



Tony Antonino

December 14, 1974 - April 26, 2023

Tony Antonino

He is Anthony and Tony. He is husband, son, brother, and dad. He is also best friend, confidante, mentor, trusted co-worker, and nurse. At his best, he is a hero. He is also a north star. He brings joy, an incredible amount of laughter, and now, because he is much-loved, many tears.

Tony is a teacher, in his work and to his family. He had a patience with nursing, with his colleagues, with students, and especially with those in his care. However, he exhibited none of this kind of tolerance while he was on the sidelines, watching his boys play sports. Quite the opposite, he was silent, but endlessly frustrated and constantly taking notes for improvement, determined to always guide his children correctly and instruct them properly. Above all, he wanted the very best for those closest to him and now, both Tony Jr. and Dylan thank him for his constant direction, his unwavering support, and his love, with which they have become outstanding young men. Tony is their hero and they are proud to be his boys.

Tony's pride is also a source of inspiration. His diligent nature, as well as his determination and perseverance allowed him to achieve the highest levels of success in his educational and nursing career. He was a provider in the truest sense, and this accomplishment, his two bachelor's degrees and his master

degree, as well as the ability to give his family a gorgeous new home, gift his son a really cool car, and take his loved ones on vacations to Miami and Mexico, where they could experience the greater world, was a triumph for him. His greatest desire was that his children live a far better life with less difficulty and fewer obstacles than he had.

Though he was often reserved and private, Tony harbored a generous, compassionate, and deeply sensitive heart. He was a steadfast, meticulous nurse, and he often agonized over his patients, internalizing his cases. People, no matter who they were, or what their condition, were of the greatest importance to him and he honored that bond in his service, time and time again. Daily, his work was integral to a team of people responsible for not just good health, but for life itself, and Tony lived with the emotion that comes with such responsibility. At times, the burden was difficult, but he never doubted his call to nursing, a labor of love, of great care, and even greater respect. Tony was the nurse that everybody wanted, and also, needed.

He was also the husband that his wife, Alexi, wanted and needed. Immediately upon meeting, they finished each other's sentences and shared the same thought at the exact same time. They habitually joked and laughed, and created a language which only they two could speak. Then, they decided that they were inseparable. Before they had even married, they knew that they were soul mates. Their deep bond formed a home, no matter where they resided, and also gave them their two boys, who are the center of their world.

To say that Tony is missed is wrong. He is necessary. He is grieved. He is wished for. There is yearning. There is overwhelming sadness. There is longing. But in all of this, there is love, hope, joy, a smile or two, some joke remembered, and then, some laughter. There are the photographs, the video, and the memories, but most essential, more than anything else, are the stories. Talk about him, talk to him, and keep him present so that his beloved

mother Lourdes, TJ, Dylan, and Alexi, the sons around which Tony constructed his life, the ones he loved the most, can move forward together, with him, always.

A memorial visitation will be held from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday May 1 at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors on 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. in Royal Oak, Michigan. A Novena will be held at 5:00 p.m., with a Scripture Service following at 6:00 p.m.

Visitation will also be held at 9:30 a.m., followed by a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 2 at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica on 2100 Twelve Mile Road in Royal Oak, Michigan. The funeral Mass will also be livestreamed at <https://shrinechurch.com/live-streamed-mass>.

Memorial donations may be directed to Royal Oak Lacrosse Boosters, the ROHS lacrosse team.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
royal@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Novena

MAY 1. 5:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
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<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Scripture Service

MAY 1. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

MAY 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 W. 12 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Tribute Wall



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Tony Antonino.

May 02, 2023 at 08:46 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Tony Antonino.



May 01, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Cynthia G. Barnes* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Tony Antonino.



Cynthia G. Barnes - May 01, 2023 at 01:05 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Tony Antonino.



April 30, 2023 at 06:02 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Tony Antonino.* ”



April 30, 2023 at 05:39 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Tony Antonino.* ”



April 30, 2023 at 12:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tony Antonino.* ”



April 30, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Tony Antonino.* ”



April 30, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Tony Antonino.*



April 30, 2023 at 10:27 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tony Antonino.*



April 29, 2023 at 05:18 PM



“ *Tony was always a favorite to work with. He was always kind, respectful, dedicated & simply a pleasure to be around. He was a positive force in a unforgiving world. Condolences to his wife & children.*

Terry Horton - April 29, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Tony Antonino.*



April 29, 2023 at 12:26 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Tony Antonino.*



April 29, 2023 at 09:48 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tony Antonino.*



April 29, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Tony Antonino.*



April 29, 2023 at 07:53 AM



“ *Tony was one of the kindest, most gentle people I've known. He was a good student who always had compassion for his patients. My heart is breaking over this news. My prayers and deepest condolences to his wife and sons.*

Shawn Spaulding - April 29, 2023 at 03:53 AM

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Tony was a wonderful co-worker and friend. He took excellent care of each patient he encountered and it was a true pleasure to work with him. He will be truly missed. My deepest condolences to Tony's family and friends for this great loss.

Barbara Walker - May 01, 2023 at 08:33 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tony Antonino.*



April 29, 2023 at 12:23 AM