



Antonino "Tony" DiFranco,, Jr.

December 30, 1967 - May 29, 2016

Antonino "Tony" DiFranco, Jr. On Sunday, May 29th, the City of New Orleans lost one of its native sons. Born at Touro Infirmary on December 30, 1967 to Mary Margaret Hendricks and Antonino "Tony" DiFranco, Sr. Tony bled black and gold for the Saints, purple and gold for the LSU Tigers, and burgundy and gold for Brother Martin. He never tired of attending the festivals and yelling "throw me something, Mister" at the parades. A good meal was from Teddy's Grill, Rocky and Carlos, or Mandina's with dessert at Brocato's.

His love for the city was surpassed only by his love for his friends, his family and his sweetie, Frances. Especially his sweetie, Frances. He had to travel to the wilds of the Yellowstone National Park to find her, a girl from River Ridge. With her by his side, they made repeat trips to Disney World, rode their bikes, walked in 5K races, and traveled around the U.S. to destinations that usually coincided with a Saints away game.

Tony worked in food service and was the spirit of service. In his eyes, there was no difference between the highest and the lowest. All were special to him and worthy of the same respect, care and courtesies.

Tony will be greatly missed and is survived by his wife, Frances DeLoach DiFranco, his godparents, Donald and Linda Rhodes, and his brother, Ramon Ramos.

He is also mourned by his DeLoach Family: David, Sharon, Matthew, Ashley, Trenton, Elissa, Elaine and Eric. By his Rhodes Family, especially Lisa, Elizabeth, Paulette and Scott. By his adopted Boss and Zimmerman families,

especially Karen and Uncle Billy. By his DiFranco family, especially Joann and his Hendricks and Lore families.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral. Service at L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Visitation from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Interment in Jefferson Memorial Gardens Cemetery, St. Rose, LA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in his memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Attn. Tribute Program, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908 or Brother Martin Alumni Association, 4401 Elysian Fields, New Orleans, 70122 to benefit a student on the bowling team.

Cemetery Details

Jefferson Memorial Gardens Cemetery

11316 River Road
St. Rose, LA 70087

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Antonino "Tony" DiFranco,, Jr.*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *We knew "Mr. Tony" from Zeas. Our children worked with him and admired him.. He was always so kind and treated everyone as a friend. He always brought a smile to our faces. We all loved when he spotted us and came over to our table and started telling stories. Hospitality was his middle name! All of his family and friends are in our thought and prayers. May happy memories of him comfort all of you during this difficult time.*

*In Deepest Sympathy,
Jaime, Lee, Nicole, Emily & TJ Robe'rt
The Robe'rt Family*

Lee Robért - June 06, 2016 at 11:52 AM

VW

“ I was lucky to have gotten to spend 2.5 weeks training with Tony when he started with Steritech last summer.

He was the last new hire that I had the opportunity to train and I was truly amazed by his positive attitude and big heart. He started each day with a smile and a desire to learn. When my time training Tony was complete he surprised me with a thank you gift - a box of King Cake mix, New Orleans coffee, and a card. To this day I still have the thank you card displayed in my room.

Rest in peace Tony. Thanks for being great.

-- Barbara Swecker, colleague at The Steritech Group

vann williams - June 03, 2016 at 11:04 PM

SM

“ Prayers & love to Frances & all the family. The Mitchell Family.

Sharon Mitchell - June 02, 2016 at 11:43 AM

KS

“ On behalf of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart Alumni Association and Brother Martin High School, I offer our prayers and condolences. The Brothers will say a Mass in his memory.

*Kenny Spellman '84
Alumni Director*

Kenny Spellman - June 02, 2016 at 10:04 AM

PB

“ To a fellow Sader and a good man, sympathies to his family. Pat Barbaro

Pat Barbaro - June 02, 2016 at 09:06 AM

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BH

“ Big hugs and many prayers to Frances for her loss. Love, Barbara H Howell.

Barbara H Howell - June 01, 2016 at 08:56 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Tony's family. So sorry for your loss. My prayers are with all of you.
Cousin Josephine Montana Mudge

Jo Mudge - June 01, 2016 at 08:49 PM

CC

“ Always polite and always smiling. So sorry for your loss.



charmaine Carmouche - June 01, 2016 at 06:47 PM

MP

“ Michele Prattini lit a candle in memory of Antonino "Tony" DiFranco,, Jr.



Michele Prattini - June 01, 2016 at 12:05 PM

RB

“ *My prayers go out to your Family. We had great times working together at Teddy's Grill. He did bleed "Black and Gold," as I remember we slept outside the SuperDome to get tickets for the Saints first ever playoff game. He drove us there in "the boat" - that gigantic Delta 88 he used to drive. "Antman" always had a smile on his face; and was someone everyone enjoyed being around. May his Eternal Soul rest in God's peace.*

Roger Boneno - June 01, 2016 at 03:14 AM

GG

“ *I will always remember Tony as the smiling face that happily got me through the workday. He did not judge, he always listened, went out of his way to care for others. What a great role model in life. Dearest condolences to his family.*

With love,

Gina Granger



Gina Granger - May 31, 2016 at 11:21 PM

 Christy Daigle

To see these pics make me so happy. I had these memories with him over 20 years ago. Such an awesome man. Christy Pettigrew

Christy Daigle - June 01, 2016 at 03:37 PM

SF

“ I've known tony since I was 17 years old. We worked at many restaurants together. His smile and laughter would light the darkest of rooms. I am so saddened to hear of this news but blessed to have known him for over 20 years. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. I'll miss you forever my friend.

Scott Farrell

scott farrell - May 31, 2016 at 10:57 PM

AB

“ Francis and Tony's family, thank you all for sharing him with us. Tony was the best, he was funny, smart, generous, caring and just a sweet man who I will miss dearly. He got some much joy from seeing the success of those around him and was a role model for young men. I will miss him dearly but will always smile when I think about him. My sincerest condolences.

Adam Bourgeois

Adam Bourgeois - May 31, 2016 at 09:42 PM

PW

“ He was one of the sweetest and most genuine people I knew! Sorry for your loss Fran. Our prayers will be with you during this most difficult time!

Paulette West - May 31, 2016 at 09:38 PM

TO

“ Tiffany Reeves O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Antonino "Tony" DiFranco,, Jr.



Tiffany Reeves O'Neal - May 31, 2016 at 08:50 PM

TO

I know it was GOD's plan to bring you home, but I'm just grateful that we were able to touch base at least once in our adult lives. I will never forget you my friend. Sending lots of prayers for your family. Rest easy ANT MAN.

Tiffay Reeves O'Neal - May 31, 2016 at 09:01 PM