the Board of the Believe 271 Foundation, dedicated to helping firefighters in their time of need. In 2015, Pags was the first recipient of the kindness of this group. He built upon the foundation's mantra to "Keep

Clean”, a key position to foster legislation to pass a Cancer Bill for volunteer firefighters who had cancer. He was also an advocate for designating separate fire departments for each ambulance service. One of his favorite holiday events was the annual Schuyler Fire House “Breakfast with Santa”, a yearly endeavor for Pags, and this past Christmas was the largest turnout, ever. It would be a testament to him to see this scene succeed time and again in the future.

Pags was a parishioner of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, and it was his Catholic upbringing that gave him the faith and fortitude to meet his challenges, especially his illness. He was a believer and he admired his Pastor, Fr. Joe Salerno. The Lord walked alongside Antonio, to guide him through this difficult time, to a place of eternal peace.

Anthony is survived by his wife, Nicole; his children, Alexis, age 13, Antonio III, age 9, and Kylie, age 5; his parents, Tony and Richetta; and his brothers and sister-in-law, Peter and Jessica Pagliaro, and Michael Pagliaro. He also leaves his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Allen and Cathy Krowicki with whom he shared much love and a big part of his life; in-laws, Danielle Krowicki and fiancé Robert Mosher, Alissia Krowicki and Eric Doolen, and Dakota Krowicki; numerous aunts and uncles; nieces and nephews, Angelina, Pietro, and Giovanni; Kendra, and Jordan; Leah, Maci, and Matthew; and a great number of cousins. He was blessed with many wonderful friends throughout his life, with special mention of Mike Knapp, John Scholl, Robert Parry, and Dan Mabbett. He will be remembered by his wife’s grandmothers, Dolores Richardson, and Phyllis Delosh. He will be embraced into the arms of his grandparents and uncles who preceded him.

The family is grateful to Dr. Alicia Detraglia, and Dr. Molly Shugg for their guidance and compassion; the staff of the Regional Cancer Center and Hospice & Palliative Care for their gentle approach and love that made Pags’ final journey comfortable; Fr. Joe Salerno for his prayers; Kunkel Ambulance, Schuyler Ambulance, and his Believer 271 families for all their extended

support which meant so very much. In addition, so many offered their prayers and acts of kindness, inclusive of their extended families and the community at large.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 4:00-8:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, 2222 Genesee Street. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Antonio's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Wednesday morning at 10:30 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where his Mass of Christian Burial will be officiated by Rev. Joseph Salerno with full Firefighter Honors conferred. Ethan Geary/Fire Department Chaplin will be present to commemorate his memory.

Tribute Wall

GE

“ I know I have never met you but I have heard so much good things about you. You will be an insparaticion to me thank you for evrything that you have done to the city of utica and beyond. Fly high. - genesis

gendelaruz - July 07, 2019 at 09:35 PM

JH

“ Soon it will be a year that he passed away .i know it's been a very difficult and hard road .To his mom and dad I know your life has been turned upside down and also his wife children and brothers. Your life will never be the same. I send my love I can still remember when the three boys came with there parents to visit my parents always well behaved

joann haley - February 02, 2019 at 05:08 AM

LL

“ Tony was such a great father tome and my siblings. I miss you so much dad. Thanks for being such a great inspiration and a hero. You will always be loved. I miss you. fly high bestie. until we meet again. love you

Lexi Lynch - May 30, 2018 at 10:27 AM

JO

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Jasmine Ortiz - May 30, 2018 at 10:34 AM

SB

“ a beautiful service { wake} on Tuesday, I had the chance to see him one last time. to his parents , wife and kids, and to his brothers god bless you all, and to eannance funeral home another job well done.

sal barbero - April 04, 2018 at 12:08 AM

AW

“ I will always treasure all the advice and memories! I miss you like crazy and love you Pags! Thank you for being an inspiration to me and being my hero. You're now my guardian angel! RIP ❤️🙏

amy warmuth - April 03, 2018 at 09:22 PM

DG

“ Tony will be remembered as a man that was always smiling. He loved his family and his extended EMS family. He was a friend to many. God bless his wife, children, and family with peace and comfort.

DeAnn and Dave Geary - April 03, 2018 at 03:12 PM

LR

“ To the Pagliaro family, I first met Antonio when I moved to Mary Street and my kids went to school with him and his brother Peter. As a little boy I remember him always smiling, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with your family at this difficult time. Linda (Lopiccolo) Roberts

Linda Roberts - April 03, 2018 at 12:19 PM

DK

“ *Nicole and Family I'm so sorry for your loss. My deepest thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time. What a loss to the world and the ultimate gain to heaven. I hope all the wonderful memories will help sustain you. He wil definitely live on in the hearts of many.*



Dorothy Keyes - April 02, 2018 at 05:30 PM

ME

“ To Nicole and the entire Pagliaro family: My condolences to you all on the death of Antonio. The loss of a loved one, especially at such a young age, is never easy to accept. But we have the comfort and assurance of our faith that tells us death is not the end but merely a change. We know that if we have lived the life of Christ, faithful to His Gospel and His example, we will inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. I have no doubt that at the moment Antonio passed from this earthly life he was welcomed into the Lord's embrace with the words: "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter now into the joy of your Lord."

I have fond memories of working with Pags at Kunkel as well as all those times he would stop by the church to visit me, sometimes just to say "Hi" or have lunch. Yes, those lunches on the front steps were some really great times.

Pags was a generous, kind, and selfless individual who lived his Catholic faith to the fullest. He was filled with an abundance of love, which he did not hesitate to share with all he encountered.

Antonio, thank you for everything. Thank you especially for the gift of yourself, which you gave so unselfishly to us all. You will always be in my heart and in my prayers.

May God grant you eternal rest, my brother, and may you experience the joy of heaven in the company of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Anthony, and all the saints.

Love ya, Pags!

MOst Rev. Archbishop Stephen J. Enea - April 02, 2018 at 12:26 PM

PP

Thank you ❤️ Pags brother

Peter Pagliaro - April 02, 2018 at 04:34 PM

BM

“ Going to miss you my friend. Until we meet in heaven...God speed.
Love ya!

Brian McQueen - April 02, 2018 at 12:33 AM

PP

Thank you ❤️ Pags brother

Peter Pagliaro - April 02, 2018 at 04:35 PM

BD

“ I first met Tony when I was a new EMT at Kunkel. He was always smiling and would light up the room. He will be greatly missed.

Brianne DiPrima - April 01, 2018 at 10:52 AM

PP

Thank you ❤️ Pags brother

Peter Pagliaro - April 02, 2018 at 04:35 PM

LC

“ I first met Tony while working in the ED I remember what I had for dinner last night so I don't remember the call. Tony was a young medic with a big smile, I got to know him and have been friends ever since.

Nicole, you have been through the ringer and came out the other side a better person. You and the children will forever be in my thoughts and prayers.

Les Congdon - April 01, 2018 at 07:06 AM

PP

Les he always had great things to say about you Thank you ❤️ Pags brother

Peter Pagliaro - April 02, 2018 at 04:36 PM

DP

“ Dan & Maria Post lit a candle in memory of Antonio "Anthony" "Pags" Pagliaro Jr.



Dan & Maria Post - March 31, 2018 at 06:00 PM

PP

Thank you ❤️ Pags brother

Peter Pagliaro - April 02, 2018 at 04:36 PM

JH

“ I'm am so sorry for your loss. I can still remember him as a child with his two brothers visiting my moms house with food always on the table with family and friends always around . I can still picture the boys sitting at the table quietly and always respectful. Those times were the best time of our lives but we didn't know it back then. I remember his dad wanted him to go to college instead of becoming a paramedic and I remember having a discussion with his dad about. Anthony came to my parents house when we called 911 for one of my family member and it gave me a good feeling inside that they were being taken care of because of Anthony and the loved he shared as he took care of them. To his parents and family it's diffivult to bear the loss but the pain he endured was worse physically and mentally . All of his family member were there to greet him and I'm sure others he knew were there also. Rest In Peace dear Anthony I can still picture your round smiling face love to the whole family. Joann Cavo haley

joann cavo haley - March 31, 2018 at 06:47 AM

PP

We had great times at your moms and great food. I love hearing how he took care of our friends as a paramedic Thank you ❤️ Pags brother

Peter Pagliaro - April 02, 2018 at 04:38 PM

JF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Tony’s family and friends. May he Rest In Peace. My heart aches for you Nicole and your children. May your love and strength carry you on. I am so very sorry. Love you.*



Janis Flansburg - March 30, 2018 at 11:19 PM

PP

Thank you ❤️ Pags brother

Peter Pagliaro - April 02, 2018 at 04:39 PM

MD

“ *Melissa Daniels lit a candle in memory of Antonio "Anthony" "Pags" Pagliaro Jr.*



Melissa Daniels - March 30, 2018 at 08:49 PM

PP

Thank you ❤️ Pags brother

Peter Pagliaro - April 02, 2018 at 04:39 PM

DO

“ *May the love of god surround the family during this time of sorrow. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Michael & Diane O'Donnell*



Diane O'Donnell - March 30, 2018 at 07:39 PM

PP

Thank you ❤️ Pags brother

Peter Pagliaro - April 02, 2018 at 04:39 PM

SM

“ *FROM A FRIEND TO A FELLOW A/EMT F.F. ALWAYS ABLE TO WORK AND SMILE WHEN KEEPING ALL SAFE. ANGEL ON EARTH. MANY TIMES AS A TEACHER AND DURING THE STRESS OF THE CALL YOUR PROFESSIONAL MANNER / WILL KEEP ON WITH YOUR SPIRIT. FROM MY FAMILY TOO YOUR'S THANK YOU D.F.D.11 SHAWN MURPHY*

SHAWN MURPHY - March 30, 2018 at 06:08 PM

PP

Thank you ❤️ Pags brother

Peter Pagliaro - April 02, 2018 at 04:40 PM

Robert McGibeny

“ *Prayers to all. To the family stay strong and know he is healthy and with family in heaven. God bless pags. It was a great honor to know him. Former FCFD member*

Robert McGibeny - March 30, 2018 at 03:17 PM

PP

Thank you ❤️ Pags brother

Peter Pagliaro - April 02, 2018 at 04:40 PM

KB

“ Nicole, we are so very sorry for your loss. Sending prayers to all. May he RIP.



Kevin and Joanne Bienkowski - March 30, 2018 at 12:41 PM

PP

Thank you ❤️ Pags brother

Peter Pagliaro - April 02, 2018 at 04:41 PM

HC

“ Went to high school with Anthony. What a great guy he was. Always nice and friendly! Rest In Peace Anthony and prayers for the family.

Heather Comito - March 30, 2018 at 12:41 PM

PP

Thank you ❤️ Pags brother

Peter Pagliaro - April 02, 2018 at 04:41 PM

YC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I saw the beautiful tribute that was written. The memories he made never die they live on in us. Praying for you during this difficult time.



Yolanda Cavo - March 30, 2018 at 10:07 AM

PP

Thank you ❤️ Pags brother

Peter Pagliaro - April 02, 2018 at 04:41 PM

MA

“ There are no words to say that will ease your pain Nicole.. Please accept our deepest condolences for your family's loss and know that you are in our thoughts and prayers..



marion - March 30, 2018 at 08:45 AM

PP

Thank you ❤️ Pags brother

Peter Pagliaro - April 02, 2018 at 04:41 PM

Maggie
Foster
Vanderwo

“ You Touched so many lives. Both Friends and patients. You will sorely missed by both my husband and me. Rest in peace Pags. We love you. To his family we are so sorry for your loss

Maggie Foster Vanderwood - March 30, 2018 at 07:37 AM

PP

Thank you ❤️ Pags brother

Peter Pagliaro - April 02, 2018 at 04:42 PM

DW

“ You have touched so many peoples lives including ours. You will be truly missed. The Mabbett's- Dan, Denise, Daniel, and David



Denise Wiliczka-Mabbett - March 30, 2018 at 01:17 AM



Thank you ❤️ Pags brother

Peter Pagliaro - April 02, 2018 at 04:42 PM



“ *Josh McMullen lit a candle in memory of Antonio "Anthony" "Pags" Pagliaro Jr.*



Josh McMullen - March 29, 2018 at 11:08 PM



*Game Called by darkness — let the curtain fall.
No more remembered thunder sweeps the field.
No more the ancient echoes hear the call
To one who wore so well both sword and shield:
The Big Guy's left us with the night to face
And there is no one who can take his place.*

*Game Called — and silence settles on the plain.
Where is the crash of ash against the sphere?
Where is the mighty music, the refrain
That once brought joy to every waiting ear?
The Big Guy's left us lonely in the dark
Forever waiting for the flaming spark.*

*Game Called — what more is there for us to say?
How dull and drab the field looks to the eye
For one who ruled it in a golden day
Has waved his cap to bid us all good-bye.
The Big Guy's gone — by land or sea or foam
May the Great Umpire call him "safe at home."
-Grantland Rice, "Game Called"*

The great sportswriter also wrote in his more famous poem, "Alumnus Football": "For when the One Great Scorer comes to write against your name—He marks—not that you won or lost—but how you played the game."

When this man's scorebook is reconciled, they will find a true team player-- not only with his family, but with his brothers in arms as well. They will find an unselfish player, made obvious by what he dedicated his life to. They will find that he played the game with vigor and a smile right to the end. And surely, the great Coach in the sky will name him the Most Valuable Player, saying: "This is my son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

Elizabeth and I are both praying for the entire family and we pray for God to take you into his arms as well. Rest in peace, Big Dawg.

Josh McMullen - March 30, 2018 at 12:04 AM



Thanks Josh how perfect. Thank you ❤️ Pags brother

Peter Pagliaro - April 02, 2018 at 04:43 PM

LR

“ So many memories from when we were children and our families got together. Thoughts and prayers to the entire Pagliaro family. Rest In Peace, Lorrena Rizza Randio

lorrena randio - March 29, 2018 at 10:11 PM

PP

Thank you ❤️ Pags brother

Peter Pagliaro - April 02, 2018 at 04:43 PM

DB

“ To the Pagliaro Family, My heart breaks for each and everyone of you. Growing up next door, we had so many great times. I will cherish the memories of Anthony. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. May you rest in peace.

Debbie Barbero - March 29, 2018 at 05:34 PM

SB

to the pagliaro family my thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time, growing up on mary street back in the day are times my family and I will not forget. when my dad was in hospital back in September, Anthony was in a room few rooms down I stopped in there to visit him. he was so brave that day he got out of bed and walked to my dad's room to visit him, that's something I will never forget. to his parents, his two brothers, wife and kids my heart aches. Anthony may you rest in peace my former next door neighbor, luv ya.

sal barbero - March 30, 2018 at 02:11 AM

HR

*Nicole and children,
Not quite as elegant as the other comments made about Tony but the one thing I know is that Tony was a great father and Husband. The few times we met Tony he was sick but had that positive attitude as to what living was about. He will be sorely missed by family and friends. He never gave up but finally the dreaded disease took his life. GREAT PERSON GREAT FAMILY. Love All of you and our thoughts and Prayers are with ya'll. Love You! Uncle Sonny and Aunt DiAnna.*

Henry and DiAnna Reynolds - March 31, 2018 at 07:57 AM

DK

Rest in peace brother EMT..paramedic.. Firefighter. May you find eternal peace PAGES!!!!

Daniel G Kane - March 31, 2018 at 09:59 PM

PP

Thank you ❤️ Pags brother

Peter Pagliaro - April 02, 2018 at 04:44 PM