



Anthony P. Garafolo, Jr.

July 31, 1957 - March 17, 2013

Anthony P. Garafolo, Jr., 55, of Onondaga Hill, NY, passed away at home with his family on Sunday, March 17, 2013. Waiting for Tony at Heavens Gate with hugs and tears will be his father, Anthony, Sr., who predeceased him in October 2012. Right behind him will be his father-in-law, Paul J. OConnor, Jr. who loved him like his own. Tony is survived by his best friend and loving wife of 35 years, Debbie OConnor Garafolo. He also leaves behind two sons, Anthony III and Anna Garafolo of Waynesville, OH and David L. Garafolo of Marcellus, NY. Most difficult was saying good-bye to his three greatest treasures, his granddaughter, Kaydee Rose Garafolo of Marcellus, NY and two grandsons, Anthony Paul IV and Giovanni Gabriel Garafolo of Waynesville, OH. Tony is also survived by his mother, Betty Viggiano Garafolo of Syracuse; his brother, Louis Garafolo of Ormond Beach, FL; two sisters, Linda and Richard Harrington of Delhi, NY and Kathy and Reg Grandjean of Baldwinsville, NY. Tony will be greatly missed by all his in-laws too. His mother-in-law, Joan OConnor; brothers-in-law, Paul and Diane OConnor, Daniel and Juanita OConnor; sisters-in-law, Patty Gersbacher, Sue and John Besten, Kathy Durkin, Joanie and John Mahar. He leaves behind a great number of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Tony loved to vacation with his family, especially in Daytona Beach, FL. His hobbies included cooking, baking and gardening, which he was passing this love down to his grandchildren. Tony enjoyed SU Basketball and card night with friends. Tony worked with Fays Drug Co., for their in-house print shop, for 20 years in

Liverpool, NY. He then continued his career with Finger Lakes Press, Auburn, NY, Trident Printing, Syracuse, NY and Box Car Press, Syracuse, NY. He graduated in 1975 from Henninger High School and Central Tech Vocational Printing and Photography program. Tony was an active member of St. James Church in The Valley of Syracuse where Rev. Daniel OHara and Rev. John Manno will celebrate a Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, at 11 a.m. in the church, 4845 S. Salina Street. Prayers will be held at 10:15 a.m. on Friday at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, DeWitt, NY. Calling hours will be held on Thursday, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Anthony P. Garafolo, Jr.*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - March 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Debbie and family:*

We are so sorry for your loss. Tony was such a generous and caring person. He will be missed by many.

March 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Debbie and Family,*

I am so sorry to hear about Tony's passing. I remember visiting with you and Tony at the 30th Henninger reunion. Tony was so proud and so happy to share his love for his family. My thoughts and prayers are with you Debbie and with your family, a wonderful person who will be greatly missed.

*Warm Regards,
Gail (Giamartino) Behm*

March 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Garafolo Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I went to High School with Tony and he was such a great guy. Reading his obituary was such a loving tribute to a truly gentle spirit. He will be greatly missed. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*
Cindy Biales

March 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Debbie, Tony & David*

I'm so sorry to hear about Tony. Wish I could be there. If there's anything I can do, please let me know.

March 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *We know that no words can ease the pain and loss you are feeling right now. You are in our every prayer and thought.*

March 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dave and Family,*

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Thoughts and prayers to you and your whole family.

March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Debbie and Family , We are very sorry to hear about the passing of Tony. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers in this difficult time . Love Kip And Ellie Brightman

March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Tony was a wonderful human being.

March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your loss, Debbie and family.

We have great memories of Thanksgiving morning "Turkey Bowl" games at Norwood Park in Eastwood with the Grandjeans, Tony and the boys, and others.

May God bless and keep you all, as I know he is with Tony.

March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Debbie and Betty -

We are so sorry that we cannot be there to support you during this difficult time. We have a special memory of visiting with you all in December and were so happy to be able to spend time with Tony. We are thinking of you and have you in our prayers.

We will see you upon our return next week. And know, if there is anything we can do, we will.

All our love. Uncle Al, Aunt Esther, Cousins Anita and Amy

March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Debbie, David, Mike and family...*

When I heard this news my heart was broken. Tony was the best friend I've ever had. I am in shock, having not known whether he was sick or not.

May the good Lord Bless You All and keep you strong. Tony LOVED you Debbie as much as I have ever seen a husband love a wife. And his boys meant everything to him.

I miss you all and wish I could travel up from FL to be there. My friend will be there when I go someday...that's a comfort. But I am so sorry.

Thom

March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Debbie and Families,*

We are so sorry to hear of Tony's passing. He will truly be missed by many. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Box car press friends

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We are so sorry to hear of Tony's passing. He will truly be missed by many. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Debbie,

We are so sorry for the loss to you and your family. We will miss seeing Tony in the office; he was always such a pleasant man to be around.

All of you are in our thoughts and prayers as we wish you strength and comfort during this difficult time.

Our sympathy,

*Tina Tucker and Alex Anthony
Malara Eyecare*

March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Garafolo family, We were shocked and saddened to learn of Tony's passing. We worked with Tony at Trident Printing and he fit right in from the first. Tony was always bringing in pictures he had taken and loved to show the ones of his family, especially the ones of his wife in the sunflowers. I respected the way he always talked so nicely of his family. Ed and I feel priviledged to have known Tony. I pray the memories of Tony will one day bring you smiles and comfort.

March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Debbie, Tony and Dave,
so sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prays are with you

March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Garofalo Family, I went to Blessed Sacrament w/ Tony for 9 years. I am sad to hear that he has passed on. What a great guy, always a good friend. I'm glad to know that he ended up w/ a wonderful family and was a happy man. Sincere condolences to all.
Cindy (Golas) Hamel

March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Debbie, Tony, and David,
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Growing up with Joanie always included Debbie and Tony and all the rest of the O'Connor Family. Tony was always there to give you a hug and make you laugh. If anyone ever needed anything Tony was always there to help. I was Tony and David's Uncle Shellie. My thoughts and prayers are with the whole family. Joanie I am always here for you, I am just a call away if you ever need someone to talk to. A wonderful man taken much too soon!
Love and prayers,
Michelle

March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Garafolo, Tony & David,

I just wanted to say how very, very sorry I am for your tremendous loss. I always remember your family as being one of the best that I know and that has carried on through my whole life. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this sorrowful time.

March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Debbie and family,*

I am truly sorry to hear of Tony's passing. Please accept our deepest sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family right now.

*With heartfelt sympathy,
Patty and Mike Clough*

March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *a good man gone way to soon, got to see Anthony when he would come down to Waynesville, Oh to visit his family.... Thinking of all the Garafolo's during this time.....*

March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ For Kathy, Reg, all the Garafolo's, O'Connor's, family and friends who mourn in the deepest of pain; here is my heartfelt prayer for you.

*Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there, I do not sleep
I am the 1,000 winds that blow
I am the diamond glints on snow
I am the sun on ripened grain
I am the gentle autumn rain
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled light
I am the soft star that shines at night
Do not stand at my grave and cry
I am not there; I did not die.
~by Mary Frye (1932)*

March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Garafalo family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Tony at Trident. He fit right in. I always enjoyed when he spoke about his garden and the gigantic sunflowers he grew. I still have and use the zucchini bread recipe he wrote down for me. He will not be an easy person to forget. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this heartbreaking time.

March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Debbie, Tony and Dave, Tony was the best possible neighbor and friend. Now he and Dick can relax and discuss the next project. We love you all. joann

March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kathy and Reg, We were so sorry to hear of the passing of your brother Tony. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family, Kathy. He was a good man and a loving son, brother, husband and father. Wish we could be there to wrap you all in a hug. Know that you all are in our thoughts, prayers and hearts. Love, Mike, Rosie and family*

March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear, Debbie and Family, Kathy & Reg, and Betty*

We are sorry for your loss and you are in our thoughts and prayers

Tom and Kate Walsh

March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Please know that we are thinking of you and praying for peace and comfort.*

"There are no goodbyes for us.

Wherever you are, he will always be in your heart."

March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear, Debbie and Family, Kathy & Reg, and Betty...
We are so very sorry for your loss. Please know that we are praying and thinking of you all at this difficult time. Time does heal and memories live on forever;enjoy those precious memories with your family.
Love,
Deb and Dan Lynch

March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ to debbie and family
we are so sorry for the loss of tony.we had not seen him in a year but last time we did he was all smiles.he always told us the latest on the family
and how he loved his children and grand children.we had a ball at vine st after they closed ..he was a good friend , and I will miss him VERY MUCH!
thanks T for your years of friendship.
Debbie and family
we are at a loss for words.
we know he is in a better place . a quiet and good man has left you to soon.
may GOD give you the wisdom and strength to get through this terrible ordeal. Tony we will see you again in heaven and will always think of you and your smiling face.GOD BLESS YOU TONY ,THE LORD HAS OTHER THINGS FOR YOU TO DO NOW, R.I.P.
tom & jodi

March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Debbie and Family, and Aunt Betty,
Words cannot begin to express my sorrow for your loss. Cousin Tony was such a wonderful man. He made everyone around him laugh and smile, which is truly a gift. I used to run into him up in Oswego when going to college there. He made me laugh every time I saw him. May your cherished memories of him bring you joy as time passes. Him and Uncle Tony are together, watching over all of you. May God give you and your family the strength to get through this difficult time.*

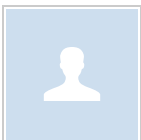
*Love,
Cousin Kim Rudin (Felt)*

March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Anthonys untimely passing . We grew up on the same street , went to grammer school together , and playedcountless games of basketball . Such a great guy . Last time I saw him , was at the State Fair with Debbie and the kids . We spent some time catching up on things and it was so great to see him ! Your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers. He will certainly be missed by many .*

March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Debbie,
I am so sorry to hear of Tony's passing. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. My condolences on your loss.*

March 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Debbie,
Words are not adequate to express how very sorry we were to hear of Tony's passing. He was a wonderful guy who always made those around him smile. Please know that we are keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.*

Love, Tony & Jackie

March 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Debbie, Tony & David, & families, We're so sorry that we are not able to be with you now. We are in St.Maarten. We are just heart broken for you all, Tony was not only a cousin, but a good friend. We will sure miss him.
We will be up to see you when we get home. Love to all, Our thoughts and prayers are with uou all.*

March 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Debbie,
We are very saddened to hear about Tony's passing. We know he was a wonderful man and will be missed by everyone. We are keeping you and your whole family in our thoughts and prayers.
Love, Rick and Kathy*

March 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Betty and Family,*

We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your son, Tony. We know you have had a difficult year, and please realize that your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Do not hesitate to ask our assistance at any time. Your neighbors, Bob, Linda and Tim

March 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Debbie,*

I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep Tony in my prayers. May God bless you and your family!

Sincerely,

Felix DeMott

March 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *TO GAROFOLO FAMILY I WENT TO SCHOOL WITH TONY I HAVE FOND MEMORY'S PLAYING BASKETBALL WITH HIM AT BLESSED SACREMENT SCHOOL MY THOUGHT'S GO OUT TO YOUR FAMILY IN THIS TIME OF NEED
MARK GANLEY*

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