



## Anthony Francis Curcio, Jr.

July 8, 1945 - February 11, 2026

It is with deep sorrow that we announce that Anthony Francis Curcio, Jr. "Tony", 80, went home to the Lord on February 11th, 2026 at Gordon Hospice House in Statesville, North Carolina, after a brief illness in the hospital. Anthony was born in the Bronx, NY on July 8, 1945 to Anthony Sr. and Marie (Christiano) Curcio. After graduating from Regis High School in NY, he earned a BA in History from Fordham University where he met his beloved wife of 57 years, Rita Ann (Lee). He went on to earn an MBA from Columbia University. Tony and Rita married in December of 1969 and were the very loving parents of two girls, Caroline Marie (Curcio) Joos and Joanna "Josie" Lee (Curcio) O'Rourke. Tony was an avid sports fan and especially loved the NY Yankees and the NY Giants. Though a city boy by birth, he found solace in the country life of the farming suburbs of NJ where he raised his family amidst many beloved pets, while still traveling daily most of his working years back to NY City as a buyer of men's dress shirts for JCPenney. He then traveled the world as a vendor of men's clothing before retirement. Though his later years found him and Rita in North Carolina and back to apartment living, he continued his devotion to his family and developed a special affection for his beloved dog "Emma", who will miss him as dearly as his family does. Tony is preceded in death by his parents, Anthony and Marie, and many Italian aunts, uncles and cousins. He is survived by his devoted and loving wife, Rita, his daughter Caroline (Joos) and her two children Gabriella "Ella" (Joos) and Lucas (Joos); his

daughter Josie (O'Rourke) and his son-in-law Patrick (O'Rourke) and their children, Maureen (O'Rourke), Patrick Jr. (O'Rourke), Martin (O'Rourke), Dennis (O'Rourke), John "Jack" (O'Rourke) and Bridget (O'Rourke) and his great-granddaughter Amara (Wesley). Tony is also survived by his dear brothers and sisters-in-law and nieces and nephews, John & Nancy Lee and their children Diana and John and their families, and Robert & Anne Lee and their children Katie, John, and Tom, and their families.

Services for Tony are being planned and details will be shared with family as soon as they are available.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Curcio family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Tony was a good friend of mine at Regis High School all those many years ago and, like me, a Bronx guy through and through.. And a genuinely good person to boot with a ready smile and fine sense of humor. He went to Fordham after Regis, while I went out of town to Holy Cross. Result? We lost touch, unfortunately. I always hoped that I would see him again at a Jug Night or Class of '63 reunion, but it never happened. Really sorry to get this news of his passing from Regis. Requiescat in pace, mi amice.

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**James Higgins** - February 22 at 04:20 PM

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“ We were high school classmates, and he always impressed me as a very gentle, good hearted, friendly guy. He was universally liked.  
Danny Lynch

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**Danny Lynch** - February 20 at 12:41 PM