



Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" Crea

January 24, 1923 - October 24, 2018

Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" Crea, Sr., of Pittsfield, passed away on Wednesday evening, October 24, 2018 at Berkshire Medical Center. Born in Calabria, Italy on January 24, 1923 the son of Frank and Rose Alessi Crea. At the age of 6 he was one of the many to immigrate to the United States through Ellis Island. Mr. Crea was a US Army WWII veteran. He enlisted in the Army during his senior year of high school. He served in Africa and Italy before returning home in 1946. After his discharge he returned to Pittsfield High School to earn his high school diploma.

After High School, Tony joined the Pittsfield Police Department and worked as a Patrolman for several years.

Tony owned and operated the former Franks Berkshire Marine, which was started by his father, and later, Tony's Berkshire Boats. Tony's family worked in the business as well, including his wife Brenda, his son AJ, and daughter Rosie.

He was one of the original members of the Rainbow Club, a past president of the Pittsfield Exchange Club and a current member of the ITAM Lodge. Tony loved spending time with family, boating, and perfecting his homemade wine. Every year on July 4th he would put on an amazing display of fire works for fellow boaters and neighbors on Pontoosuc lake.

Tony is survived by his wife of 56 years, the former Justine Brenda Noble, whom he married on December 8, 1962 at St Charles Church. He is also survive by his children, David Crea and his former wife Elizabeth Crea ,

Rosemarie Phelps and her husband Michael and AJ Crea Jr and his wife Diana. He leaves his grandchildren Kevin and his wife Courtney, Megan and her husband Ben, Dylan, Anthony, Nick and his wife Raquel, Nathaniel and his wife Erica, Andy and his wife Libby, Amanda, and Alexander. Tony was also blessed with six great grandchildren: Harper, Clayton, Cooper, Mackenzie, Grayson, and Camden and many nieces and nephews. Tony is also survived by his sister, Frances Calautti and sisters-in-law, Lena Crea and Debbie Bessette and brother-in-law George Noble and his wife Kathleen.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" Crea, Sr., will be Monday, October 29, 2018 with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Charles Church, celebrated by Rev. A. Peter Gregory, Pastor Emeritus. Burial with full military honors will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. In keeping with Tony's wishes there will be no calling hours. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Tony's memory to The Berkshire County Kid's Place Violence Prevention Center, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home 776 North St., Pittsfield, MA. DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ONLINE, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Previous Events

Service

OCT **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Charles Church
89 Briggs Ave.
Pittsfield, MA 01201
<http://stcharlespittsfield.org/>

Tribute Wall

MN

“ dear Rosie and family,
please accept our condolences at thhe loss of your Dad
marilyn and nabih nejaim

marilyn nejaim - October 30, 2018 at 11:24 AM

KF

“ AJ,
I know it has been years since we've seen each other...Notre Dame
Middle School is how we came to meet. I want to extend my
deepest condolences to you and your family at this time.
Kim Face-Blair

Kim Face-Blair - October 30, 2018 at 10:13 AM

AA

“ So sorry for your loss, I have many fond memories. Tony and
Brenda we're both very good friends of my parents/ family. I
remember going to the shop with my Dad and popping bubble wrap
with AJ. Rest well Tony.

Amy Amuso - October 30, 2018 at 01:37 AM



“ 85 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - October 28, 2018 at 07:13 PM

DB

“ *Dear Brenda,AJ&family.Rosie&family.
May we express our most sincere condolences and prayers to a
great husband,father, and grandfather.
RIP Tony our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at
this time.
Love,
Dave,Lisa Bowers,and family Lee,MA.*

David Bowers - October 28, 2018 at 01:44 PM

JC

“ *I'm
glad Toni and my dad got to spend time together at AJ and Diana's
house labor day weekend,they go back to grammar school,my dad
and i a very saddened by Tony's passing,a very loved and
respected man,he will be for ever in our heart's and greatly
missed,God Bless you Tony!*

Joseph Carusotto - October 26, 2018 at 02:52 PM

MD

“ *Brenda, AJ, Rosie & Family, we are so sad to hear of Tony’s passing. He will surely be missed by us as well as many others. We enjoyed having a glass of his famous red wine together here in Florida & remembering the good old days. We are thinking of you all & send love & prayers to you. Rest In Peace now Tony. Love, Mike & Mimi Dolphin*

mimi dolphin - October 26, 2018 at 02:05 PM



“ *Crea family, so very sorry for your loss. Rest in Peace*

Brenda Potter - October 26, 2018 at 09:23 AM

RS

“ *Tony & Dianna & Family,*

We are so very sorry for your loss.

Rose Schnopp - October 26, 2018 at 08:40 AM

CT

“ *Brenda, Rosie and family, I am so very sorry to learn of Tony’s passing. May your memories carry you through this difficult time. Thinking of you.*

Chris Thomson

Chris Thomson - October 26, 2018 at 07:38 AM

RS

“ I am so glad we got to spend some time with Tony a few weeks back..He looked great he felt good, and was even peddling a bike 10 mins a day..Loved this guy, he was a mans man that loved his family to death..and his family loved him..he was the best..Tony made 95 the new 65 we are all going to miss you Tony,,
Love Smitty,Diane, Danielle, Justin and family..

Robert Smitty Smith - October 26, 2018 at 05:46 AM

JD

“ Brenda, Rosie and AJ,

I'm sending you all love and prayers! I could fill this page with memories of Tony and the fun times on the lake! He always made us feel like we were part of the family! He will be in my heart forever



Juliann Decker - October 25, 2018 at 10:35 PM



“ Brenda, AJ and Diana,

Rick and I are very sorry for your loss. Rick always had stories about Tony and the "good old days" fixing boats and cars....

Glad I was able to get to know him the past few years. Our prayers for the Family during these next few days...

Rick and Lana Murdock

Lana Murdock - October 25, 2018 at 09:50 PM

JB

“ To Brenda, AJ, Rosie and family, I am so sorry for your loss.
Sending condolences.
Sincerely,
Jennifer Boucher

Jennifer Boucher - October 25, 2018 at 08:02 PM