



Anthony M Petrillo

August 4, 1928 - June 8, 2025

Anthony M. Petrillo “Tony” of Mount Holly, passed away on Sunday, June 8, 2025 at his home. He was 96. Tony was born in Wilkes-Barre, PA, the son of the late Marie and Angelo Petrillo, on August 4, 1928.

Tony graduated from G.A.R High School in Wilkes-Barre in 1946. He then went on to Mansfield University and graduated in 1950. He earned his Master’s Degree in 1962 from Rutger’s University.

Tony first became the head football coach at Canisteo, NY at age 22. While at Canisteo he met his future wife, Millie (Weston), two years later he became the head football coach at Pemberton Boro High School. In 1957 Tony went over to Rancocas Valley Regional High School where he taught Physics and coached Football for 25 years.

Mr. Petrillo was the head wrestling coach at RV for over 27 years. Tony received numerous awards for his successful wrestling coaching career. He was BCT Coach of the year 3 times. He compiled a record of 191-101-4 wrestling the most competitive schools in New Jersey. He had seventeen consecutive winning seasons during which his teams won seven Burlington County League Championships, five District titles as well as 51 individual District Champions, 6 Region Champions and 4 State Finalists. His 1970-71 team was undefeated. Coach Petrillo received the Harry E. Lake Memorial

Award for outstanding contributions to NJ High School Wrestling (1981). He was inducted in the SJ Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1985. 1992 saw him inducted into the RVRHS Hall of Fame and later he was inducted into the SJ Coaches Hall of Fame.

This was all topped off by his induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in September of 2008.

Coach Petrillo went on to serve on the executive committee of the SJ Wrestling Hall of Fame, SJ Coaches and Officials executive committee, NJ State Wrestling Executive Committee, and the National Wrestling Hall of Fame Committee.

Tony was also interested in antique cars, having had several and was a past member of the Ankokas Antique Auto Club. He loved to drive his convertible cars in parades such as the Miss America in Atlantic City, Miss NJ in Ocean City, the RV parades and many others.

In his retirement years, he drove cars for NADE and Manheim auto parts.

Mr. Petrillo served as an Usher at the Sacred Heart Church of Mount Holly as well as a volunteer for the St. Vincent dePaul Society. He helped construct Kindergarten rooms in the Church basement as well as building much of the furniture. The cross that was displayed during the Lenten season is of his making. Carpentry was a passion.

Tony was predeceased by his lovely wife, Millie; his daughter Barbara Kernagis (Al); and his great-grandson Dante. He is survived by his children: Judi, Tony (Dayle), Tom, and Linda. He especially loved his 9 grandchildren: Lisa, Christopher, Stephanie (Kyle), Kyle, Kelli (Frankie), Brittany, Dillon, Dalton (Kelly), Dustin. Great grandchildren: Nicole (Angel), Bianca (Patrick),

Aryanna, Nikayla, Markie, Brynlee, Oaklynn, Miller, Mackson, Millie, Kolbie. Great-Great grandchildren: Cameron, Angel, Liam, Leo, Matteo, Kenzo, and Elliana. The brother of the late, Ida, Rose, Laura, Pat, Lou, Mike, and George. He also had many nieces and nephews.

Relatives, friends and the RV community may visit with the family on Monday, June 16th from 6-8pm at the Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mount Holly. Mass of Christian burial will be Celebrated on Tuesday at 10:30 am at the Sacred Heart Church, 260 High St., Mount Holly. Additional visitation will be held at the church from 9:30-10:30. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Rancocas Valley Regional High School, Jacksonville Rd., Mount Holly, NJ 08060 to establish a scholarship in his memory or to St. Jude's Hospital for Children at www.stjude.org

www.perinchief.com

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels
438 High Street
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060
(609) 267-0399
info@perinchief.com
<http://www.perinchief.com>

Viewing

JUN 17. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church in Mount Holly
260 High St.
Mount Holly, NJ

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 17. 10:30 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church in Mount Holly
260 High St.
Mount Holly, NJ

Tribute Wall

MH

“ My parents knew the Tony and Millie very well. I met them several times and took care of them when they visited me in the ER. Not the best place to have a conversation but it was always good to see them and talk about life.. I'm disappointed that I did not get another chance to speak to either one of them. May they rest in peace

michael HARTMAN - August 14, 2025 at 05:57 PM

MP

“ My condolences to the Petrillo Family, Mr. Petrillo was my football coach at RV, I listened and learned many things from him, he was a blessing and it was my honor to have had the opportunity to play for him. He will sorely be missed, may God bless his family during these days. Michael Pfeiffer



Michael Pfeiffer - June 24, 2025 at 04:10 PM

ST

“ Will always remember the kindness of Uncle Tony. My love to him, the wonderful family and of course his beloved Millie whom he now stands side by side with in heaven. God bless.

Steve - June 17, 2025 at 04:58 PM

SF

“ Shelly, and The Mushinski Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony M Petrillo.

Shelly, and The Mushinski Family - June 16, 2025 at 12:33 PM

SF

“ Shelly, and The Mushinski Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Anthony M Petrillo.



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LM

“ Love Bubby and Marie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony M Petrillo.

Love Bubby and Marie - June 15, 2025 at 08:14 PM

LM

“ Love Bubby and Marie purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of Anthony M Petrillo.



Love Bubby and Marie - June 15, 2025 at 08:14 PM

SC

“ I knew Mr. Petrillo from being a neighbor and also a student at RV. I took industrial arts classes and physics classes. He was able to bridge the gap between book-smarts and the real world. He taught me the value of communication and sharing ideas. Greatest teacher ever, I was glad I was able to tell him so at an event. He made learning fun. We shared a passion for cars and the construction industry. I will miss our conversations.

Steven Curtis - June 15, 2025 at 12:00 PM



“ Love, Renee, George, Joanne, Jeff, David, & families purchased the Pure Heart for the family of Anthony M Petrillo.



Love, Renee, George, Joanne, Jeff, David, & families - June 13, 2025 at 11:49 AM



“ I know how much he loved Millie and Coaching at Rancocas Valley High School and how his players loved him too to His Family and Friends my sympathy and Rest well Tony

Paula Baker - June 12, 2025 at 11:18 PM



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Steven Curtis - June 15, 2025 at 11:57 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony M Petrillo.



June 12, 2025 at 03:34 PM

WC

“ *With all the love, The Calhoun’s purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Anthony M Petrillo.*



With all the love, The Calhoun’s - June 11, 2025 at 11:04 PM

BR

“ *Tony was such a wonderful man in every way. We rented units at their home in OCNJ for 27 years going from 3 generations to 4 generations of our family together there. Such fond memories. We were always treated like family to Tony and Millie. We loved them so much. Our condolences to his family. He will be greatly missed by many. May God comfort his family at this difficult time.*

Barbara Lindsey (Pam Reynolds) - June 11, 2025 at 05:45 PM

RE

“ *Randy Egley purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Anthony M Petrillo.*



Randy Egley - June 11, 2025 at 01:12 PM

JL

“ Our hearts and prayers are with you Judi, Tony, Tom, Linda, along with (Dayle) (Al) children, grandchildren, great and great great grandchildren. Our dear Uncle Tony holds a special place within our hearts always. Our lives are blessed with a lifetime of memories of Uncle Tony. He supported us in times of great joy and in times of great sorrow. Uncle Tony and Aunt Milly along with our Dad George (Pop Pop) and our Mom Joan (Grandma) and their 10 children between them were always together. To borrow cousin Babs words "we became one big family." Uncle Tony and Aunt Milly's home at 18 South Avenue was a special place for weekly Sunday visits, yearly family reunions, yearly Christmas gatherings along with summer visits in Ocean City. Uncle Tony was always there with a smile, words of encouragement, a joke and a warm twinkle in his eye. Uncle Tony's heart and home were always open and we remember him manning the barbecue while Aunt Milly lovingly welcomed us in for a day of family fun. As our families grew and we had children and grandchildren they were welcomed by him and joined in the fun and family days.

We will never forget how Uncle Tony and Aunt Milly brought comfort to our Mom (Joan) after our Dad (George) passed and she was battling Alzheimer's. Uncle Tony and Aunt Milly visited often, took Mom to lunch, visits in their home many times with their children and grandchildren too. We treasure those visits as Mom recognized her dear brother in-law and sister in-law and shared memories together. Family was a priority to him always. We cherish the many memories with you. They are forever written and remembered in our hearts. Uncle Tony you were such a loving husband, Dad, Pop Pop and your family was everything to you. Together with Aunt Milly you beamed whenever you spoke of your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

We grieve with you Judi, Tony, Tom, Linda and family. Your Dad and Pop Pop coached championship teams and champion players in a long and wonderful career. Anyone going through hardships would be encouraged and strengthened by your Dad. Uncle Tony we

honor you as a "Champion!" We watched how you faced valiantly the loss of your beloved Milly and Barbara. In your own battles with health issues you bravely faced them with the heart of a "champion!" We love and will always miss you but know we will be reunited in heaven one day. To our dear cousins each of you were the wind beneath your Dad and Pop Pops wings and surrounded him with love and comfort. We ask God to surround each of you and bring you peace and comfort at this sad time. We love you all. Love Cousins Joanne, Frank and Mark Lettieri

Joanne Lettieri - June 11, 2025 at 12:14 PM

MG

“ *I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Coach Tony Petrillo. I had the privilege of knowing him not only as a dedicated coach and inspiring physics teacher during my time at RV, but also as the proud father of my classmates Tony and Barbara. Over the years, I was fortunate to reconnect with him at many school events, and he always greeted me with warmth and genuine interest — asking about my family, my work, and life beyond the classroom and field. He was a man of integrity, encouragement, and quiet strength — someone who left a lasting impact on so many of us. My heartfelt condolences to his family. He will be remembered with respect and gratitude.*

Michael Galie - June 11, 2025 at 09:02 AM

MD

I am deeply saddened at the passing of Mr. Petrillo. My heartfelt condolences and prayers to his family. I had the privilege of having Mr. Petrillo as my Physics teacher at RV and our friendship was very special as he sat next to me at church every Sunday morning- such a kind and caring person whom I will always remember and miss!

Marlene Donnelly - June 11, 2025 at 05:14 PM

JF

“ Julie Borlaug and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Anthony M Petrillo.



Julie Borlaug and Family - June 11, 2025 at 07:53 AM

JO

“ My deepest condolences to you all. I remember when I first met Mr. Petrillo, never forget that smile, when Kelli told him I was Frankie's Mom, he welcomed me with open arms. Hold the memories close to your hearts. Thinking of you all in your time of sorrow. Miss you MR. Petrillo. Much love. Joni.

Joni - June 10, 2025 at 06:47 PM

PP

“ Pat Petrillo & Diane, Joy Petrillo. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Anthony M Petrillo.



Pat Petrillo & Diane, Joy Petrillo. - June 10, 2025 at 03:57 PM

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Pat Petrillo & Diane, Joy Petrillo. - June 10, 2025 at 03:57 PM

AM

“ *Amy lit a candle in memory of Anthony M
Petrillo*



amy - June 10, 2025 at 11:52 AM