



Anthony Colannino

September 6, 2020

COLANNINO, Anthony of Cresskill passed away on Sunday, September 6, 2020. Son of the late Nicola and Marietta (nee Paglia) Colannino. Beloved husband of Mary (nee Cotoia) for the past 53 years. Loving father of Nicholas Colannino and Paula Karach. Cherished grandfather to Paulina Karach, Joseph Karach, Michael Karach, Luca Antonia Colannino and Gianpaolo Colannino. Dear brother of Marie DeSantis, Pauline DeSantis and Carmela Iommelli. Zio to many nieces and nephews. Anthony was a teacher for over 37 year with the New Milford School District. Family was his passion, whether it was enjoying dinners together, or traveling back to his hometown of Panni, Italy. His hobbies varied from watching soccer or tending to his oleander plants. Visitation at the Barrett Funeral Home, 148 Dean Dr. Tenafly on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 from 6-9 PM. Funeral Mass Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 10 AM at St. Therese Church, Cresskill. Entombment to follow at Garden of Memories, Township of Washington. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons at: <https://medicine.givenow.columbia.edu/?alloc=16367>. The fund selected: Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center Gift.

Cemetery Details

Garden of Memories

300 Soldier Hill Rd
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home
148 Dean Dr
Tenafly, NJ 07670
(201) 568-8043
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Mass

SEP 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

Saint Therese of Liseux Church
120 Monroe Avenue
Cresskill, NJ 07626

Tribute Wall

GW

“ So sorry to hear of Mr Colannino's passing. He was my French teacher back in the early 80s. One of the good ones for sure! May his memory be eternal.

Georgia Kopidis Wells - November 18, 2020 at 08:49 PM



“ Tony was a beautiful person, and my husband and I always enjoyed talking to him around Cresskill High School soccer games. We did not get to see him as much last year, but he did make it to some of the games, and it was great to see him there.

I wanted to share a strange thing that happened yesterday (9/8/20) on the day of Tony's Visitation. I received a new mail notification on my phone, so I went to check my mail. I saw an old 2014 email from the Director of Boy's coaching of a soccer club that my son used to play for, followed by a string of emails from my father, who had passed away on 9/10/2016.

I found it very strange and wondered if I had put in a search word that generated these particular emails. I checked, and I hadn't. These were the "current" emails. All of a sudden, my phone started downloading all of my other emails, 7000+ of them. I immediately wrote to my relatives that my father was reaching out to me before the 4th anniversary of his death, but I was still puzzled as to why the first email was from that soccer club. I went back to the email app, and the downloading number was now out of 5232 emails (I think, in case that particular number was significant to anyone.)

Later in the day, as I got ready to go to Tony's viewing, it suddenly dawned on me that Tony's grandsons, Luca Antonia and Gianpaolo, also played for that same soccer club for many years as well.

I have the warm feeling that Tony met my father in heaven, and they were both letting me know this. They were wonderful men, and I am comforted by their newfound friendship.

Rest in peace, Tony. I will especially be thinking of you whenever I am at the Cresskill HS soccer field. Our deepest condolences to all of you who loved him.

Love,

Wendy Tilp (and Bob, Brandon and Danielle)

Wendy Tilp - September 09, 2020 at 12:09 PM

DK

“*Memories of having Mr Colannino as a teacher were well worth it. My condolences to his family. He was a great teacher. Keep the memories alive with pictures. Diane Kaske*

Diane Kaske - September 08, 2020 at 06:48 PM

GG

“*Tony Colannino had a major impact on my life as a second father, a friend and confidant. He has been a great inspiration for family values. He lived in full love of family, friends and people. Tony was the best Godfather for my son. Heaven is blessed with a new Angel “Anthony Colannino”.
Love Gaetano*

Gaetano de Gioia - September 08, 2020 at 06:05 PM

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“*I had the privilege of working with Tony at NMHS. He was one of the kindest and most patient people I have ever known. Tony’s love of family and his dedication to his students was second to none. The New Milford school district was fortunate to have him on the faculty. Rest In Peace my friend.*

John Goldstein (Burke) - September 08, 2020 at 04:33 PM

MA

True, true. A wonderful man.

mariagrompone - September 08, 2020 at 06:42 PM

BT

“ My family and I had the privilege of meeting Tony at our son's High School Soccer games 3 years when Tony's grandsons played for CHS. I remember that one of the very 1st things I would do after arriving at games was to look to see if Tony was there yet because we truly enjoyed 'hanging out' with him on the sidelines.

To say that Tony was a "character" would be an understatement. He was more involved in the games, the refereeing, the coaching, and the cheering than anyone else there. If he disagreed with a coaching decision or a referee call (or missed call) he would respectfully let his opinion be known.

He always had such nice things to say about our son Brandon even the 1st year we met him and that was a real compliment considering both his grandsons (and his son Nic from what I have heard) were such stars in the sport. Tony, the Tilp family will miss you, but we will be forever grateful for the joy you brought into our lives.

Bob, Wendy, Brandon, and Danielle

Bob Tilp - September 08, 2020 at 01:23 PM

JA

“ Tony and I graduated MS College in 1966-He in foreign language ; me in IA; We met each other 54 years ago walking into NMHS together on our FIRST day of 1st year teaching: Wished each other well and spent a lifetime.... Sleep well my friend 😊 JIM Africano

jim africano - September 07, 2020 at 11:38 PM

MA

we will miss him. What a gental soul.

mariagrompone - September 08, 2020 at 06:45 PM

BB

“ I was lucky to have Mr Colannino as both a teacher and a coach. I have only fond memories of those days. I hope his family finds comfort in knowing how many students were positively influenced by him over the course of his career.

Bob Berman - September 07, 2020 at 10:09 PM

KU

“ I have Mr. Colannino to thank for my love of foreign languages, first French, then Spanish, then bits bits and and pieces of other languages to help me when I traveled! I wish I had found him years later (he was my teacher in the mid 90s) to let him know. I can only imagine how much his family will miss him. I want all who love him to know what a joy he was in the classroom and how inspirational he was. It must have been tremendously hard to have a huge impact on year after year of adolescents, but he did it! I am not sure if he was a big fan or just mentioned them in passing, but I always smile and think of him when I hear the Gypsy Kings. I'm lucky to have had him touch my life.

Kristin Uszak - September 07, 2020 at 09:33 PM

RT

“ Tony you will be missed by many. I have fond memories of when we used to all meet at your house in North Bergen in the basement and get ready to go to the Coop. Such great memories of our youth. Was happy to have you in my house 2 years ago with Mary. Dio ha visto come stavi diventando stanco e una cura che non c'era, Così lui ti ha abbracciato e sotto voce ti ha detto "Vieni con me" Dio ha spezzato i nostri cuori per dare una prova a noi, Che lui si prende solo il migliore. You made loving memories for all of us. Rest in Peace.



Rae Turi - September 07, 2020 at 07:55 PM

CI

“ My brother, Tony, you are definitely going to be missed not only by family but by everyone that got to meet you, Love you and until we meet again. So very sorry that we didn't get to see you, wanted so bad to come up but with this Corona Virus that doesn't seem to leave was not able to. Pray for us all 🙏🙏❤️ Carmela and Nick

Carmela Iommelli - September 07, 2020 at 04:16 PM

MH

“ Tony was the kindest most loving man. He cherished his wife Mary as well as his amazing children and grandchildren. He was a great inspiration to all. He was the best neighbor and friend we could have asked for. He will be missed by everyone whose heart he touched.

Michelle Heil - September 07, 2020 at 01:56 PM

LI

Tony was a remarkable human being, married my cousin Mary who he adored along with his children Nick and Paula. He loved his grandchildren immensely. I will always remember the 4th Of July BBQ's in their yard we all had so much fun. Tony you will be missed. RIP MAY YOUR JOURNEY HOME BE A SMMOTH ONE.

Louisa Idavoy - September 08, 2020 at 10:45 AM

AM

“ My dear cousin Tony Colannino i always loved you for who you were kind ,giving your time to people, respect and love that you had for family. I will always cherish the many times you came to Canada with your car loaded with family members. We always had a great time. You will be missed by me and so many other people. My you Rest in Peace. Love Anne De Michel



Anne De Michel - September 07, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Anthony Colannino.



September 06, 2020 at 05:50 PM