



## ANTHONY PAMPENA

June 12, 1931 - September 27, 2021

GRAVESIDE SERVICE:  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021  
11AM  
WARWICK CEMETERY  
WARWICK, NEW YORK

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, MEMORIAL DONATIONS MAY BE MADE IN  
ANTHONY'S NAME TO: OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE ROMAN CATHOLIC  
CHURCH  
1911 UNION VALLEY ROAD  
HEWITT, NJ. 07421

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Anthony "Tony" Pampena, a much loved father and grandfather, age 90 of West Milford, New Jersey, passed into the presence of his Heavenly Father on Monday, September 27, 2021.

Born and raised in Spigno Saturnia, Italy, including during the years of World War II, he witnessed the bombing of Monte Cassino (1944) in the neighboring mountains. He immigrated to America at age 16.

Tony worked in the NYC garment district prior to joining the Army at age 21. He earned the rank of sergeant and instructed servicemen in the 553rd Artillery Battalion at Fort Sill in Oklahoma. He was known as an excellent marksman and earned the title of “Mr. Strongman” for being the strongest in his unit. While serving in the military, he was involved in working on the development and testing of the M65 atomic cannon, often called Atomic Annie. He received the national defense service medal and good conduct medal during his service.

In 1955, he married the love of his life Arlene (Bonanno) Pampena and raised a family together while he worked as a loyal and dedicated butcher/meat manager for over 30 years at the former Grand Union grocery store. The most important “job” for him was being a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. Family and faith were the cornerstones of his life, as he was a dedicated parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Peace Roman Catholic Church in Hewitt, NJ.

His love, laughter, smile, humor, energy, compassion for others, along with the ability to share a kind word or tell a story like no one else will be severely missed by his countless friends and family. Everyone loved Tony, and many lovingly referred to him as “Pop.”

He was preceded in death by his parents Pasquale and Anna Pampena, his wife Arlene, and his sister Lina Giarnella.

He leaves behind his older sisters Adelaide Orgera and Gina Purtill Wenrich, beloved daughter Lisa (Rick) Ashley, best friend and son Anthony P. Pampena, cherished grandchildren, Richard (Rosie Long) Ashley, Lauren (Tyler) Stepanchick, Nicolette Ashley, Kristena Pampena, and Anthony M. (Cinthyia) Pampena, Michael Massimi, great-grandchildren Sienna and Sophia Stepanchick, Dax Pampena, multiple nieces and nephews, and his dear friend

and companion for over 20 years, Ceil Zelasko, and her family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Anthony's name to Our Lady Queen of Peace Roman Catholic Church, 1911 Union Valley Road, Hewitt, NJ. 07421.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date to be announced.

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# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

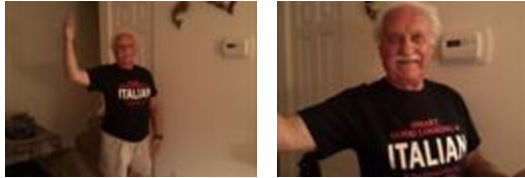
OCT 1. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Warwick Cemetery  
Warwick, NY 10990

# Tribute Wall

BZ

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Barbara & Ralph Zaccaro - October 01, 2021 at 01:59 PM

BZ

A Wonderful man. Tony and. Ceil were always their for us.

Barbara & Ralph Zaccaro - October 09, 2021 at 12:31 PM

RS

“ Tony was a great friend. We had many good times with him, Ceil, Joan, Eric, Nick, Jay. Will miss you very much. Rita & Joe

Rita Santo - September 30, 2021 at 10:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of ANTHONY PAMPENA.



September 30, 2021 at 06:48 PM

BM

“ Sincere sympathy to the Pampena family and to let you know that thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.

May he Rest In Peace,  
The MacMillan Family 🙏

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**Barbara MacMillan** - September 30, 2021 at 06:48 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of ANTHONY PAMPENA.



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September 30, 2021 at 08:58 AM

JB

“ Tony was a dear friend. We would vacation with him, Ceil, Rita and Joe every year at Long Beach Island. We had great times. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.  
Joan Bender

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**Joan Bender** - September 30, 2021 at 07:44 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of ANTHONY PAMPENA.



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September 29, 2021 at 09:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of ANTHONY PAMPENA.*



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September 29, 2021 at 09:07 PM