



Mr. Anthony Xavier O'Neil Farrell

January 16, 1959 - August 15, 2020

Anthony "Tony" Xavier O'Neil Farrell passed from this earth peacefully on Saturday, August 15, 2020 at Mount Sinai West in New York City.

Tony was born in Pittsfield on January 16, 1959 the son of the late Edward J Farrell Jr and Elizabeth "Bettye" Farrell. He was a 1977 graduate of Pittsfield High School and attended the State University of NY in Oswego. Tony spent much of his adult life in New York City where he was able to pursue his love of acting. He also spent many years in restaurant management.

A vibrant spirit, a bright personality with a great sense of humor and an awesomely talented performer and entertainer, Anthony brought a spirit, vitality and strength to life seldom seen in combination. In his last years he fought valiantly, letting on to few how difficult his battles were.

In the end, he succumbed to lung cancer, choosing to leave this earth on his own terms, and under his own rules, as he knew the road ahead offered no prospects for improvement.

He leaves a sister, Lisa Estes (Ken), of Cornelius, North Carolina and a brother, Chris, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and his aunt, Aileen Lane also of Pittsfield. He will be missed and remembered daily.

Funeral Notice:

At Tony's request, there will be no formal funeral services nor formal burial. Instead, he asked that memorial donations be made in his name to the American Cancer Society in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201. Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Comments



“ I'm typing this through tears.
We were friends for so many decades. He was the kindest of souls. Generous, compassionate, loyal and unwavering, to describe how he treated his friends, is an understatement. He was the kind of person EVERYONE wishes they had!
The looooong D&D games at our house with a dining room full of good friends laughing and acting out major battles that lasted months!
We are so humbled to have been friends with Tony, and his smile and LAUGHS will always be on our minds & in our hearts forever.
Until we meet again old friend, save us some good seats up there!
Jim & Jodi Welch

Jim & Jodi Welch - August 26 at 05:36 PM



“ Dear Lisa,
So sorry to learn of your loss. Deepest sympathy to you and your family.
Barb Garrity

Barbara Garrity - August 26 at 02:02 PM



“ Dear Chris and Family,
Please accept our deepest sympathy and prayers. We met Tony years ago through Bonnie Gable and her acting groups. We also had the pleasure of seeing him act. He had a captivating smile. We are sure you have memories that you can call on and keep close to your hearts. Rest In Peace, Tony. We are sure you are part of Bonnie's acting group again. Condolences.

Patrick & Marie Gormalley - August 25 at 07:58 PM



“ Tony and I were close friends in elementary and junior high schools. I vividly recall walking together to the theater on North Street to watch "2001: A Space Odyssey", and trying to make sense of it during the walk home. We drifted off on separate life paths, as childhood friends often do, but I was fortunate to reconnect with Tony in the past few years via Facebook. His posts made clear that he was battling illness, but he didn't dwell on the details or allow illness to dampen his vibrant humor or passions for New York, theater, politics, and Dorothy Parker.

My deepest condolences to Chris and the rest of the family.

John Dellea - August 24 at 01:26 PM



“ Oh nooooooooooooo..... I've been trying to find Tony for the past two years, thinking that social media might help, and I even considered reaching out to family even though I don't know any of you.....

For months I've been playing my favorite piano piece in the world, Poulenc's Movement Perpetual, which Tony taught me in 7th grade, and thinking of him. He was one of my dearest friends in junior high, and we remained sweetly connected through high school, singing together in the chorus and spending LONG hours together at the piano in off-school hours. Then we headed different directions, and my years were full of family and farming, so I didn't reach out to friends from my youth. But I loved him so dearly.

I am so sad I never got to share with him how much his presence in my challenging middle school years meant to me. His influence on my music has stayed with me my whole life.

Love and blessings to you on your journey from this world, Tony. I have always loved you! Regina (Selig) Mason

Regina Mason - August 24 at 09:24 AM



“ Many years have gone bye but they do not erase the youthful memories shared. You were Loved, You are Missed, and Definitely Appreciated.
Mr. Anthony "Tony" Farrell may the Clouds Open Up to let your Wings Soar on the Greatest of all Stages. I Honor the time knowing you my Friend.

David A. Costa - August 23 at 07:34 PM