



## Anthony Falzone

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Anthony “Tony” Falzone passed away peacefully on July 16, 2017. At the age of 84 he was still the ornery, take charge force that touched the lives of everyone he met. Beneath that tough Sicilian exterior was a man with a generous heart and an immeasurable love for life. He was a successful builder and developer who left his mark in many places throughout Toledo. He was most proud of the ProMedica Mary Ellen Falzone Diabetes Center named in honor of his daughter Meme who passed away at the age of 14 from undiagnosed diabetes. Tony had a dream and a vision of providing easy access to comprehensive care for those living with the challenges of diabetes. With the help of ProMedica and many, many friends his vision was realized with the opening of the Center in 2014. More than 400 patients find care and support there every single day thanks to Tony’s vision.

Many people have their favorite “Tony Falzone stories.” They might be related to gin games, golf, travel, building and design projects, eating adventures — you name it! And although technically not born into “royalty,” his friends would tell you he always wore the “crown of royalty” which was consistently confirmed through his beverage of choice ... Crown Royal!

When Tony was around, he naturally commanded a room. And you knew he really liked you when he peppered his conversation with jibs and jabs and he especially liked it when you threw a jab back at him!!

Successful businessman, phenomenal friend, loving husband ... all descriptions of Tony but the one he was most proud of is how his daughters describe him ... “BEST DAD EVER!!”

And, there are countless people who would confirm that he was also the best ever “adopted Dad” - he filled that role in the hearts of many.

Tony is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Mary Lou Falzone; his daughters Patty Falzone Narges (Jerry) and Sue Falzone Jablonski; two granddaughters Lisa Salisbury (Jeff) and Kristan Onofrio (Kevin) and brother Vincent Falzone. He was preceded in death by his daughter Mary Ellen, parents Louis and Catherine, and siblings Polly, Ann, James and Louise.

There are a number of ways you can continue to celebrate Tony's life. For starters, have a Crown Royal with the purest of water! Or maybe pick up the check for dinner with friends - he was the master of that! And if you really want to honor him consider a gift to the Mary Ellen Falzone Diabetes Center - ProMedica Foundation. Help us to keep his vision alive for all of those living with diabetes.

Tony's family and friends will celebrate his life in a manner he literally dictated in his Last Will and Testament. There will be a short service at the Historic Church of St. Patrick's, 130 Avondale Avenue at 12:30 p.m. on July 30 immediately followed by one helluva party for friends and family at Sylvania Country Club, no tie required!

We have no doubt he is smiling down on all of us now, sharing the story of the Diabetes Center with Meme and of course, drinking Crown!

# Comments

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“ Mike could and would love to share all of his stories about being with Tony...all that golf, all those card games, all those hours and hours of sharing funny stories...actually hours and hours and hours of sharing funny stories over and over and over again. I'm sure you get the picture. I have a different picture. I never played gold, hardly ever touched a deck of cards and was certainly never invited to share all those sacred, secret stories. I remember Tony from a different perspective. He was always kind, sweet and interested and interesting whenever I was around him. And then, 15 years ago Tony and I really had some thing in common when Kyle, our son, was killed. It wasn't just a matter of sympathy. This was empathy. He understood a parent'S grief. We walked in the same shoes. He would actually ask me how I do it. How did he do It? There was never an answer and that was okay. So, Mike and I both have these wonderful memories of Tony. He was truly a gentleman and a gentle man. Our thoughts are with the family today, the day we get to celebrate his life.

Liz & Mike McGarity - July 30, 2017 at 10:30 AM

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“ I met Tony a couple of years ago, and after several conversations realized that many years ago my Father James Trankina helped raise him, and when Tony was a young boy, my father showed him how to repair the older TVs.

My Dad would be 109 years old today, and Tony told me many great stories that happened way before I was thought of.

We enjoyed each other's company, as many others would say the same. He had so many friends and connections here.

I am so sorry to see him go!

Love and God Bless Tony

Mark Trankina - July 19, 2017 at 08:23 PM

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“ Tony was truly one of a kind and will be missed.

Steve Jablonski - July 19, 2017 at 06:24 PM

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“ Sue,

We hope you find comfort in the memories and stories told by family and friends. He was a wonderful person, and a great dad to you. We are very sorry for your loss.

**Jane and Paul Kessler** - July 19, 2017 at 01:30 PM

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“ Sue, I was sorry to read about the passing of your dad in yesterday's paper. It sounds like he was a fantastic dad and hard-working community leader who touched the lives of thousands throughout his eight decades of life. His Earthly duties (and antics!) done, may he now rest easy in the arms of God. I hope his lively spirit and funny memories comfort you for many months and years ahead. He was lucky to have you as his daughter! Sincere condolences to you and your entire family.

**Christine Wasserman** - July 19, 2017 at 01:07 PM

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“ Dear Sue and family,  
My heartfelt sympathy to you and all. Sue, it is never easy losing your father--a vital part of who we are shifts. I know you were close to your Dad and I remember some of the times you spoke of him. All will miss him. I am thinking of you and will include your Dad in my prayers.

Pinky

**Pinky Davis** - July 19, 2017 at 10:36 AM

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July 18, 2017 at 09:59 PM

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“ Sue--I was so sorry to read of your Dad's passing. I'll be keeping a good thought for you and the rest of your family. I send my condolences.

**Connie (Moon) Kale** - July 18, 2017 at 05:35 PM

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“ Sue,

We are all so sorry to hear the news of your Dad's passing. What a wonderful man.

Our deepest sympathies go out to you and your family.

Your friends at Mills James

**RJ Cavallaro** - July 18, 2017 at 02:54 PM

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“ A beautiful tribute to a man that I know you loved and admired so much! Thinking of you, Sue, and your family. Sending thoughts of love and healing to all.

Best,  
Rachel

**Rachel Friedman** - July 18, 2017 at 12:52 PM

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“ I was greatly saddened to hear of Tony's passing. His spirit is one that I will remember for all my days.

**Bud Pipoly** - July 18, 2017 at 12:30 PM

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“ Dear Sue,

So sorry for your loss. May the God of Love and Peace comfort and encourage your heart during this difficult time. Also, praying for your strength.

Blessings to you and your family.

**Karen McCleary** - July 18, 2017 at 10:00 AM

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July 18, 2017 at 08:44 AM

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“ Sue and family,

My heart and prayers are with you as you feel the loss of your father. He sounds like a wonderful man--and the BEST DAD EVER! I will be remembering him and your sister Meme. My prayers are with you. --Paula Jaeckel

**Paula Jaeckel** - July 18, 2017 at 08:44 AM

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“ Such a fun and generous man. His legacy will live on in those he touched. Some of my best teenaged memories were at the Falzone homestead! Love, Susan

**Susan COLE Dyer** - July 18, 2017 at 06:53 AM

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July 17, 2017 at 08:43 PM