



Anthony "Tony" Albion Nemeskal

February 27, 1959 - December 22, 2020

Anthony "Tony" Albion Nemeskal, 61, of Traverse City completed his earthly journey on Dec. 22, 2020 at 12:21, at Munson Medical Center due to complications of MS and COVID-19.

Tony was born on February 27, 1959 to Albion Anthony and Vera M. (Shimek) Nemeskal at Munson Hospital.

He grew up in the village of Maple City with loving parents, two older sisters and lots of cousins. He attended St. Rita's Church as a growing youngster and was an altar server. Many winter mornings he would be up early to shovel for Msgr. Fraser, serve Mass, and then be on the bus for a full day at school.

He attended Glen Lake Schools. He was a member of the National Honors Society and lettered in football and wrestling. He graduated with the class of 1977. Shortly after he joined the US Air Force, turning down a scholarship to Michigan Tech. He was a proud veteran, serving 20 years. His assignments were in Pensacola, FL, Gwinn, MI and Selfredge Airforce Base in Oscoda, MI. His foreign assignment was in Sicily. He finished his career in Wichita, KS achieving the rank of Sergeant. He was a disbursement specialist.

Tony and wife Louise moved to Traverse City to be close to both families after retirement and Tony began working for the US Post Office until his MS made it difficult to work the counter at the Garfield Office. He truly enjoyed interacting with the customers there. As his MS progressed it became necessary for Tony to live at Medilodge of GTC for the past three years. Louise, his loving, devoted partner, who he married in Wichita on November 16, 1996 was his life support and advocate as his health declined and more challenges arose.

Tony was a fan and collector of Detroit Lions memorabilia, especially Barry Sanders related. He also rooted for the Red Wings and Tigers.

Tony and Louise enjoyed going to the local casinos and traveling several times to the U.P. casinos. Tony especially liked playing Caribbean Poker, and was lucky from time to time. Growing-up in a tight knit family with 20 cousins on his mother's side alone made for a joyous July 4th, Thanksgiving and Christmas gathering. Tony is the second of 21 first cousins to take his leave. He will be greatly missed the next time we gather.

Tony was a kind and caring person with a sarcastic sense of humor like his dad's. Classmates and friends recall him as fun-loving, generous, kind and a great guy. The staff at Medilodge said he was a great patient and was well-liked. He will be missed, they said. Tony's family appreciates the care he received over the past three years at Medilodge.

The family also appreciates the nearly two weeks of care he received on one of Munson's Covid Units. A bouquet of thanks to Drs. Macnowski, Spence and Seaver, both RNs named Joe and lastly Marina, who was with Tony when the angels came for him. Louise is grateful for her compassion and that Tony was not alone.

Tony is survived by his loving wife, Louise Czerniak Ojala Nemeskal; son Christopher Allen (Jessica); granddaughter Logan Christine Nemeskal of Wichita, KS; sisters Mary Ann and Betty Nemeskal of Maple City; nephews Coty Lee Nemeskal of Maple City, Aaron Anthony (Markie) Nemeskal and their two sons, Tony's great-nephews Daxton and Lennox of Maple City; aunt Bernice Gallup of Traverse City and many cousins and friends, especially classmates Rich Majszak, Rob Hayes and Rob Schettek. Also surviving are step-sons Jeff and Tim Ojala of Traverse City and Ken Ojala of Leelanau County.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, PO Box 81891, Washington, DC 20090-1891, St Francis Building Fund and/or Mass Intentions.

Mass of Christian Burial will take place Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at 1PM, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Traverse City. Visitation at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, Tuesday, December 29, 3-5PM, with the Holy Rosary to be prayed at 4:30PM. Tony will be laid to rest next to his parents in the Cleveland Township Cemetery.

If you wish to share a memory or condolence on Tony's tribute page, you may visit <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wai

ling or pain [for] the old order has passed away. The one who sat on the throne said “Behold I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts and I shall be his God and he will be my son.” Rev. 22; 4-8.

Events

DEC **Visitation** 03:00PM - 05:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

DEC **Mass of Christian Burial** 01:00PM

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St. Francis Catholic Church
1025 S. Union, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

Comments



“ I have many fond memories of Tony as a student at Glen Lake Middle School. I share the memory of him being probably the only sixth grader in Glen Lake history to grow a moustache. He always had a "sparkle" of latent mischief just below the surface, but did not have a mean or unkind bone in his body. He was generous to others, always willing to help another student with a concept or problem. His basic honesty and decency were characteristics I always respected and appreciated. I am not surprised that he chose to serve the country in the military service, and want to acknowledge my appreciation to his family for that service. I would like to attend his visitation/service, but tricky roads and the Covid virus make that inadvisable. Consequently, I would like to extend my condolences to his entire family on his passing. Having the honor of working with young people like Tony who grow into adults who live exemplary lives is the true reward of a teaching career. He has obviously made the world a better place, and that will be a major part of his legacy. Rest well, Tony. You have earned it.

Mary Frixen - December 30, 2020 at 10:44 AM



“ I remember Tony in High School....He was two years ahead of me but was a highly impressionable personality...In part, because not many young men around had mustaches or the ability to grow a full beard..

One of my fondest memories of Tony is of him being involved with pranks that were perpetrated on members of the teaching staff....In fact I would say he was the ring master....One incident involved getting members of the football or wrestling team to lift a teacher's car on to the top of a nearby snowbank....It was a small car and owned by one of the English teachers...Well this went on for a number of weeks until this teacher decided to bring the incidents up in one of her classes....She stated it was cute once or twice, but wasn't any more due to the cost of having to have her wheels realigned every time this happened....I looked over at Tony who was doing everything he could to keep from cracking a smile....His face turning a crimson red from the strain....Also seems to me there were some mischievous pranks done to the custodians as well....But hey that was Tony..

I would like to express my condolences to Tony's family, and had the occasion arose would have liked to have thanked him for his many years of service in the military...

James L Bodoh - December 27, 2020 at 07:04 PM



“ James, thank you for sharing your memories of Tony; I'm his sister and I had no idea he was such a prankster in school!!! Maybe it's because I'm seven years older than him and was gone from home when he was on high school...Mary Ann Nemeskal

Mary Ann - December 28, 2020 at 11:11 AM



“ Louise, MaryAnn and the rest of the family, my sincere sympathy of your loss of a great guy, Tony.
He was such a good friend to my husband. If Bill would say "I'm going to visit Tony or I am going to take Tony to the doctors, I knew that they'd be together for hours talking about military or postal days.
May God give all of you grace, comfort and peace during this time as you mourn his loss.
God will give you "God winks" that will remind you that He is with you during this time and that He cares for you deeply in your sorrow.
The battle is over and Tony won !
Lovingly,
Vicki Wadsworth

vickiwadsworth - December 27, 2020 at 07:52 AM



“ Tony and I were best of friends for many years. We initial met by working together at the Barlow Post Office in Traverse City. In getting to know each other, we found out that we each had served 20 years in the military. That budded into many discussions and found out the we really had a lot in common. We both were in the Air Force, both served at KI Sawyer AFB in the UP, MI. and a lot of our opinions and views about the Post Office and the military were similar.

It was an honor to drive Tony around if he ever needed a ride, as he had many doctor's appointments around the state. I felt that he would enjoy some military company from time to time, allow us to share never ending stories and typically eat at some of his favorite restaurants. Tony was great to be around, had a wonderful sense of humor and was a hero in many ways. He would call me his "favorite seaman", and I would call him my "favorite airman". Tony was dedicated to his country, his family, and his friends. He will be sorely missed by all of us! Rest in Peace Airman, Rest in Peace!

Bill Wadsworth - December 26, 2020

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william wadsworth - December 27, 2020 at 07:28 AM



“ So very sorry for the loss of your loved one. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Charlene (Pleva) Trower

Charlene Trower - December 24, 2020 at 08:44 PM