



Anthony Frank Brinza III

October 19, 1947 - February 27, 2020

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Age 72

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Dear father of Tonya,

Beloved son of Patricia and the late Anthony Frank Brinza II.

Brother of Ron (Pam) and Dave (Jacky).

Uncle of Ryan and Lindsey.

Tony served in San Diego, California in the US Navy, and went on to to serve his country honorably in Vietnam on the USS Providence.

After the Navy he returned to Michigan and joined Ford Motor company. He retired in 2007. In his retirement he became very active with the American Legion (Post 32) and volunteered for many fundraisers and special events there. Events included golf outings, and the annual Christmas Wreath Program for fallen soldiers. He loved his Lithuanian family, golf and fishing until the day he died.

Visitation at St. James Church 46325 W. Ten Mile Novi Friday 9:30am until the funeral Liturgy at 10:00am.

Interment will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Tony's name to the American Legion or The American Heart Association. <http://www.heart.org>

Cemetery

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road

Holly, MI, 48442

Events

MAR **Instate** 09:30AM

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St James Catholic Church

46325 W. Ten Mile, Novi, MI, US, 48374

MAR **Liturgy** 10:00AM

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St. James Catholic Church

46325 W Novi rd, Novi, MI, US, 48374

Comments



“ Bear, the name I gave you so many years ago when I worked for Borg-Warner and you for Ford. Now I know why you missed our lunch date March 13th and why I haven't been able to get in touch with you. My heart is broken, you have been such a good friend for so many years and I am truly going to miss you. Tonya, your dad was so so proud of you. We spoke about you every time we talked. Rest in peace Bear this Cubbie (the name you gave me back then) will never forget you.

Karen Comerford Toland

Karen Comerford Toland - October 19, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ Tony was one of my all time favorite people. I will miss him for the rest of my life. Despite not being related we counted him among our family. I have lots of good memories to hold on to but his calming presence, steady advice delivered in his big voice, and his humor and company will be so missed. To his family please accept our heartfelt condolences. He leaves a beautiful legacy. He will be remembered with love by friends and family alike. He was blessing in our lives and will remain in our hearts forever.

Danielle Cruz - March 11, 2020 at 09:36 PM



“ Tony, I was so shocked and deeply saddened to learn of your passing. I have so many fond memories of our days working together at the Van Dyke Plant - Axle and Driveline Engrg. My daughter, Kim, also worked with your Dad at Oakland Dodge. My daughter would speak of how kind and compassionate your father was and I always felt you had the same attributes. You were always such a gentle, kind and compassionate giant. I don't recall you ever speaking a bad word about anyone. You always spoke lovingly of your daughter and how proud you were of her accomplishments. May you rest in heavenly peace, Tony. You will be greatly missed, dear friend.

Judy Blackwell
Former Secy. - Axle/Driveline Engrg.

Judy Blackwell - March 06, 2020 at 03:26 PM



“ Oh Tony - I'm so sad you've left us. Just a short time ago I had the chance to meet you and some of our other old Torque Converter (Ford) gang for lunch and couldn't go. There was no way to know it would be my last opportunity to see your smiling face. This makes the loss feel even more devastating. It had already been wat too long.

You were such a gentle giant my friend. Always kind, warm and welcoming. You always had something cool to say.... for any occasion.....even a simple greeting. You've left me (and so many of us I am certain) with so many wonderful memories to treasure. Your performance as our "maestro" in the Torque Converter Christmas jam session (1992?) was a classic. So glad it was recorded. You took me fishing at your folk's cottage (Strawberry Lake?) and showed me how a legit bass angler goes about his business. I had never really fished top surface lures and you had a time tested technique that was a joy to watch and hauled them in that night. I had never caught bass like that before. It was great. I remember how you quietly shepherded our boss through all his trevails without complaint or fanfare. You just did it. You were so proud of your daughter and all her successes in California, mentioning her often with such obvious pride. I remember, with reverence, you and your brothers giving a beautiful eulogy for your father. I can only imagine what a great son, brother and father you were, as you were unquestionably a wonderful friend and coworker. Finally, I can't personally attest to your prowess on the ballroom floor, but if memory and reputation serve, it was heavenly, which is where I expect you are dancing ... and golfing.... and fishing ... and humoring others right now. You were a beautiful human being and a blessing to have had as my friend.

Miss and love you buddy,

Dave Pollard (Davey)

Dave Pollard - March 05, 2020 at 10:59 PM



“ I worked with Tony over 20 years at the Ford,Livonia Transmission Plant. I enjoyed talking cars, car races, golf, and American Legion Post 32 events, where we were both members. Frequently, he'd buy me a round and I for him.Tony had a great sense of humor, kind of low key. I'll miss his friendship and his booming voice.

Jeff Ebersole - March 05, 2020 at 03:11 PM



“ Tony, so sorry to hear of your passing. Many fond memories of dancing and lunch at the American Legion. You will be sorely missed. Will also miss your humor and laughter. Thank you for the memories. Cheryl Wolf

Cheryl Wolf - March 06, 2020 at 08:23 PM



“ I worked with Tony at the Ford Livonia Transmission Plant for over 20 years. I enjoyed talking cars and golf and American Legion events with Tony. He'd buy a round for me and I for him. Tony had a great sense of humor, too

Jeff Ebersole - March 05, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ I worked with Tony at Ford for a time - very kind and sweet man.

May he rest in eternal peace.

Gloria Clarkson

Gloria Clarkson - March 05, 2020 at 12:50 PM



“ I am greatly saddened with the loss of my dear friend, Tony. I have too many memories to share as I was his golf and fishing partner thru out our time at Ford Motor. He was kind and generous soul.
One memory.. He bought a new sleeve of expensive gold balls before golf. The first hole was a par 3 over a large pond of water. He put the first ball into the water and proceeded to do the same with the next two. Frustrated, he took out an old battered ball and dropped it on the green next to the hole. From that point on I always asked him, before golf, if he planned on buying a new sleeve of balls. We would both laugh.

The golf is great in Heaven, Tony !

May he Rest In Peace in the arms of our Savior.

Ron Pewinski - March 05, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ Tony loved golf. So when is was having a bad hole on the course he would look at me and say "Bobby I suck". I would always respond "That's ok Tony you can suck a whole lot worse on the next hole". Always got a chuckle out of that the proceeded to put the next drive into the woods. LOL. Miss you deeply Bro.

Bob Biallas - March 04, 2020 at 10:58 AM