



Anthony "Tony" Fagnoli

October 17, 1933 - September 8, 2019

Anthony "Tony" Fagnoli, 85, of Louisville, passed away on Sunday, September 8, 2019.

Tony was born in Providence, Rhode Island to the late Enrico and Carmella Fagnoli. He was a retired schoolteacher at Butler High School and a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves. He was quite active as he played hockey for the Louisville Blades from 1962-1976 and spent over 40 years coaching. He also owned and trained horses and was a member of the H.B.P.A. He and his wife are members of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church. Tony attended St. Raphael Academy in Pawtucket, RI, where he lettered in hockey, baseball and football. He graduated from Western Kentucky University with a bachelor's and master's degree, where he was a member of OmaKron and later Sigma Nu. Tony also played baseball for Coach Diddle at Western where he was his catcher.

He is preceded in death by his siblings, Enrico Fagnoli, Pauline Rezendes and Ann Corbin.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine Wrenn Fagnoli; brothers, Edward (Rita,) and Robert (Leslie) Fagnoli; sisters, Rita Fagnoli and Flora Relois; many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews. Tony is also survived by a sister-in-law, Dolores Fagnoli and a brother-in-law, Walter Rezendes.

Funeral Mass for Tony will be celebrated at 10 AM on Friday, September 13th at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, 2042 Buechel Bank Road. Visitation will from 2-8 PM on Thursday, September 12th at Ratterman & Sons Funeral Home, 3800 Bardstown Road.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Tony's memory to the Kentucky Horsemen's Benevolent Protective Association, 3729 S. 4th Street, Louisville, 40214.

Online condolences can be shared at www.Ratterman.com.

Events

SEP **Visitation** 02:00PM - 08:00PM

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Ratterman & Sons Funeral Home - Bardstown Road
3800 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY, US, 40218

SEP **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM

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St. Bartholomew Catholic Church
2042 Buechel Bank Road, Louisville, KY, US, 40218

Comments



“ It's only by chance I heard of Tony's passing but even though we only crossed paths briefly he left a lasting impression. I remember joking about how amazing it was that he still had all of his teeth despite playing hockey all his life, a game he only gave up when the rink mandated players wear helmets. He was also the first and the last patient to ever send me home with homemade meatballs. He probably wouldn't have remembered me, but I'll never forget him.

Chelsey Simon - September 14 at 07:05 PM



“ Mr. FARGNOLI was the BEST teacher I ever had. He made history interesting and fun. Although he got me a few times with his paddle for talking or being out of my seat as usual. He still made students like going to his class (maybe except for jingle bells) . Loved hearing him talk about his Louisville Blades. Loved his black eyes from hockey lol jk. But all in all he made Butler a better school. He will be sadly missed. RIP COACH.



Vicki Hampton - September 13 at 01:05 AM



“ Tony was not only my History teacher in high school but also my mentor in my ten years of teaching at Butler. Always passionate, always the disciplinarian, but more importantly always the friend. Tony and Leonard Bloss were truly Co- Mr. Butler. Tony also was generous to share his love of horses with my daughter when she was a very little girl, guess that's why we have three of them now. Elaine you were always so gracious you guys were a perfect couple.
Mike Durham

mike durham - September 12 at 10:39 PM



“ Tony started coaching at Butler my senior year. Unlike a lot of coaches at the time, he and a couple of the other young coaches actually treated us as human beings. But my favorite memories were actually from Miles Park racetrack. I worked there as a teen for the photographer and used to see Tony there a lot way before the races started and we often chatted about what was going on. Since I had just graduated,

he actually treated me as an equal, which was quite thrilling for an 18 year old kid. Good to see some of the older guys at the viewing. R.I.P. Coach, you have no idea how many young lives you touched . Rich Williams class of 62.

Rich Williams - September 12 at 05:00 PM



“ A wonderful coach. A better teacher. An even better man. After my parents, one of the most ethical men I ever met. A pivotal influence - on my youth - maybe more. RIP

Thanks Mr. Fagnoli for lending me the money to replace that book. The folks would have ripped me for that one.

Greg Haysley Class of '81

Greg Haysley - September 12 at 11:37 AM



“ Jerry Wright lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Fagnoli



Jerry Wright - September 12 at 10:35 AM



“ Elaine I am so very very sorry to hear about Tony's passing. I had the pleasure to become a football student 58 years ago. He was an inspiration to me to continue on and exercise his teachings to excel on the playing field in front of my Mother and fellow classmates. He was always a sympathetic and gentleman in his association with anyone else who shared the same moral character and ethics. I could write a 500-word paper about Tony but still would not cover all I could say about my favorite and dear Coach, RIP and God Bless and Keep you. Jerry Wright Class of '64.

Jerry Wright - September 12 at 10:32 AM



“ Elaine. We were so sorry to hear this. You are in our thoughts and prayers. So many good memories. Tony was the "sane guy" around all those hockey hooligans. Fun games and great parties. Fond memories of going to the Derby with you guys and Tony's mom.

So glad we ran into Tony this year and had the chance to catch up with you all.
You can always call us if you need a hand with anything.

Ralph and Peg Travelstead

ralph and peg Travelstead - September 12 at 09:03 AM



“ Dear sweet Elaine, so sorry for that painful hole in your heart. I pray relief comes with time and memories shared.
My best memory goes back a few years. A annual “fireworks run” was set to begin for the short trip down to Tennessee from the Niemi Barren River Compound. I asked Tony if he’d like to ride with me on the back of my Harley instead of the car and he agreed. Soon after arriving @ a “FireworksRus” spot some guy started asking Tony things about the bike. Tony replied “not my bike, I rode here with my friend”.
I be Tony’s friend.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Joe and Janet.

Joe Gottbrath - September 12 at 04:39 AM



“ Tony will be missed by all of his friends(mutuel clerks and others) at Churchill downs.
Great guy!

john moore - September 11 at 09:01 AM



“ ELAINE,

SO VERY SORRY TO HEAR OF TONY'S PASSING. ALTHOUGH WE LOST CONTACT THROUGH THE YEARS I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE WONDERFUL LOUISVILLE BLADES HOCKEY ERA AND OUR EPIC PARTIES THAT FOLLOWED THE GAMES.

REST IN PEACE DEAR FRIEND.

GARY WM. MORRELL

GARY WM. MORRELL - September 10 at 10:35 AM



“ Tony was a WKU classmate, a Kron pledgemate and a close personal friend since 1955.
I will never forget the good times we have had together. Many people loved Tony and I was one of them. RIP my friend. John Coombs

John Coombs - September 10 at 08:46 AM



“ So sorry, to the Family, for the loss of a Gentleman, and a overall great person. Tony will be missed, as well as his meatball sandwiches.
RIP Tony.

Bill Stovall - September 10 at 07:45 AM



“ I have been friends with Tony for 51 wonderful years. We played hockey together and we owned horses together. Although I live in Canada, Tony and Elaine have visited me many times and I was always welcome in his home. I am going to miss him terribly.

Rick Karper (the damn Canadian)

Rick Karper - September 09 at 08:56 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



david french - September 09 at 04:36 PM



“ Elaine

I liked Tony very, very much and respected him more. He was an outstanding man in every way.

David French
Butler High class of 1982

david french - September 09 at 04:26 PM



“ Where do I begin. Always loving memories of times with Uncle Tony. His smile and laughter and easy way. All our love to you Auntie Elaine as God keeps you in his care and welcomes Uncle into heaven. May you find comfort in the warm memories of your lives together.
Love,
Frank and Lori and Family.

Frank - September 09 at 04:21 PM



“ Dear Elaine,
I am so sad to learn about Tony's passing. I always looked forward to seeing him, and you, at the pool. I will really, really miss his delicious meatballs. I hope to see you soon.
Warmest wishes always, Bob (Water Aerobics Instructor)

Bob Wimsatt - September 09 at 03:24 PM