



## Vito Peter Anello

August 2, 1970 - November 11, 2024

Vito Peter Anello was born in Tampa, Florida, on August 2, 1970, and passed away in Zephyrhills, FL on November 11, 2024. He is survived by his adoring wife of 25 years, Melinda (Newman), and his son Peter, who was his world. Vito was preceded in death by his mother: Dolores Edilla Solon; Stepfather: Moshe Solon; Biological father: Peter Anello. Vito is survived by Sisters: Josette Sims (Jason) of New Port Richey, FL, Ninfa Anello (David) of Seattle, WA, and Nisel Anello of Alpharetta, GA; Sister -in-law: Ellen Earley (Larry) of Groveland, FL; Mother-in-law: Shirley Newman of Zephyrhills, FL. Vito was a kind and loving uncle, who shared his love of fishing and silly “dad” jokes with his nieces & nephews: Dalton, Marisa, Julius, Jack, Russell, Amber, Hannah and Lane. Vito will be remembered for his gentle nature and his quick smile. Vito was passionate about family, spending precious time with his son and constantly surprising his wife with flowers and coffee. He was exceptionally proud of his Tampa Sicilian & Cuban heritage and his cooking and sharing of meals to everyone in the neighborhood & at work reflected this. Vito was a carpenter at the James A. Haley VA Hospital, where he worked for over 20 years. Vito loved to build and to boast that he had previously been a journeyman ironworker, who helped erect many buildings & schools in Tampa area. Vito will be dearly missed by his family, friends, golfing buddies and coworkers. There will be a celebration of life services for Vito Anello on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 11:00 am at Tampa Unity Church, located at 2610 Silver Lake Ave, Tampa, FL 33614. Fellowship to follow. Please come as you

are and bring wonderful memories and stories of Vito with you! A celebration of Vito's life will be held on Monday, May 5, 2025 at 11am at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.purcellfuneralhome.com](http://www.purcellfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

SK

“ I went to high school with Vito for a little while. All of the things about him in his beautiful obituary were true of him even back then. I am so sorry for your loss Melissa and Peter. He will be so missed and so well remembered.

Sondra Keller - August 02, 2025 at 10:11 PM

AL

“ Dear Melissa and Peter, I am so sorry for your loss. I was shocked and stunned to hear the news of his passing. Vito was an amazing man, an incredibly skilled craftsman (who forged his own knives that he cooked amazing food with!) and I loved talking both shop and cooking with him. He is irreplaceable to you, I know, but also to the many people who he interacted with and shared his passions and joy. Thank you, Vito, for all the wonderful memories.

Anne Lawrence - April 30, 2025 at 11:08 AM

JW

“ Jessica W. lit a candle in memory of Vito Peter Anello



Jessica W. - April 30, 2025 at 09:48 AM

JW

“ My prayers are with you Melinda, Peter, and your family. I met Vito through his passion for cooking. As I would see him in the VA hallways, he would tell me what he cooked and how good it was. Because it sounded so delicious, I would always ask him to bring me a sample. May God, grant you comfort and peace during this difficult time while trusting in His love to carry you through.

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**Jessica W.** - April 30, 2025 at 09:47 AM

EF

“ *Melinda Peter and Family,*

*I am deeply sorry for your loss. Vito was a wonderful person, and he will be missed. I will always cherish the memories we shared with him. His kindness and laughter will always stay with us and may you find peace knowing he walked this earth to help others.*

*Ed Ferrandiz*

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**Ed Ferrandiz** - April 30, 2025 at 09:10 AM

SM

“ *Susan Modi lit a candle in memory of Vito Peter Anello*



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**Susan Modi** - April 30, 2025 at 08:54 AM

KM

“ I was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of your husband. Although it has been many years since we worked together on the 7th floor, I wanted to reach out and offer my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time.

*I remember the fond stories you used to share, and I know how much he meant to you. Please know that my thoughts are with you and your family.*

*Kimberly Miller*

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**Kimberly Miller** - April 30, 2025 at 07:50 AM

LI

“ Lidia lit a candle in memory of Vito Peter Anello



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**Lidia** - April 30, 2025 at 07:09 AM

LI

*Dear Melinda and Peter, so sorry for your loss. Melinda you are always in my thoughts and prayers*

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**Lidia** - April 30, 2025 at 07:10 AM

DE

*Melinda, I'm so sorry to hear about the death of the your husband. Please know, I'm sending my sincere condolences to you, and your family at this difficult time. Deedra P.*

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**Deedra** - May 01, 2025 at 07:11 AM

DL

“ *Deneen Lumas lit a candle in memory of Vito Peter Anello*



Deneen Lumas - April 29, 2025 at 05:04 PM



“ *Josette Sims lit a candle in memory of Vito Peter Anello*



Josette Sims - March 29, 2025 at 09:46 AM

WD

“ *Melinda I am so sorry for your loss. Vito was wonderful for you and Peter. May God bless you and your family.*

Wendy Davis - March 29, 2025 at 09:44 AM

KF

“ *Dear Melinda and Peter and family, so sorry for your loss , Melinda you are always in my thoughts and prayers ❤️*

Kristin (wood) Fuller - March 28, 2025 at 02:17 PM

SA

“ Vito was a very special person to me. He was my best friend. I considered him to be my brother. We played golf together many times. But golf was just a good reason to hang out with him. He was a kind and wonderful spirit filled with an enormous amount of love for his family. That is what drew me to him more than anything else. There was not one time that we spoke with each other that he did not bring up his wonderful wife or son whom he loved. I will miss you greatly. Love you my Brother. Stephen R. Allen. CPO USN combat veteran retired.

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**Stephen Allen** - December 14, 2024 at 09:51 PM

TB

“ Dear Melinda, Peter, and Family,

*I want to extend my sincerest condolences to you during this incredibly difficult time. My heart aches for you, and I can only imagine the deep sorrow you're experiencing following Vito's passing.*

*There are truly no words that can capture the profound sadness that accompanies such heart-wrenching news. I remember how Vito spoke of you and Peter, always with such genuine love and admiration. His storytelling brought joy and laughter into our lives, leaving us with cherished memories that will forever remain close to our hearts.*

*As you navigate through this grief, I wish for moments of joy when you think of him, and comfort as tears flow in remembrance. Hold onto the peace that comes from knowing you are enveloped in love—both from those around you and from our Creator, who provides strength in times of sorrow.*

*Though I cannot ease the pain you feel, please know that I am here for you, ready to support you in any way you need. You are in my thoughts, dear friend, and I'm sending you all my love during this heartbreaking time.*

*With heartfelt sympathy and love,  
Tammy B.*

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**Tammy B** - December 14, 2024 at 12:39 PM

JF

“ Melinda: my prayers and sympathy goes to you because you showed me and those who know you what true love is: Til Death Do You Part. My sorrow is that you didn't have another 25 yrs with him. Don't let anyone tell you how long you have to grieve. You can take as long as you want to, even if it's many years. You can always chat with me any time about your grief. I'm here for you my dear friend.

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**James Fair** - December 13, 2024 at 07:02 PM

MS

“ Vito was a great coworker while I was at the VA. I am sorry that he is gone.

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**Marty Salo** - December 13, 2024 at 03:41 PM

PH

“ I remember clearly the day of your wedding. The beginning. You two are a match made in heaven. Which is where Vito is now. May God wrap his loving arms around you. My heart aches for you and your families. God Bless. Pam Scurlock-Horn

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**Pam Scurlock Horn** - December 13, 2024 at 03:23 PM

JG

“ I just wanted to express my sincerest condolences to Vito's family. Vito was a great man and awesome co-worker to say the least. He was a man that looked out for others and always tried to stand for what was right. He looked out for me on several occasions. needless to say heaven gained a good man the day Vito passed. I'm just grateful to have met and got to know him over the years at work

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**john greenwood** - December 13, 2024 at 02:27 PM



“ *May the Lord wrap his arms of comfort around Melinda, Peter and all of Vito's family and friends. Keeping you all in my prayers.*

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**Belinda Chavez** - December 13, 2024 at 11:56 AM

RC

“ *I will be forever thankful for the incredible love he shared with Melinda! Such a wonderful man, friend, husband and father. We will always remember him laughing and sharing jokes. Tremendous love and respect for Vito. Tremendous love and humble condolences for Melinda and Peter and Vito's other family! Love always!! Berta & Coy*

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**Roberta & Coy** - December 13, 2024 at 11:00 AM

MA

“ *3 files added to the album Memories of Vito*



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**Melinda Anello** - December 13, 2024 at 10:36 AM

SS

“ *Rest in Peace Vito!!! Sending love and prayers to Melinda and Peter!*

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**Stefanie Stevens** - December 13, 2024 at 10:36 AM