



Anthony Emilio Salierno

August 13, 1938 - April 25, 2024

It is with a heavy heart that the family of Anthony Salierno, affectionately known as Tony announce his peaceful passing on April 25, 2024, at the age of 85 surrounded by loved ones. Tony was a loving and devoted husband and father. He was born on August 13, 1938, in Boston, Massachusetts, to Savino and Luisa Salierno. He was raised in the heart of Tulare County and truly loved giving back to his community. Tony found joy in playing his French horn for various musical groups including St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Tulare County Symphony, and the Sequoia Brass. His passion for music extended to volunteering whenever asked by a music minister. In retirement, when not immersed in playing musical notes, he frequented the Visalia Country Club for golf with friends or aiding local charities. But above all, his greatest happiness stemmed from time spent with his beloved family.

As a teenager, Tony changed the letters on the marquee of the Visalia Fox Theatre and was instrumental in developing the Fox Trot to raise money for renovations. He was also a member of the Armed Forces, serving in the Army for 3 years "after altering his birth certificate at the age of 15". He established Provident Mortgage Corporation in 1971, and under great leadership, Provident was one of Tulare County's leading full-service mortgage banking firms. In 1976, Tony married the love of his life, Mary. He loved her dearly, and together, they created an infinite legacy. Tony and Mary established the

Provident-Salierno Family Foundation in 1991, a philanthropic non-profit organization supporting dozens of local charities, including CASA of Tulare County, Boys and Girls Club, Pro-Youth, Visalia Emergency Aid, Family Services of Tulare County, Bethlehem Center, the Samaritan Center and many more. Tony was instrumental in bringing the "Provident Skate Park" to Visalia. Tony also helped bring the program "Character Counts" to the schools in Tulare County when he and Mary were invited to meet with the Founder, Michael Josephson at an informational meeting. Tony had a heart for serving his community and supporting the youth of Tulare County.

Tony's faith remained a cornerstone of his life, and he found comfort and fellowship at St. Mary's Church in Visalia, where he nurtured his spiritual growth and found strength in his community.

With a smile that could brighten any space, he was acquainted with everyone. Knowing him meant loving him. Tony's departure leaves a heritage of affection and dedication that will keep motivating those fortunate enough to have known him. His essence will reside in the hearts of all who encountered him, a beacon of guidance that will enrich our lives for years to come.

Tony is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Mary, his son Kurt (Pam) Salierno and his three daughters Cathy Lewis, Stefani Salierno (Jeff) Fisher, and Jennifer Salierno (Ryan) January. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Joshua Lewis, Michelle Boghosian, Mitchell Rhoden, Samantha Rhoden, Michaela Salierno, Gavin Salierno, and four greatgrandchildren who all call him Papa/Pops. He will be remembered by his numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends.

He is preceded in death by his son Michael Salierno, his parents, Savino and Luisa Salierno, his nine siblings, a niece and two nephews, and his beloved

dog Brandy.

A mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church on May 16, 2024, at 11 AM, 608 N. Church St., Visalia, followed by a Reception at the Visalia Country club, 625 N. Ranch St., Visalia at 12:30 PM.

For those wishing to make a memorial contribution, in honor of Tony, please consider donating to a charity of your preference.

Always keep in mind Tony's beloved quote from Luke 12:48 "To whom much is given, much is required".

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging on to www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Memorial

MAY **16**. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
608 N. Church Street
Visalia, CA 93291

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Anthony Emilio Salierno*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - May 15, 2024 at 12:55 PM

LA

“ *Tony & Mary gave me my 1st job in the mortgage industry. To say he is a pillar of the community is definitely an understatement. I will always remember Trick or Treat lane in the parking lot. He was the pitcher for our PMC softball team, what a trooper. So so many things he and Mary have done for the community. I will never forget you Tony, a true Gentleman. Love to you Tony. 🙏💙😭 Lorene*

Lorene Alvarez - May 18, 2024 at 12:31 AM

TC

“ *I have wonderful memories of Tony . He was sweet and kind. He was a person that was kind giving. It was a privilege to know him personally and work with. I was blessed.*

Tedi Cocagne

Tedi Cocagne - May 07, 2024 at 12:53 PM

JS

“ I will remember him always as " Bigger than life". What an example for all of us. God first, Family, Community. He leaves big shoes to fill. My prayers for all of you. Judy

Judy Standridge - May 07, 2024 at 12:57 AM

MD

Mary, and family so very sorry to hear about Tony. He was definitely a wonderful person. Jim and our family loved Tony. My prayers are with you. I know what it's like to loose a sweetheart and life companion. ❤️



Myrna Darby - May 07, 2024 at 08:14 PM