



## Anthony A. Esposito

September 22, 2018

Anthony A. Esposito, 85, passed away peacefully at his home on September 22, 2018. He shared 54 wonderful years of marriage with Marianne (Curley) Esposito until her passing in 2016. Together they raised three children, Amy, Ann and Scott. Born in Old Forge, Tony was the son of the late Joseph Esposito and Mary (Gentile) Esposito. He was a graduate of Old Forge High School and a lifelong fan of Old Forge pizza. Tony was a man of great heart. To know him was to love him. He epitomized a true gentleman with all the best qualities: humility, selflessness, unconditional love, humor and wit, and a level of kindness that few possess. Tony proudly served his country during the Korean War. He achieved the rank of Corporal and served as a Field and Mash Unit Medic with the 31st Infantry Regiment and 2nd and 45th Infantry Divisions. He received various recognitions for his service including a Presidential Citation, the Korean Service Medal, and the United Nations Service Medal. Tony had a long and successful career which began at Western Electric in Allentown, where he patented an efficiency procedure. He went on to work as an electronic supervisor for Philco Ford Corporation in Lansdale and then went on to Mack Trucks where he spent 29 years as a supervisor and quality control engineer. He was so well respected in his industry that he continued to serve as a consultant in the Mack Trucks Granite Program for several years after retiring. Tony was active in various community organizations. In his early days, he served on the board of directors of the Allentown Jaycees where he received the Jaycees Citizen of the Year Award.

He went on to become an active member of the Lower Lehigh Lions Club where he served as President and was awarded the Melvin Jones Award, the highest recognition in Lionism. He also served as Chairman of the Lower Macungie Halloween Parade for 10 years. Tony was most proud of his 49-year association with an organization near and dear to his heart - Easterseals of Eastern Pennsylvania. In 1965, Tony's daughter Ann was born with spina bifida, which led him to dedicate much of his time and talents to raising money for families with disabled children. He was a founding member of the Mary Ellen Golf Tournament, which to date has raised more than \$2.3 million. He attended the 2018 tournament in July. Tony was a devout Catholic. He was a founding member of St. Thomas More where he served as an usher, altar server and Eucharistic Minister. He was also a longtime member of M.O.S.T. Tony was a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Council No. 528.

Tony is survived by a daughter, Amy Esposito; a sister Rose Marie Preate and sister-in-law Claudia Esposito, both of Old Forge, several nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his wife Marianne, he was preceded in death by his daughter Ann Esposito, his son Scott Esposito, his brothers Joseph and John, and his sister Mary.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, at 12:30 P.M. at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 1040 Flexer Ave., Allentown. A calling hour will be held on Friday, from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. in the Church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Thomas More Educational Fund, 1040 Flexer Ave., Allentown, PA 18103 or Easterseals of Eastern PA, 1501 Lehigh St., Ste 201, Allentown, PA 18103.