



Anthony George Vambaketes

July 25, 1951 - December 23, 2019

Dateline: Godfrey

Anthony George Vambaketes, 68, died at 6:18 p.m. Monday, December 23, 2019 at OSF St. Anthony's Healthcare Center. Born July 25, 1951 in Alton, he was the son of John G. and Mary (Lafakis) Vambaketes. He was a new development coordinator at Argosy Casino and in 1980 became owner of Tony's Ranch House in Godfrey. He was a member of STS Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church and served as an Alton Alderman for 20 years. He enjoyed playing cards and golf and loved vacationing in Minnesota with his family. On July 2, 1977 he married the former Peggy Coontz in East St. Louis. She survives. Also surviving is a daughter, Mary Mathews (Tim) of Godfrey, two sons, A.J. Vambaketes (LaNae) of Godfrey and John Vambaketes of Godfrey, two grandchildren, Stella and Tony Mathews and a sister, Stella Georgitsis (Ted) of Chicago. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, December 27, 2019 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 28, 2019. Father Achilles Karathanos will officiate. Burial will be at Upper Alton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to STS Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Upper Alton Cemetery

Oakwood Avenue
Alton, IL 62002

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
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Funeral

DEC 28. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Anthony George Vambaketes

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Anthony George Vambaketes

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ From the Sichra family with sympathy & love, We are so sorry for your loss. Tony's ranch house is like a second home to us (for more than one generation) and it breaks our hearts knowing we wont get to see Tony while we hang out there anymore, we will be praying for your family to find peace in this difficult time, - Chris & Deanna Sichra

Christopher John Sichra - January 03, 2020 at 10:47 AM



“ Peggy and family my heart breaks for you,
May you find peace during this time.



CHRIS HILLER - December 31, 2019 at 10:00 AM

TR

“ So sorry for your loss. I have always enjoyed all of Peggy's stories at the High School about Tony. Tuck those memories away in your heart and cherish them always. He was a great man. Peggy-I really miss you. We need to get together soon. I wish you all peace in the days ahead.

Love & Condolences
Tammy Reese and Family

Tammy Reese - December 31, 2019 at 09:13 AM



“ My prayers for strength and courage go out to the family. I worked for Tony for many years and thought of him as a friend. He was a very friendly and kind man to many, May he rest in peace and fly high with the angels.

Linda (Huntsman) Jewett

Linda Jewett - December 30, 2019 at 03:27 PM

BM

“ Prayers to all of the Vambaketes Family, for your loss. So many fun and wonderful memories shared with the family. Tony will be missed, but always remembered for his generosity to others and love of his family. Tony is at peace now while watching over them. May your family rest knowing that he is with our Lord 🙏

Beverly Macias - December 29, 2019 at 01:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Anthony George Vambaketes.



December 27, 2019 at 03:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Anthony George Vambaketes.



December 27, 2019 at 02:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Anthony George Vambaketes.



December 27, 2019 at 01:46 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all .*

Martha and Allan Morse

Martha Morse - December 27, 2019 at 10:25 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony George Vambaketes.*



December 27, 2019 at 09:23 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Anthony George Vambaketes.*



December 26, 2019 at 09:34 PM



“ *We were shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Tony. Donna, me and Erin extend our sympathy and prayers to Tony's wife Peggy and their children Mary, A.J., and John. Heaven has gained a good soul. Rest In Peace Tony.*

Brad/Donna Cunningham - December 26, 2019 at 09:02 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Anthony George Vambaketes.*



December 26, 2019 at 05:30 PM

TF

“ *The Yiannakakis family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Anthony George Vambaketes.*



The Yiannakakis family - December 26, 2019 at 02:13 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony George Vambaketes.*



December 26, 2019 at 01:54 PM

WO

“ *With sympathy and love, Mike and Jen O'Bryan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Anthony George Vambaketes.*



With sympathy and love, Mike and Jen O'Bryan - December 26, 2019 at 12:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Anthony George Vambaketes.*



December 26, 2019 at 10:59 AM

PS

“ A family that became like a family to me. A few years back Tony hired me and gave me hope when I had little. I love this family like my own. My love, sympathies, and prayers to Peggy, Mary, A.J., Johnnie and the entire family. May God grant you strength.

Patricia Shafer - December 26, 2019 at 09:38 AM

JF

“ Dearest Peggy, Heartfelt Sympathy to you and your family... 😭 Tony was a kind man and loved by many!!! I wish for you peace and strength to get through this difficult time.... ❤️
😊😊



Jill Fowler-Trudell - December 25, 2019 at 11:48 AM

CD

“ Dear Peggy and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Tony was a kind and generous man and he will be greatly missed.

Chris Dreith - December 25, 2019 at 06:01 AM

TP

“ Peggy and families, so very sorry for your loss. Prayers of strength and courage at this sad time. Love you!
Susie and Rohland Pruetzel

The Pruetzels - December 25, 2019 at 03:00 AM

BJ

“ Peggy, we are so sorry for your loss. Tony will be missed. Bette & Roland James



Bette James - December 24, 2019 at 08:39 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Anthony George Vambaketes.



December 24, 2019 at 07:59 PM

JC

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Peggy and family. In my thoughts and prayers. Judy Clark

Judy Clark - December 24, 2019 at 03:56 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Anthony George Vambaketes.



December 24, 2019 at 02:58 PM

BC

“ *I worked for Tony many years ago. My sympathies to Peggy and the entire family and friend who loved him.*

Barb (Hawkins) Crossman - December 24, 2019 at 01:15 PM