



## Anthony J. Viviano

June 1, 1932 - October 29, 2019

### Anthony J. "Tony" Viviano

Tony passed away on October 29, 2019 surrounded by his loving family at age 87. He was born and raised in Detroit. A longtime resident of Macomb County. Tony is survived by his wife of 58 years, Catherine Ann (nee Goodrow) Viviano; his son, Sal Philip Viviano; his daughter, Mary Agnes Viviano; his son, Nino (Kim) Viviano, and his daughter Liz Viviano; his brother, Peter (Charleen) Viviano; Loving grandfather of Tony (Courtney), Jason (Jacqueline), Rocco, Ben, Max, Mary, Catherine, and Rachel and Great Grandfather of Sal Anthony, Dominic, Isabelle, Jack, Mia, Maci; his nephews: Sal Fred Viviano, Sal Martin (Violeta) Viviano; his nieces: Mary Catherine Viviano, Christina Viviano, Alicia Viviano, Maria (Dan) Parker, and Elena Hunt; and many close friends. Tony has been the owner of Sterling Heights Dodge since 1965 and owned Meadowbrook Dodge which opened in 1979 and the Dollar Rental Car location at Metro Airport. He is a former president of both the Detroit Auto Dealers Association and the Detroit Dodge Dealers Association and started the North American International Auto Show. He was past President of the Michigan Auto Dealers Association Board of Directors. Tony has been a longtime community leader receiving numerous accolades throughout the years. He was highly involved with the southeast Michigan Chapter of the March of Dimes and the Macomb County Sheriff Marine Division where he served as the commander of all the sheriff reserve units. He served as the chairman of the Henry Ford Macomb Hospital Healthcare

Foundation and a long time member of the Board of Directors at the hospital. He was a founding member of the Ambassador Club at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital and had been a member of the Century Club for years. Charter member and Past President and active member of Sterling Heights Lions Club. Tony graduated from De La Salle High School and attended the University of Detroit. He was an accomplished pianist and accordion player. He was an avid traveler. He loved animals especially family pets and a large Japanese koi pond. Family will receive friends at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks east of Van Dyke, on the North side ),Utica, Michigan; on Friday, November 1, 2019 from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.. In state Saturday, 9:30 a.m. until Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 44633 Utica Rd.,(south of Hall Rd.) Utica, Michigan. Luncheon immediately following his funeral mass at: Palazzo Grande, 54660 Van Dyke Ave., Shelby Twp. Michigan. Private burial at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township, Michigan. Memorials appreciated to: Macomb County Reserve Marine Division. \*PLEASE NOTE ~ Complimentary valet parking will be available Friday at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 1. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
[utica@sullivanfh.com](mailto:utica@sullivanfh.com)  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## In State

NOV 2. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church  
44633 Utica Road  
Utica, MI 48317

## Funeral Mass

NOV 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church  
44633 Utica Road  
Utica, MI 48317

# Tribute Wall

NA

“ Dear Cathy, Joyce & Nancy

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nancykliger - December 07, 2019 at 10:38 PM

TL

“ I had the pleasure of serving on the March of Dimes Board with Tony for 20 plus years. He was passionate about making a difference. His dedication and leadership was an inspiration for all.

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Tom Landry - November 03, 2019 at 03:35 PM

AM

“ A fine man in every aspect, Tony will be missed by family and friends. RIP Tony, Gods speed.  
Al & Carol May

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Al May - November 03, 2019 at 11:01 AM

CB

“ May Mr Viviano R.I.P.. Thoughts and Prayers to Mrs Viviano and Family.. Always enjoyed hearing his stories at the dealership when I would take my vehicles in for service. They were very interesting. May his kids keep his legend going and Catherine find Peace that He is not suffering anymore. He is Her Angel protecting and always by her side, giving her comfort and watching over them all. He will be missed by a lot of people...

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Cathy Bennett - November 01, 2019 at 10:41 PM

CC

“ *Cyndi Clarke lit a candle in memory of Anthony J. Viviano*



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**Cyndi Clarke** - November 01, 2019 at 05:47 PM

CG

“ *CDK Global purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Anthony J. Viviano.*



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**CDK Global** - November 01, 2019 at 02:01 PM

DB

“ *Mr V,I worked for you for 17 years.It was great on monday and thursday nights when you used to parade the showroom floor and do what you did,we got a kick out of it but were carefull when you commented to us about things .we loved your stories and after awhile we new when you were serious or not.You loved your family and always had cute stories you would tell us,you will be missed.Mrs.V you are truly an inspiration to me,you are truly a Great lady ,our prayers to you and your family.*

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**Don &Doreen Bisson** - November 01, 2019 at 01:43 PM

EM

“ Turn back the 'way-back' machine to 1963' Tony opens his used car lot, Little Lot Motors, at 13025 Mack Ave, Detroit. Went on to bigger and better things from there.

Condolences from the staff of Little Lot Motors, Gus Kartsonas, Benny Maguire and Ed Mielke.

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**Ed Mielke** - November 01, 2019 at 01:07 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Anthony J. Viviano.



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November 01, 2019 at 11:57 AM

DS

“ I was the Secretary at the Marketing Investment Branch Office from 1972 - 1983 and had a fun relationship with Tony. He was one of our first dealers in the network and called often . . . make that every day for the Branch Manager, whether it was Dwayne Harris, Tom Howard, Jack Childs. There was never a dull moment in those conversations! I have great memories of those days! Tony, you will be missed by many. My sincere condolences to all the family. Rest in peace dear friend.

Donna Shawn

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**DONNA J SHAWN** - November 01, 2019 at 10:01 AM

AL

“ Henry Ford has lost one of its greatest pillars in Tony Viviano. When I started as a physician close to 40 years ago when it was St. Joes, I remember Tony as a a very welcoming person in the hospital.

*I remember him asking me to be a member of the Ethics committee of the hospital which he chairs and I have not seen any better wisdom and clarity in making decisions on patient's wishes and especially when it conflicts with the hospital catholic teachings.*

*When I was chief of staff and by default a member of the hospital board, I also remember him asking me to join the executive committee of the Board, a singular honor I will not forget and it shows his regards and respect for the medical staff.*

*I will miss him. He is indeed a friend.*

*Dr. De Leon*

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**Arsenio V. de Loen,M.D.** - November 01, 2019 at 09:49 AM

NE

“ Natasha Emerson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Anthony J. Viviano.



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**Natasha Emerson** - November 01, 2019 at 08:56 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony J. Viviano.*



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November 01, 2019 at 08:04 AM



“ *Sal Martin, Violeta, Ray and Arielle Viviano purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Anthony J. Viviano.*



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**Sal Martin, Violeta, Ray and Arielle Viviano** - October 31, 2019  
at 08:06 PM



“ *Lockwood Hills Homeowners Association purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Anthony J. Viviano.*



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**Lockwood Hills Homeowners Association** - October 31, 2019  
at 07:35 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Anthony J. Viviano.*



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October 31, 2019 at 07:29 PM

EF

“ Ed Mielke and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Anthony J. Viviano.



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**Ed Mielke and Family** - October 31, 2019 at 02:04 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Anthony J. Viviano.



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October 31, 2019 at 12:51 PM



“ Mr. Viviano, Tony, The Commander. Those were the many names I new this man as. I officially met this man 32 years ago, He was part of a newly created group of individual who wanted to give back to the Community, thus the start of the Macomb County Marine Safety Officer. One of the largest volunteer group that were always their to aid the Sheriff's Department with anything that came up. Natural disaster, the Big Black out August 14, 2003, Parades, Boat shows, Parades. Bought many a vehicle from him New & Used at Sterling Heights Dodge.

*Catherine, my deepest condolences to you and your adult children and grandchildren.*

*Jim Cowan*

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**James Cowan** - October 31, 2019 at 12:25 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Anthony J. Viviano.



October 31, 2019 at 12:23 PM



“ Mr. V was a wonderful man, I am glad I got to work for him at his Sterling heights dealership. He Cared about his employees more then any manager/ owner I have ever known. Rest In Peace Mr. V

**Stella Abdoo** - October 31, 2019 at 12:17 PM



“ Tony was a "one of a kind", he always had a ready smile and was generous to a fault. We will miss him dearly. Joe & Dottie Wunchel

**Joe Wunchel** - October 31, 2019 at 11:11 AM



“ My Sympathy to the Viviano Family. Enjoyed sharing conversations with him at the Boat Show.



**Kevin Frabis** - October 31, 2019 at 08:53 AM

JH

“ Tony will be greatly missed but his warmth, kindness, and gentle spirit will be remembered forever. Rest in peace my friend.



John Hatline - October 31, 2019 at 07:16 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Anthony J. Viviano.



October 30, 2019 at 11:23 PM

JC

“ I've been very blessed to meet Tony I will miss all his stories he used to tell me when I stopped in the dealership to see him. I would sit there and have coffee with him in his office and only tell him I'm staying for an hour his stories were so good I was almost there for three hours talking to him. He will be missed



joe crifasi - October 30, 2019 at 02:11 PM

CM

“ Candice S. Miller purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Anthony J. Viviano.



Candice S. Miller - October 30, 2019 at 01:56 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Anthony J. Viviano.*



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October 30, 2019 at 01:20 PM



“ *I have been very blessed to have known and volunteered with Tony over the last 15 years through our involvement with Henry Ford Macomb Hospital and the Macomb County Sheriff Reserves. Tony was incredibly generous with his time, talents and resources to improve the lives of others and make our community a better and safer place to live and work. He was an inspirational man who lived a life of service to others. My sincere condolences to his family, especially his loving wife, Catherine. May you rest in peace, my friend.*

*Joe Naughton*

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**Joe Naughton** - October 30, 2019 at 12:32 PM



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



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October 30, 2019 at 11:46 AM

BD

“ *Bill and Donna Donovan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Anthony J. Viviano.*



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**Bill and Donna Donovan** - October 30, 2019 at 11:37 AM

KL

“ *Rest in peace my old friend. You will be missed.*

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**kent lagerquist** - October 30, 2019 at 11:02 AM

DA

“ *Tony will truly be missed as a compassionate human being and business leader that “gave back” to his family, church, and community. Many fond memories when serving at Macomb County Sheriff Department and seeing him unexpectedly.*

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**Dr. Donald Amboyer** - October 30, 2019 at 10:52 AM



“ *Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Anthony J. Viviano.*



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October 30, 2019 at 08:26 AM

SB

“ My deepest sympathy to the Viviano Family  
❤️ Tony was so strong, and such a fighter, he was always willing to push himself no matter how he felt. Cathy was an amazing support, and knew exactly how to encourage and support her loving husband. Her dedication, loyalty, kindness, poise and never ending smile was an inspiration to us all. He was truly blessed with a loving and supportive family. He spoke highly of his family and his love for each of you was undeniable. Prayers for peace and comfort, knowing your your loving care brought so much joy and comfort during his difficult journey...💕🙏💕  
Love Always, Sandy Boone



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**Sandy Boone** - October 29, 2019 at 10:23 PM

DK

“ Sending our most sincere condolences to all the Viviano family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all...as our hearts are saddened with your loss.

*With Deepest Sympathy,*

*Jeff & Darlene Kruk*



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**Darlene Kruk** - October 29, 2019 at 07:51 PM