



## Anthony "Tony" Ventimiglia

November 4, 1923 - August 7, 2021

Dateline: Alton

Anthony V. "Tony" Ventimiglia, 97, died at 12:20 a.m. Saturday, August 7, 2021 at his home in Alton. Born November 4, 1923 in Alton, he was the son of Leonardo and Catherine (Pinta) Ventimiglia. Tony attended catholic schools in Alton and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. On April 15, 1944 he married the former Edith Ford at St. Patrick's Church in Alton. She survives. Tony and his father Leo founded Midtown Restaurant in Alton in the early 40's. Tony and his wife Edie went on to open Tony's Restaurant in downtown Alton in 1954 where he worked until the time of his retirement. Tony was the kindest and hardest working man that his family has ever known. He loved his family, his friends, his customers and his restaurant with his whole heart. Tony was a legend in the Alton restaurant community. Along with his wife Edith he is survived by a son, Michael Ventimiglia, grandchildren, Paul (Erin) Ventimiglia, Betsy Bechel, Shawna Ventimiglia, and Leonard Ventimiglia III, 10 great grandchildren and a sister, Pauline Muehling. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Leonard Ventimiglia and three sisters, Mary Long, Jo-Kay Butkovich and Anne Yeck. Visitation will be from 10:30 a.m. until time of funeral Mass at 12:00 noon Thursday, August 12, 2021 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memorial Park

2308 W. Delmar Ave.  
Godfrey, IL 62035

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 12. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
4th and Henry Street  
Alton, IL 62002

## Funeral Mass

AUG 12. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
4th and Henry Street  
Alton, IL 62002

# Tribute Wall



“ Anthony "Tony" Ventimiglia

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Anthony "Tony" Ventimiglia

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ Tony and all the Ventimiglia family are in our thoughts and prayers. We have many fond memories from our dating years in the 50s and 60s, birthdays and many family celebrations. Treasure your memories. RIP Tony

*Jim and Juanita Joehl*

Juanita Joehl - August 24, 2021 at 10:21 AM



“ The word "Tony's" has always been synonymous with great dining in the Alton area. I was always happy to eat there and also happy to get to know Tony himself. God bless you Tony, and my God grant you eternal rest. My heartfelt condolences to the family.

John Wykes - August 15, 2021 at 03:57 AM

MM

“ My sympathy to the entire Ventimiglia family. I hope your loving memories will be a comfort to you during this difficult time. Tony's warm personality made everyone that came to Tony's feel special, he was the king of hospitality. My family has many happy memories of dining at Tony's.

Martha Morse - August 12, 2021 at 10:46 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Anthony "Tony" Ventimiglia.



August 11, 2021 at 01:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Anthony "Tony" Ventimiglia.



August 11, 2021 at 12:43 PM

DH

“ I would like to share my deepest condolences to the Ventimiglia family. Remember working at Tony's restaurant for Tony and Edie in the 70s. What a wonderful place to work they always made you feel like family. We shared many wonderful memories. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and my prayers. Tony will be missed by so many people.

Diana Howland - August 10, 2021 at 08:16 PM

PH

“ *He was an amazing man he was always visiting with his customers we had the opportunity to have a lot of conversations with him or sincere condolences to the family and friends*

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**Pat McVey Hale** - August 10, 2021 at 04:15 PM

PH

“ *Pat McVey Hale lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Ventimiglia*



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**Pat McVey Hale** - August 10, 2021 at 04:14 PM

KM

“ *Our love & sympathy go out to Edie and family. Such a wonderful couple and we thank them for all the wonderful times shared by those who went to TONY'S Restaurant. We will miss him. It seems like such a short time ago that we celebrated his 80th birthday. May God give you strength & peace during this stressful time. Love and Prayers, Ed & Kathy Maguire*

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**Kathy Maguire** - August 10, 2021 at 03:27 PM