

# ANTHONY "TONY" FRANCIS PIETRANTON



Anthony "Tony" Francis Pietranton, 65, son of Anthony J. Pietranton and Mary Frances (Perky) Varner, died on June 19, laying in his lazy boy with the Pirate game on and Tyler Childers playing in the background surrounded by his family.

Tony was born in Weirton, WV on March 31, 1959. He graduated from Weirton Madonna High School in 1977. He attended West Liberty College then

transferred to WVU where he earned a BS in Psychology and a Masters in Industrial Relations. He was a member of the WVU Industrial Relations Honor Society.

Tony's career started as an entry level recruiter with Federated Investors. Through hard work, dedication, and loyalty, his career flourished with stops at Invesmart, Traco, and Tri-State Capital Bank. Tony was currently employed as an Executive Vice President with WesBanco. As the head of Human Resources, Tony believed that people should be treated with respect and compassion, and he was fortunate to have those attributes reciprocated on many occasions.

Tony will be remembered by many of the area youth for being an inspirational coach. While he coached basketball at Sacred Heart of Mary and St. Joseph's, spending time instructing on the baseball field was his passion. He spent many hours volunteering with the Weirton Baseball Association in different capacities including President. Tony supported his children in whatever sport they were playing at the time. From volunteering in the concession stand to sending inspirational messages before each game, and always being in the stands to cheer them on.

Tony was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Madonna School Board, Sacred Heart School Board, St. Joseph's Athletic Board, the Rivers Club Board of Directors, and Sacred Heart of Mary Parish.

While at WVU Tony met the "love of his life," Kathy Kozdras. They built a life together from their first date in October 1980 to their wedding on July 27, 1985. They filled their home with love. Tony was happiest with a house full of family and friends to cook for. Gnocchi, pizza, ravioli, and frittata were some of his signature dishes. He always enjoyed trying a new recipe for his family's Sunday dinners.

Tony was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Jon Pietranton.

Left to celebrate his memory and carry on his legacy are his wife, Kathy; children, Elizabeth, Anthony (Melissa), Mary (Matt) Parker, Daniel (Alexa), and Emily; grandchildren, Anthony Cimino, Emmett, Jude, Ellis Parker, and Harper; siblings, Joe (Karlene), Monica Westfall, and Mark (Susie), and many nieces and nephews and extended family members.

The family would like to thank Dr. Tim Wong and the amazing staff at UPMC Presbyterian for the loving care Tony received over the last four and a half months.

Visitation will be Friday June 21, 2024 from 12 Noon until 3 PM and 5 PM until 9 PM at the **GRECO – HERTNICK FUNERAL HOME**, 3219 Main Street Weirton, WV.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 AM on Saturday at Sacred Heart of Mary Church 200 Preston Avenue, Weirton, WV.

Interment will follow at Saint Paul's Cemetery.

Celebration of life at Nio's following cemetery A Celebration of Tony's life will be held immediately after leaving the cemetery at Nio's Italian Bar and Restaurant 243 Three Springs Drive, Weirton, WV.

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