



Anthony "Tony" Fazio

November 27, 1939 - September 5, 2021

Anthony Fazio, 81, formerly of Long Island City/Queens, New York (1939-1980) and Central Valley, New York (1981-2005) died September 5, 2021, at his home in The Villages, Florida, surrounded by his wife of 50 years, Peggy Fazio (Cannon), his children and a few close family members and friends. Peggy, the daughter of Joseph and Marguerite Cannon (Duffy), was born in New York, NY.

Tony grew up in Long Island City, New York, within a large tight-knit extended family. He graduated from Brooklyn Tech (high school class of 1957) and City College of New York (class of 1961). He was a member of the Pershing Rifle Fraternity D-8 during his time at CCNY. He later served in the Marine Corps and lived his whole life as a proud Marine.

On May 30, 1971, he married Peggy Fazio (Cannon), from Manhattan, New York, and they enjoyed raising their kids, Thomas and Elena, in Central Valley, NY. Tony loved to coach, watch his kids participate in sports, and spend time with his family.

Tony taught science at Horace Greeley Junior High School 10 Astoria, NY, from 1961 to 1991 and actively mentored and coached many students. Most recently, Tony was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in The Villages, FL, (2005-2021). Previously, he was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Monroe, New York and St. Patrick's Church in Highland Mills, New York.

Tony loved to talk about the New York Yankees, participate in sports trivia, tell long and often humorous stories, and just be in the presence of family and friends. He was a gift to everyone he met, and many have referred to him as an idol or hero. His heroism came in the form of unbridled love, perseverance, and humor.

Tony was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in his early 50's and became very involved in lobbying for Parkinson's research funding. Tony and Peggy were active members of Parkinson's support groups in The Villages, FL, and served as a valuable resource to those experiencing the illness. Tony was cared for by a group of truly dedicated doctors including Michael Okun, MD, Annette Nieves, MD, and Pam Zeilman, ARNP. Tony attended The Villages Day-Break Club and Melissa's Place Adult Day Care Center.

Tony is preceded in death by his parents, Gasperino and Lillian Fazio. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Fazio, his son, Thomas Fazio, and his daughter, Elena Fazio, and many family members and friends in New York, Maryland, and Florida.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in The Villages, Florida (5323 E Co Rd 462, Wildwood, FL 34785) on September 17, 2021, at 11:00. Followed by burial at the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell Florida. No wake or reception will be held at this time; the family plans to host a celebration of life in New York at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift in honor of Anthony Fazio made to: the Norman Fixel Institute for Neurological Diseases (gift fund no. F023427). Checks should be made payable to University of Florida Foundation, Inc. and sent to P.O. Box 14425, Gainesville, FL 32604-9949. An online gift can be made here: uff.ufl.edu/give-now. Or, The Villages Day-Break Club. Checks should be made payable to the Day-Break Club and sent to Attn: Sandra Ricciardi, 703 San Marino Dr., The Villages, FL 32159.

Arrangements provided by Beyers Funeral Home, Lady Lake, Florida.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ This gentleman was my JHS 10 science teacher, very sorry to hear of his passing, condolences to his family. To fondly remember ones teacher after so many years speaks to the value he held for all of us

Mary Gallino stawski - November 04, 2021 at 07:32 PM

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“ I was greatly saddened to hear of the recent death of my beloved science teacher from Horace Greeley Jr High School. I was doing an internet search looking for him. I attended the school 1966-1969. Mr Fazio awakened my interest in Science and it set me on my life's path. I was an aerospace engineer for over 40 years. I travelled the world helping to build and launch communication satellites. I am now retired with my family in Prescott, Arizona. I owe him much and it my deepest sorrow that I never got to say how much he meant to my life. I last saw him after I had started Bryant High School and he was pleased that I remembered him and expressed extreme gratitude for the visit. He was a wonderful man and great teacher. My sincere condolences to his family.

Alan Kruger

Alan Kruger - October 23, 2021 at 02:07 AM

LT

“ As you know, whenever Tony would talk to you, he always would call you "Faz" never Tony; maybe Fazio once in awhile. You will always be "Faz" to us and we will miss your goodness and kindness that was always your persona. You were a great husband, father, son and a wonderful endearing friend. May you Rest In Peace dear friend and know that your spirit will live within us until we meet again.

Love you, Lorraine and Tony and the whole Motta family!

Lorraine and Tony - September 15, 2021 at 07:31 PM

LM

“ Though my "Tony" always called you "Faz," you were always Tony to me, my husband's dear best friend from Long Island City. You will be sorely missed dearest friend but know you are in a better place. Our lovely memories from your single days to when we were married and the many trips and outings had together will have to get us through the hard times without you!

We love and miss you terribly but know that your spirit will be with us always!

Lorraine and Tony Motta - September 13, 2021 at 09:06 PM