



Mr. Anthony "Tony" Kurpaska

May 27, 1935 - February 5, 2019

Anthony "Tony" Kurpaska, 83, of Cheshire, died on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at his home, surrounded by his loving family. Born on May 27, 1935, the son of Peter and Helen (Szpila) Kurpaska, he attended St. Stanislaus parochial school and graduated from Adams High School in 1953.

He worked at General Electric in the Apprentice Program for a short time, then joined the Army, was assigned to Fort Sill Oklahoma and the 18th Transportation Company as a helicopter crew chief. While at Fort Sill he married his high school sweetheart and love of his life the former Joan Vittone. They recently celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary.

Tony's company was sent to Munich Germany aboard the aircraft carrier USS Corregidor and were the first helicopters in Germany. The locals came out in droves to witness the take-offs and landings. His wife Joan joined him in Munich where their son Jeffrey was born.

Upon completion of his tour of duty Tony returned to Adams and attended North Adams State college graduating with a degree in mathematics. While in college his daughter Robin was born.

Tony took a summer job at General Electric Naval Ordnance Department while searching for a teaching position. That summer job turned into a twenty eight year career in Field Engineering.

He retired in 1990. He and Joan enjoyed many years of travel and leisure. He especially loved their annual trips to St Thomas USVI and time visiting their children and grandchildren. He loved them unconditionally and they loved him

back tenfold.

They called him "Popi The Decider" a nickname he gave himself because the final decision in all things was always his, even if the challenge flag was thrown.

He was a lifelong loyal New York Yankees fan. He could build or repair anything you asked him to and his sense of humor and sarcasm would keep you off balance.

Tony is survived by his wife Joan, son Jeffrey, Jeffrey's partner Donna Sadlowski, daughter Robin Butler(husband David),granddaughters Ashley Butler Alvarez (Jason) Alexandra Butler and Heidi Kurpaska and great grandson Lucas Butler Alvarez , one sister Eugenia Zaiken , many nieces and nephews and his lifelong friend Edward Skowron.

He was pre-deceased by brothers Casimer, Stephen and Stanley and sisters Helen Mazzoli, Theresa Viani and Frances Socha.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 9th at 1:00 P.M. at the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St., Adams.

Burial will be at a later date in the spring.

Calling hours are Saturday from 11:00am until the time of the service in the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to Mass General Hospital's Oncology Department in Tony's name, 125 Nashua St., Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Paciorek Funeral Home
13 Hoosac Street
Adams, MA 01220
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Tribute Wall

PS

“ Dear Aunt Joan and family,
Although Martin and I are unable to attend the memorial service for Uncle Tony, please know that we have you all in our thoughts and prayers.
Sharing your sadness,
Martin and Paula Socha

Paula Socha - February 09, 2019 at 03:50 PM

MK

“ I, like all of you, will think of him often, and then truly miss him.
Forever. My Uncle Tony.

Mark Kurpaska

Mark Kurpaska - February 08, 2019 at 04:58 PM

SL

“ My childhood was filled with great moments with the Kurpaska's. I will always remember our barbeques, basketball, swimming in the pool on Daniels Court and just plain fun every time we got together as families. My heartfelt condolences go out to Joan, Jeff, Robin and the entire Kurpaska family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

scott lebeau - February 08, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ To Joan & the Kurpaska family - I am very sorry for your loss. I remember Tony being so approachable and easy to talk to at family gatherings. He was a unique & admirable man.

Donna Kurpaska - February 08, 2019 at 09:55 AM

KK

“ At family gatherings, I'd look around and realize how blessed I was to be part of the Kurpaska Family and that included my connection to my Uncle Tony. You could talk with him about anything... from enjoying a good martini and a grilled steak, to the benefits of meditation and spirituality. He was a unique and authentic human being...I will always miss him.
Kathy Kurpaska

KATHRYN A KURPASKA - February 07, 2019 at 02:22 PM

JR

“ Joan, Jeff, Robin and family, Remembering all the fun times with Tony and you. From working together, your school years, to to the shared Thanksgiving at your house, after the surprise November blizzard. Too many great times to list in this remembrance..
Keeping you and your families in our prayers,

Jim and Judy Reed - February 07, 2019 at 08:29 AM

JO

“ Joan, our deepest sympathy to you and the family on Tony's passing. We spent many hours with you which will be in our memories forever.

*John And Bette Madej
Lake George, NY*

John - February 06, 2019 at 02:28 PM

CB

“ *GE Field Engineering, the TRIM project, innumerable Christmas dinners and "Chopin", Megan's Bay before 8AM, and so many of the great great times. We will remember forever and for a moment we will revel in the memories. But we always thought we would see you one more time again and we cannot ever fill the void. Joan, we love you and grieve for you and your family.*

*Love,
Cathy and Charlie Bosley*

Catherine Bosley - February 06, 2019 at 01:08 PM

MK

“ *I'll always remember the pool parties in Adams when I was a little guy... I always looked forward to. It was there that I became close to Robin and Jeff. After my dad passed and I saw uncle Tony it was uncanny how much he reminded me of my own Father, his mannerisms, the way he spoke. So whenever I saw him after my Dad's passing I tried to show him the utmost respect... and love. Rest in peace, My Man!
Michael Kurpaska*

michael kurpaska - February 06, 2019 at 01:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony "Tony" Kurpaska.*



February 06, 2019 at 11:28 AM

CM

“ Dear Joan and Family,

*I am so so sorry for your loss .Please accept
my Deepest Condolences.*

*Death leaves a heartache no-one can heal,
Love leaves a memory no-one can steal.*

*Claire Marchand
Barefoot Bay, FL*



Claire Marchand - February 06, 2019 at 09:52 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Mr. Anthony "Tony" Kurpaska.



February 06, 2019 at 07:07 AM



“ Ghirardelli & Fruit Condolences Gift Basket was
purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony "Tony"
Kurpaska.



February 06, 2019 at 07:02 AM

LB

“ We share your grief for a good man and a life well lived. He will be missed by friends & family. His suffering has ended. Your healing will soon begin as you remember all the good times & laughter you shared.

Bob & Linda Butler

linda butler - February 06, 2019 at 06:43 AM