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Anthony S. Leto age 87, of Springdale returned to his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, February 20, 2008. He was born on August 21, 1920 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Sebastian and Phillipa (Bondi) Trupiano. He graduated from West Allis Central High School in June of 1940. He was then hired by the West Allis State Bank where he began his 35 year banking career. When World War II began, he joined the army. He served in the 347 Regiment of the 87th Infantry Division where he fought in the Battle of the Bulge and the Fight to cross the River Rhine. He received the Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, World War II Victory Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, First Award Honorable Service lapel button, Expert Badge with Carbine Bar, and Sharp Shooter Badge with Rifle Bar. He returned home when the war ended and back to his banking career. He continued in the banking industry for 35 years, rising from Safe Deposit Clerk to Vice President. He retired in 1975 and moved to Springdale to join his sister and brother-in-law in running the Ice Cream Parlor in Evelyn Hills. In later years, he went to work for Wal-Mart, where he spent 19 years in sporting goods. He was a member of the First Methodist Church in Springdale, AR.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Nancy Leto, and 5 children: Kathy Farrar, Laure Lawson, Anne Trupiano, Nancy Miller, Tony Leto and "Special K" Kim Norris. Sons-in-law: Ken, Jim, Steve, and Randy. Grandchildren: Matt and Courtney Groves, Joey and LaRissa Sabatini, Wally and Sara Burns, Vanessa Bagwell and Josh Erskin, Susannah Farrar, Cara Leto and Brian Lloyd, Andrew Gundlach and Tina Pence, Josie Farrar, John Farrar, Ashley Miller, and Fernando Norris. Great-grandchildren: Jackie and Jacie Sabatini, August Burns, and Taylor Lloyd. Sister-in-law: Midge Kjol, and Brother-in-law: Burnard Burke, and many nieces and nephews.



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Tony was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. He loved the Lord and showed it by the way he treated others. He will be greatly missed.

Special thanks to Circle of Life for their loving care and emotional support whenever we needed it. And to Tony's Special Care Gives Nurse "Cindy", Aid "Karen", and friend and companion "Martha". We couldn't have come through this without you.

Memorial service will be held at First United Methodist Church, 206 West Johnson Avenue, Springdale, AR on Monday, February 25th at 6:00 PM. The Reverend Judy Van Hoose officiating.

Memorials may be made to: Circle of Life, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, AR 72762 or "The Bread of Life", C/O First United Methodist Church, 206 West Johnson Avenue, Springdale, AR 72764.

To sign the online guest book please visit www.nelsonberna.com

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson-Berna Funeral Home and Crematory of Fayetteville, AR.

Visitation Date Time None Visitation Location Service Date Time Monday, February 25, 2008
6:00 PM Service Location First United Methodist Church, 206 West Johnson Avenue,
Springdale, AR



DA

(Daughter) posted:

Wind blowin on my face sidewalk flyin beneath my bike. a five year olds first tast of what freedom's really like.He was running right beside me, his hand holding on the seat. I took a deep breath and hollered as I headed for the street...you can let go now, daddy, you can let go.Oh, I think I'm ready to do this on my own, it still feels a little bit scary but I want you to know, I'll be okay now, daddy you can let go.I was standing at the alter between the two loves of my life. To one I've been a daughter to one I soon would be a wife. When the preacher asked, who gives this woman? Daddy's eyes filled up with tears, he kept holding tightly to my arm, 'til I whispered in his ear...you can let go now, daddy, I think I'm ready to do this on my own, it still feels a little scary but I want you to know, I'll be okay now daddy, you can let go.It was killin me to see the strongest man I ever knew wasting away to nothing in that hospital bed in his room. You know he's only hangin on for all of you, that's what the nurse had said. My voice and heart were breaking as I crawled up in his bed, and said...You can let go now, Daddy, you can let go. Your little is ready to do this on her own. It's gonna be a little bit scary, but I want you to know I'll be okay now, daddy, you can let go.

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GF

Glenn Barker (Friend) posted:

Dear Nancy: Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. 'Little Tony' as we called him at work, was the greatest person ever to work with and the best of friends. Thank you Tony for the years we had. Nancy God Bless.Glenn/Stephanie Barker

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JF

Johnnie Marie Ricketts (Friend) posted:

Dear Nancy,I know all of Heaven was rejoicing, probably dancing! when Toni arrived. I am so sorry for your loss. I did not see it until Wednesday after or I would have been there. My love and prayers go with you and all the family.Love, Johnnie

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ND

Nancy Jo (Daughter) posted:

DadWords cannot express the love and respect I have for you. You were Dad, papa, pee-paw, pinky-pank, and papa-so-sweeta....in translation, comforter, hugger, friend and smile maker. I have learned so much by watching you. Even in your illness I have grown as I watched you handle it with such grace, never complaining, always smiling and being kind to everyone who came to visit. You never judged and always listened; even when I "didn't want to talk about it" you heard what I couldn't or wouldn't say. There is such a void in my heart now that I can only fill with memories until I see you again. I love you Dad.

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RF

Ron Selby (Friend) posted:

Tony was a great friend. I always enjoyed his humor and upbeat attitude. He worked hard all of his life. I appreciate the way he led his family to follow the Lord. I know he will be greatly missed by his family.

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JF

John & Janie Claypool (Friends) posted:

I worked with Tony at Walmart. He was a man of knowledge, great sense of humor, and always had a smile on his face. Tony knew how to brighten a person's day with his words of wisdom. He was loved by many. He will be missed. Nancy our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

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PA

Phyllis Villines (Acquaintance) posted:

The family has my deepest sympathy. May God bless!

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RF

Ruth And Edna (Kathy's Friends) posted:

No one is more special to a girl than her Dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We love you. Ruth and Edna

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LL

Laken And Rachael Long posted:

You'll be in our thoughts.

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SF

Shannon Stamps (Family Friend) posted:

Tony was a blessing to be around and FUN to work with.

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WF

Wendell Cate (Friend Of Family) posted:

I would like to express my sympathies in this time of loss.

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JH

Joe, Deb, & Eli Wilson (Our Hero) posted:

"I'm just trying to walk with my God." He said it 10 years ago but I haven't forgotten it. What a walk he must be having now!"Fly me to the moon. Let me play among the stars. I want to see what Spring is like on Jupiter and Mars. In other words, hold my hand. In other words, Darling, kiss me.Fill my heart with joy. Let me sing forevermore. You are all I long for, all I worship and adore. In other words, please be true. In other words...I LOVE YOU."

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LD

Laure Lawson (Daughter) posted:

Dad, To me you always were and always will be the perfect example of unconditional love. You had a way of encouraging me no matter what the situation. Even throughout your illness you were more concerned for those around you than you were for yourself. It was amazing to see your faith remain steadfast right to the end. Through you I feel I have been able to catch a little glimpse of God. Thank you daddy, for everything.

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JN

Judy Hight (Ubc Choir (Nancy)) posted:

Papa was like a father to me, he was there when I needed him the most,through the good times and the bad times we still stuck together. I will truly miss him. I love him very much.

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MN

Merrilee And Jack Coody (Neighbors) posted:

We couldn't have asked for nicer neighbors. We would like to extend our sincere condolences and prayers for the family of Tony. We along with everyone that knew Tony will miss him greatly. Tony gave truth to the saying "The best sermon, is a good example"Your friends in Christ,Merrilee and Jack

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SO

(Son) posted:

Dad,thanks for waiting for me,i am so thankful that you got to see me become a grand pa! I will have a lot of stories to tell baby Taylor when she is older.In the words of Roy,"I miss you even more than I did before,but what can I do?' I love you!

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RF

Richard & Melissa Pearson (Friends) posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We will always remember his gentleness, his wonderful sense of humor, and the stories he would share. Tony left a great legacy.

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KN

Kendra & Robert Krall (Great-Niece) posted:

Uncle Tony was always a joy to be around and knew how to make everyone laugh. He will definitely be missed. I'm glad I was able to have him as my great uncle.

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AD

Anne Trupiano (Daughter) posted:

Papa, you are my father, my teacher and my best friend. First and foremost a healer of hearts and a living lesson in love. You touched the lives of everyone around you and your gentle lessons helped us to be better people. I love you and I will miss you every day until I see you again.

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BN

Bob Kjol (Nephew) posted:

Our loss is heaven's gain. I'm sure he is sitting up there with grandma, grandpa, dad, Marion and many others, greeting them with his tremendous smile. I can see him leaning his head forward getting ready to tell a joke. "Did you hear the one about....?" What a wonderful uncle. He will be missed!

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BN

Bruno Gravanti (Nephew) posted:

Being one of the best person I have ever known, He will be greatly missed.

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RN

Randa Gravanti (Neice) posted:

I will surely miss Uncle Tony's infectious smile, his great jokes and his loving spirit. He was a wonderful uncle and friend. I will always remember the beautiful dressing table you made me when I was a little girl. Love Randa

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CC

Conley And Kaye Williams (Brother And Sister In Christ) posted:

A friend and a dedicated follower of Jesus Christ

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SS

Steve Algood (Son) posted:

TONY WAS THE COOLEST DAD THAT I NEVER HAD,THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE MAN I KNEW.I LOVED HIS SINCE OF HUMOR AND HE ALWAYS HAD A WAY TO T URN MY WORST DAY INTO A GOOD LAUGH.I HOPE I CAN CARRY WHAT HE TAUGHT ME.THROUGH OUT THE REST OF MY LIFE,SO I CAN TRY TO BE A REFLECTION OF WHAT HE STOOD FOR.HONESTY,INTEGERTY,AND A LOVING MAN TO ALL PEOPLE.MY SINCER WISHES GO OUT TO ALL OF YOU.

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JB

Jim & Bea Roy posted:

We are praying for God to be your strength and comfort at this time.I will always remember Mr. Leto,as I pushed my grandchildren in the stroller, saying that he loved babies and loved having them around him. I know he will be missed on Janet St.

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Anthony by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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