



## Anthony J. Salafia

April 28, 1935 - May 2, 2020

SHIRLEY: Anthony J. "Tony" Salafia, 85, of Shirley, died Saturday, May 2, 2020 at his home.

Tony was born in Leominster, April 28, 1935 and attended the Leominster School System.

He spent much of his career in the Auto Body Repair industry.

Tony laves his wife of 63 years, Vivian K. (Barr) Salafia; his son, William Salafia of Fitchburg; his daughter and son in law, Shawn and Michael Craft of Worcester and three sisters, Catherine Hebert, Carla LeBlanc and Louise Gamache all of Leominster.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd, Ayer is assisting the family with arrangements which will be held privately.

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ Tony came to mind last night, and I just came across this. Tony was instrumental to me when I was a child. He coached my softball team, introduced me to roller skating, gave me a ride several times, and taught me how to skate backward. I ended up spending more than thirty years working at that rink. He helped me get my first job working to clean Quinty Oil's office downstairs from him. I lived across the street and enjoyed visiting the family on occasion. I'm sad I was not there to pay condolences to his family.

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**Missy Cantlin Bell** - January 13, 2025 at 09:44 AM

RG

“ Mrs. Salafia and family, please accept my condolences on the passing of Tony. I always enjoyed running into him when I was in town.



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**Rich Gendron** - May 06, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Anthony J. Salafia.



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May 05, 2020 at 08:52 AM

MC

“Mr. Salafia” was my softball coach when I was on the Tigers with Dawn Gallagher, Cheri Cornwell. He was a great coach and I still recall his words of encouragement today and have many happy memories because of his selfless giving. His son used to coach sometimes too, so we felt like an extended family. Him and my Dad would laugh a lot at games and practices! He was someone we could all look up to. A great man! All our love to the Salafia family.

*Michelle Cournoyer*

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**Michelle Cournoyer** - May 04, 2020 at 06:31 PM

DS

“ Viv, I am so sorry to hear of Tony's passing. My sincerest sympathies to you & your family. I am sending you a very big hug.

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**Denise Stepleton** - May 04, 2020 at 02:09 PM

CC

“ My prayers and thoughts for Vivian and family. I have many fond memories of Tony coaching me in basketball and softball, as well as many times our families spent time together.  
Love to all of you.  
Cheri

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**Cheri Cornwell** - May 04, 2020 at 11:52 AM

MC

Hi Cheri 😊 This is Michelle Cournoyer. Hope all is well!

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**Michelle Cournoyer** - May 04, 2020 at 06:32 PM

KK

*Vivian, Bill and a Shawn I'm very sorry for your loss. Tony was was the best. I had the pleasure of coaching a Shirley Little League All Star Baseball Team with Tony years ago and remembering having a great time doing it. I've stayed in touch with Tony over the years and enjoyed sharing old stories with he and Viv at Shirley Fuel. Rest In Peace my friend. Keith*

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**Keith Keady** - May 04, 2020 at 08:10 PM



*Vivian and Billy, you have my sympathy.*

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**Meredith Marcinkewicz** - May 04, 2020 at 10:21 PM