



## Antonio "Tony" T. Damasco

January 28, 1930 - September 19, 2021

Antonio Thomas "Tony" Damasco, 91, of Naples, FL, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 19, 2021, at Frances Georgeson Hospice House. Formerly of Cranbury, NJ, he had been a resident of Naples since 1985. Tony was born January 28, 1930, in Jamesburg, NJ, the son of the late Thomas and Mary (Tuminaro) Damasco.

Tony was a proud veteran, serving in the United States Air Force from 1951 - 1958. He worked as a roadway maintenance crew leader on the New Jersey Turnpike for many years before going into the gas station business. Tony owned and operated the Cranbury Circle Gulf Station for over 10 years before going on to work as a maintenance mechanic at Dunlop Tire. In 1985 he and his wife Josephine moved to Naples Florida. Tony worked for the Collier County Road Maintenance Division as a crew leader, retiring in 1996. During retirement, he enjoyed working part-time at Winn-Dixie.

He was a devout catholic and faithful parishioner at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, where he served as head usher at the Sunday, 9AM Mass. Tony was a proud member of the Knights of Columbus Council 11281 and Assembly 3308. He was a 4th Degree Knight and He also served in their color corps.

Tony enjoyed hunting, bowling and he loved playing bocce with family and

friends. A great sports enthusiast he was a fan of the New York Giants, former Brooklyn Dodger fan, but adopted the Tampa Bay Devil Rays as his home team, attending games whenever possible. His love for stock car racing in his youth led him to NASCAR. He attended races in Daytona and Homestead every year. Dale Earnhardt and Dale Earnhardt Jr. were his drivers. Soccer was his favorite sport from the days of Playing at Jamesburg high where he was fondly referred to as "Tonka" or "the Bull". Soccer remained a great interest for him eventually sharing that passion with his children and grandchildren. He would watch any game, any time. However, his favorite team was any team his grandsons and granddaughter played on.

Reading was a well-loved pastime, and there was always a book on the table beside his chair. Westerns were his preference, and quite often, Louis L'Amour was the author.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 65years, Josephine (nee Centenaro) Damasco; loving children, Teresa (Richard) Crum of Naples, FL, Anthony (Patricia) Damasco of Naples, FL, and John (Charlotte) Damasco of Naples, FL; sisters, Theresa Stravic of Red Bank, NJ and Rosemary (Rick) Wetzel of Jamesburg, NJ; 6 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 10 AM at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 625 111th Ave. N., Naples, FL 34108. Burial with military honors will follow in the church memorial garden.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Tony's name may be made to the Disabled American Veterans Foundation, VA Regional Office, Bay Pines, FL 33744.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.co](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.co)

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Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## St. John the Evangelist Memorial Garden

625 111th Ave. No.  
Naples, FL 34108

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

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

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church  
625 111th Avenue North  
Naples, FL 34108

# Tribute Wall



“ Antonio "Tony" T. Damasco

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ Love you Dad. Miss you.



John Damasco - September 26, 2021 at 11:11 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Terri crum - September 23, 2021 at 09:13 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



jesse - September 23, 2021 at 08:39 PM

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*I remember that day. We used to go to Pine Island to fish. Pop was taking Jesse for a walk along the dock.*

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**Terri crum** - September 24, 2021 at 11:00 AM