



## Anthony M. Pappas

December 27, 1928 - November 13, 2013

Anthony M. Pappas, 84, passed away after a long fought battle with emphysema. He was born in the tiny village of St. Anna, in the mountains of northern Greece, and grew up in Sandusky, OH. Novels could be written about his journey to America from "The Old Country." If ever there was a self-made man, it was Tony Pappas. His mother died when he was seven, and his father was usually absent. Yet, with only minimal guidance from close friends, and in spite of not always knowing if he would have a roof over his head, he was able to excel academically, athletically, and socially. He served honorably in the United States Air Force during the Korean War, and then attended The Ohio State University, where he majored in electrical engineering. One quarter shy of earning his engineering degree, he decided that he finally needed to pursue his true calling, education. He quickly finished his degree in education. Tony spent a total of 34 years teaching high school mathematics and science in the Toledo Public School System. He was an outstanding teacher; his students frequently either winning, or placing highly in state math competitions. More than this, he provided a necessary role model for many of his students; he showed them that in spite of humble beginnings and uphill battles, one could succeed in life. As in all aspects of his life, as a teacher, he was completely selfless. In addition to pro bono tutoring, he would frequently give students scholarship money of his own pocket, with the only stipulation being that someday, they would "pay it forward" to someone who was more disadvantaged than themselves. In addition to teaching full time, to make

extra money, he was a restaurateur and an investor, he wanted his family to have the advantages in life that he never had. Above all, he was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and is survived by his wife of 58 years, Sherley; his son, Mike (Lanissa), and his grandchildren, Anthony and Lia. In keeping with Tony's wishes, there will be no showing. His friends and family will be celebrating his life on November 30, 2013 at Grace Episcopal Church, 315 Wayne Street, Sandusky, OH at 2 p.m. Memorials in Tony's memory can be made to the Leonard J. Thorn Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Sandusky Board of Education, 407 Decatur Street, Sandusky, OH 44870, or the charity of the donor's choice. To send his family online condolences, please visit [www.ansberg-west.com](http://www.ansberg-west.com)

# Tribute Wall

KK

“ I was also a student of Tony's at Libbey in the mid 60's along with Harold Hoffman and agree that he was one of the most influential teachers that I have ever encountered. I last saw Tony a few years ago at a Libbey Reunion and at that time when I went up to him to say hello and addressed him as Mr.Pappas, he told me that I was old enough to call him Tony. He will be remembered fondly by me and my younger sisters.

Kary Sauers, - kary.sauers@gmail.com kary.sauers@gmail.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ IWANT TO EXPRESS MY DEEP SYMPATHY ,I HAVE MISSED A GOOD FRIEND AND COWORKER .

JACK HADAMS - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I was also a student of Mr. Pappas at Libbey in Physics(1963-1964. There is no words to describe what a positive influence he was on all the working class kids that came through his door on the way to their adult journey. He treated us all with respect and taught us the way young men should respect and treat others. I went on to practice law for 32 years and now I am teaching at TPS in the 6th grade. Every time I give a test I pay homage to Mr. Pappas by writing on my whiteboard what he always wrote on his blackboard when I was in his classroom: " No aid given, received nor observed". Though his journey here regrettably has ended, I know that God's loving light is shining on Mr. Pappas in the next world.

Mel Pommeranz - pbdy4shrmn@gmail.com pbdy4shrmn@gmail.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ I was a student of Mr. Pappas in the mid-60s at Libbey High School. I was in his classes for plane and solid geometry, trigonometry, and physics. I found him to be a teacher remarkably dedicated to imparting knowledge to his students. In addition, he gave a gift to us all, a quality education at an inner city high school. Most of all, he gave us the confidence that the knowledge he imparted would allow us to compete, without reservation, in the wider world. May his family take comfort in the legacy of all his students who have better lives because of him, and may he rest in peace.

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**Harold Hoffman - sailA33@accesstoledo.com** sailA33@accesstoledo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Mike, Larissa and Shirley. Our sincere condolences to you. Even though it is hard to let someone go, your father and husband is now peacefully resting in the arms of Our Lord. He was an inspiration to the many children he taught and quite an example of charity to those less fortunate than he. He showed them also that you can do and be whatever you set your mind to through hard work. God bless.

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**Jim and Shirley Jaros** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dear Mike, Lanissa and Shirley, We are so sorry for your loss. His legacy is obvious to see in Mike. Our thoughts and prayers to all of you, and please let us know if there is anything you need. Jeff, Ginger and Caleb Duhaime.

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**Jeff and Ginger Duhaime** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM