



## Anthony (Tony) J. Ruggiero

August 4, 1929 - March 1, 2020

Anthony (Tony) J. Ruggiero, of Norwalk, CT passed away peacefully on Sunday March 1, 2020 surrounded by his family and caregivers at Maplewood of Strawberry Hill where he resided for five years. He was 90 years young.

He was born in 1929 to the late Luigi and Marianna (Spero) Ruggiero (Rogers) in Rowayton CT, and was the second youngest of sixteen children who have predeceased him. A 1947 graduate of Norwalk High School, is survived by his wife, Sarah, his daughter MaryAnn, son Anthony Jr., his granddaughters, Sarah, Marina (Sharaf), and Elena (AJ), his great granddaughter Cecilia, and many nieces and nephews.

Tony served in the United States Army from 1951-1953 in Augsburg, Germany gaining the rank of First Sergeant. He was a general contractor by trade, and volunteered as a racquetball and fitness instructor at the New Canaan YMCA. After his retirement, he served as caretaker on the Clark estate in New Canaan for more than twenty years. As a former boxer, he volunteered at the Greater Norwalk Boxing Association as a trainer where he gained the admiration and respect of many young athletes.

Papa was what his granddaughters and great granddaughter called him and he was without a doubt the greatest Papa of all time. The girls were his absolute joy! He loved the Lord and his family. He loved life and he loved to

laugh. He will be greatly missed, but live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

Due to CDC federal guide lines and keeping the public safe, the family has requested services to be postponed for a future date.

The family has entrusted the funeral arrangements to Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, in Stamford, CT. If you would like to leave a condolence message for the family you may visit the guestbook on [bosakfuneralhome.com](http://bosakfuneralhome.com) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome](https://facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome).

# Tribute Wall

LC

“ Anthony, Maryann and Mrs Ruggiero, I am so sorry to hear if the passing of your dad/husband, such a nice man. I'm sorry for the tardiness of this note, I just found out the other day. I hope you are all well & safe. With Deepest sympathy, Linda Lauterbach Croughwell

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**linda croughwell** - February 11, 2021 at 11:58 AM

JD

“ A funny and fun-loving guy who made me and my children laugh as our back yard neighbor at the Clark Estate! Rest In Peace, Tony....Our deepest sympathy to his family.....love, the DePalmas

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**jeanne depalma** - March 22, 2020 at 01:09 PM

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“ Mr Y NOT, thats Tony spelled backwards followed by a huge belly laugh. Thank you for spending time with me in the Salon at Maplewood. It was truly an honor listening to all your stories. Forever in my heart, Love, ready for it ..... D Nephew..... lol couldnt resist, thats what he'd call me.. actually its Denise, but if you know Tony, then you got it. xxoo

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**Denise DePalma** - March 18, 2020 at 09:33 PM

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“ *Mi compare, my "Goombah" Tony, dad's best man. So special to me, and always made me feel special. Happy, full of love and I am lucky to have had him in my life. Lisa Massaro*



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**Lisa Massaro** - March 18, 2020 at 07:06 AM