



Anthony V. Martinico

August 18, 1928 - November 19, 2025

Anthony "Tony" Martinico passed away Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at the age of 97. He was born August 18, 1928 in Detroit, Michigan to Joseph and Mary (nee Vinci) Martinico.

Tony served in the United States Army. Along with his wife Vera, they were very active with their church and the Italian Cultural Center. They loved going on church bus trips and travelling with family and friends, with Hawaii being one of their favorite vacation destinations. Tony loved golfing, roller skating and attending sporting events. Most of all Tony enjoyed the time spent with his family and will truly be missed at any and all family gatherings.

Beloved husband of the late Vera. Dear dad of Joseph (Kathleen), Anthony (Catherine) and Lisa (Bruce) Hatch. Proud grandpa of Jennifer (the late Jason) Prince, Matthew (Nicole) Martinico, Anthony (Brian Archey) Martinico, Giancarlo Martinico, Michael Martinico, Laura Martinico, Tim (Deb) Kearns, Chris Hatch and great grandpa of Michael, Chelo and Amelia.

Visitation Monday, November 24th from 2-8 p.m. at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 11470 Thirteen Mile Road (West of Hoover) Warren. Instate Tuesday, November 25th at 9:30 a.m. until a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass at St. Mary, Our Lady Queen of Families Parish – St. Clement, 25252 Van Dyke (North of 10 Mile Road) Center Line. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery.

Memorial donations in memory of Tony may be addressed to The American Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48035

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **24**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren
11470 Thirteen Mile Road
Warren, MI 48093
(586) 751-3131
warren@wasikfuneralhome.com

Instate in church

NOV **25**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary, Our Lady Queen of Families - St. Clement Site
25252 Van Dyke
Center Line, MI 48015

Funeral Mass

NOV **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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25252 Van Dyke
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Tribute Wall

JM

“ DAD WHAT CAN I SAY EXCEPT I WILL MISS YOU. AS I THINK BACK HAVING YOU COMING TO MY SPORTING EVENTS, PLAYING CATCH IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE, GOING TO MIS AND WATCHING THE NASCAR RACES, VACATIONS WITH YOU, MOM, LISA AND BRUCE AND SO MANY OTHER THINGS I CAN'T EVEN MENTION THEM ALL WERE ABSOULETLY PRICELESS. AFTER MOM PASSED AWAY KATHY AND MYSELF ENJOYED COMING TO VISIT YOU EVERY SATURDAY JUST TALKING TO YOU AND HELPING YOU EAT IN THE DINING ROOM WAS A HONOR. SAY HI TO MOM AND MAY YOU R.I.P. WE BOTH WILL MISS YOU AND LOVE YOU. YOUR SON JOE

Joe Martinico - November 24, 2025 at 09:22 AM

JP

“ *Rest In Peace Grandpa. You were an amazing grandpa who loved us unconditionally, supported us, encouraged us and gave us so many wonderful memories. Thank you for all of the great times at the cottage and roller skating at Great Skate. Thank you for supporting my love and passion for music and attending all my concerts. Thank you for loving my children and grandchildren from day 1. I will always remember the day that I told you we were adopting and the proud smile you had on your face. Thank you for loving Jason as much as you loved me. I am so glad we had our last visit a month ago and even more so that I was able to talk to you the night before you passed. You opened your eyes and replied back I know when I told you I loved you. I will always cherish our time together. Thank you for believing in me. Thank you for being my grandpa. I love you.*



Jennifer Prince - November 23, 2025 at 10:14 PM

LH

So beautiful Jenn. Brought tears to my eyes but also joy to my heart. He loved you so much.

Lisa Hatch - November 24, 2025 at 08:23 AM

LB

“ *Linda B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony V. Martinico.*

Linda B. - November 23, 2025 at 06:39 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Anthony V. Martinico.*



November 23, 2025 at 11:04 AM

“ Dear Dad, a final gift. I hope it makes you proud. I love you so much! Lisa xoxo

Anthony (Tony) Martinico

Born on August 18, 1928 to Joseph and Mary Martinico, Italian immigrants from Sicily, an only child. Tony's father passed away when Tony was a small child and was raised by his mother, Mary. He served in the US Army from 1951 to 1953 during the Korean War. While he was never sent overseas, he was part of the atomic bomb testing in Yucca Flat, NV and biggest airlift of troops in military history. After serving, he received his associates degree from Lawrence Tech. He married the love of his life, Vera, on April 30, 1955. They were married for 68 years. They bought their first and only home in Warren in 1959 where they raised their three children, Joseph (Joe), Anthony and Lisa. He worked as a draftsman for Chrysler where he eventually retired from in the late 1980s.

Tony was devoted to his wife and family. Holidays and birthdays were always celebrated occasions. There were family trips, summers spent in the backyard pool and weekends at the family cottage in Lexington. He was a great dad, always involved in his children's lives helping with homework, scouts, sports and demonstrating good values and morals as a role model. He was always available and willing to help, even into their adulthood.

He was blessed with in-laws who loved him like their own dad and with grandchildren and great grandchildren, who he adored. He loved family celebrations and get togethers.

Tony and Vera had many friends and enjoyed get togethers, always having fun. They liked traveling, with their 40th anniversary trip to Hawaii being a dream come true. Another favorite of Tony's was a work trip driving out West testing Chrysler vehicles. They were very active in their church, the former St. Dorothy's, including many

years with the Men's Club for Tony. They loved taking bus trips through the church, always having a good time with their friends.

Tony stayed active up until his passing. He was an avid golfer and roller skated into his 80s. He rarely missed a Forever Fit class at his assisted living home. Tony enjoyed attending sporting events, especially with his boys, and watching golf, baseball, football and NASCAR on TV. Summer days were spent in his gardens attending to his beautiful flowers. Tony loved Big Band music, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Louie Prima. He was always on the dance floor at weddings. He kept his mind sharp as he aged learning how to use a computer, email and even FaceBook.

Tony was loved by all who knew him. He will be remembered as a quiet, sweet man, loving husband, dad and grandpa, kind, generous, loyal friend and hard worker. He was resilient and persevered through two bouts of cancer and in the last few years of his life, losing his eyesight. He will be greatly missed.

Lisa Hatch - November 23, 2025 at 08:33 AM

KM

“Dad, you were/are one of the greatest men I will ever have the privilege of calling dad. Both you and mom always treated me/and loved me like I was with you all along. And how you both loved and cared for your grandchildren, great grandchildren and your great great grandchildren no matter how far they were or even if you didn't always get to see them due to distance you loved them all the same, and they all loved you in kind. You will be so missed but you will always be in my heart. Now you're back with mom and my folks, I can just imagine the smiles. And you will be able to see all those smiles. Being together again you must remember you're all in heaven watch the shenanigans! I will love you always.....k



Kathleen Martinico - November 22, 2025 at 03:48 PM

TF

“The Linda Branstetter Family purchased the Encanted Cottage for the family of Anthony V. Martinico.



The Linda Branstetter Family - November 22, 2025 at 07:27 AM