



Anthony James Miltich

June 1, 1915 - November 25, 2019

Anthony James Miltich (Tony) embodied the American dream. He passed away peacefully on November 25, 2019 at the age of 104 after a sudden illness.

He was born June 1, 1915 on the Mesabi Iron Range in Virginia MN to Croatian immigrants, Andrew (Andro) and Mary Pope (Mare Papa) Miltich (Miletić). He was the fifth child of six girls and four boys. His older sister "Americanized" his name from Ante Miletić to Tony Miltich when she registered him at school. At later date, he adopted the more formal Anthony and added his confirmation name James as his middle name. The family, except for the oldest daughter, briefly lived in Croatia.

Tony was a voracious reader and stated that he had read every book in the local library by the time he finished high school. He continued to read throughout his life. He was the first of his family to attend college, attending the University of Minnesota where he obtained his MD degree. He paid for his education by playing saxophone and clarinet in a small dance band. During WWII, Dr. Miltich was assigned by the War Board to Flint MI to keep the workers assisting with the war effort healthy. He practiced there until his 70's with his independent practice of General Medicine and Surgery. He was an acute observer of people with an ability to diagnose hypothyroidism by sight. As he talked with his patients, his accent and mannerisms would mirror those of the patient, and he was loved by many. Tony was a member of the Genesee County, Michigan State, and American Medical Associations.

He is survived by his beloved spouse Martyne Sheline, his children Tony II (Suzanne), Terry (Jack) Murphy, Mark (Sandy), Michael (Ann), Alan, and Marla Welch, along with 16 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings, his wives Elaine Fiegel MacArthur, and Geraldine Neville Miltich, along with one granddaughter.

Tony has resided in Flint, Grand Blanc, and Higgins Lake MI; Port St Lucie FL; and, most recently, in Mooresville NC.

After caring for his patients, his biggest pleasure was bird and big game hunting. He was known for his charisma and charm.

Mass in his honor will be held at St Alban's Episcopal Church, 301 Caldwell Ln, Davidson on Thursday, December 19th at 11:00 am, followed by a reception at the church.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Miltich family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Events

DEC **Mass** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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St Alban's Episcopal Church

301 Caldwell Lane, Davidson, NC, US, 28036

Comments



“ My deepest condolences to all my cousins & their families on the passing of Uncle Tony. What a full & long life he led. I wish I could be with you for the service but you will all be in my thoughts & prayers.

Love,
Bonnie(Stutz) & Paul Seaquist

Bonnie Seaquist - December 10, 2019 at 08:37 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Anthony James Miltich.



December 06, 2019 at 07:41 PM



“ My condolences to the family on the passing of this genuinely great man. I attended Flint U of M with Alan and Mike. My wife Michelle (Sullivan) and I both worked at St Joe's and remember Dr. Miltich fondly.

Brian Duke - December 03, 2019 at 06:52 PM



“ Dr. Mike, our hearts are with you and family as you mourn the loss of your father. Based on your words, he did a magnificent job in leaving a great legacy and personal character to you and siblings.

David & Jeanette Pankey - December 05, 2019 at 11:12 AM