



Anthony T O'Brochta

January 4, 1930 - August 9, 2021

Anthony T. O'Brochta, age 91, of Mentor, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on August 9, 2021. He was born in Pitt Gas, PA, on January 4, 1930, to the late Albert and Katherine O'Brochta (nee Staszel).

He was a cherished and loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great great-grandfather who will be greatly missed by all who knew him. After graduating from Waynesburg College in PA, where he received a bachelor's degree in Education and played college football, he served in the US Army during the Korean War. Before his move to Mentor, OH he taught and coached at Cumberland Twp. HS in Carmichaels, PA and received his master's degree from West Virginia University in Morgantown, WV. Tony retired in 1985 after dedicating 23 years to Kirtland HS as a mathematics teacher and football coach. Tony was a devout Catholic and longtime parishioner of St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church in Mentor; an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan, golfer, fisherman and gardener.

Tony is survived by his children Colleen (Juan R. Gonzalez) Burke, Anthony (Betsy) O'Brochta and Kathleen (Mark) Tritchler, grandchildren Jason (Kathy) Burke, Taylor (Brittany) O'Brochta, Garrett O'Brochta, McKenzie O'Brochta, Diane Tritchler, and Grace Tritchler, great-grandson Kodi Burke and great great-grandson Wyatt Burke and sister Lucy Rumancik.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 59 years, Rose Marie O'Brochta (nee Roman), his siblings Thomas O'Brochta, John O'Brochta, Frank O'Brochta, Pete O'Brochta, Paul O'Brochta, Andy O'Brochta, Joseph O'Brochta, Mike O'Brochta, Bill O'Brochta, Julia Stassa, Helen Kurtyka and Rose O'Brochta.

A Mass celebrating the life of Tony will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 11am at St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church, 8560 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Anthony's name to his church's food pantry: "St. Mary's-Helping Hands" 8560 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

AUG **28**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church
8560 Mentor Ave.
Mentor, OH 44060

Tribute Wall



“ *Nephew Martin Kurtyka & wife Jeanine purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Anthony T O'Brochta.*



Nephew Martin Kurtyka & wife Jeanine - August 18, 2021 at 09:49 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony T O'Brochta.*



August 18, 2021 at 07:21 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Anthony T O'Brochta.*



August 18, 2021 at 11:15 AM

CB

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family as you honor a life well lived.*

May the wonderful memories provide strength and healing through this difficult time.

We are truly sorry for your loss.

Chris & Donna Becker



Chris Becker - August 16, 2021 at 05:00 PM

MO

“ *1 file added to the album Tony*



Michael O'Brochta - August 14, 2021 at 01:05 PM

MO

I recorded Tony at the 2005 O'Brochta family reunion while interviewing a number of family members; these recording were released on a DVD at that time. Tony was the one who stimulated me to make these recordings. Years earlier, he sent me a short video clip that he had copied from an old 16mm film; it showed my father, Paul O'Brochta. My father died when I was 11 years old; the video clip Tony sent to me is the only moving image I have of him. Receiving that clip was a powerful moment in my life. Recording family interviews was a way for me to pay it forward. Thank you Uncle Tony.

Michael O'Brochta - August 14, 2021 at 01:14 PM

TF

“ I remember the first time I met Tony back in 1971. That's when I started teaching and coaching at Kirtland . I knew right from the beginning that he was the man to listen to. He never led me astray or gave me a wrong answer. He was always there when I needed him. He was a true friend for life and a great man. I am going to miss him.

Tony Ferritto

Tony and Carole Ferritto - August 14, 2021 at 07:57 AM

AB

“ John and I have so many fond memories of Tony and Rose that I don't even know where to begin. I first knew Tony as Mr. O'Brochta, my math teacher at Kirtland High School. And John knew him as his colleague at KHS. After I graduated and John and I started dating, Mr. O'Brochta became Tony to me. Tony and Rose came to PA for our wedding and when we bought our house in Mentor in 1968, Tony helped John put a bathtub in our small 5' x 5' bathroom, crawling on his back into a very narrow crawlspace to plumb the tub. He also helped later when we added on to our little "cottage" of a house. John thought of Tony as an older brother, telling me that he and Tony would meet at the school lounge at least 1/2 hour early and talk through each others problems (both school related and personal problems that I never knew anything about). John is really going to miss Tony, as Tony has been a great friend supporting, understanding and comforting John since his stroke. Our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy to Colleen, Anthony, and Kathy and their families.

*God Bless, Rest in Peace, Love You Tony,
John & Arlene Beinhardt*

Arlene Beinhardt - August 13, 2021 at 10:45 PM

FI

“ *Fittons lit a candle in memory of Anthony T O'Brochta*



Fittons - August 13, 2021 at 09:45 PM

FI

Our deepest condolences to the O'Brochta family. We really enjoyed spending time with O. He was a sweet man. ❤️

Fittons - August 13, 2021 at 09:48 PM

DJ

Best neighbor ever!!!!

denis jonke - August 14, 2021 at 07:26 AM

CR

“ *Dear Colleen, Kathy, Anthony and families , I am so sorry to hear of my dear Uncle Tony's passing. My dad's "little brother", as he referred to him, was a wonderful man with a beaming personality. Uncle Tony was all about family and I know he will be sorely missed. I will forever hold the vision of his beautiful smile and sound of his laughter in my heart. ~ Connie O'Brochta Rossi*

Connie Rossi - August 13, 2021 at 09:44 PM

KT

“ *1 file added to the album Tony*



Kathleen Tritchler - August 13, 2021 at 09:20 PM

SB

He had a great smile and kind words for everyone.

Susan Brown - August 13, 2021 at 09:37 PM

DH

*An unforgettable man loved by so many! Rest In Peace Uncle Tony!
Love you forever! ❤️*

Donna Helwig - August 13, 2021 at 09:37 PM

JP

*Tony's final nine years of teaching at Kirtland were my first nine. He was a fine teacher, coach and a strong union man. Cliff Novak and I were so fortunate to have O, Larry Brown and George Case in the building during those early years.
He will be missed.*

Jim Pilewski - August 24, 2021 at 11:35 AM