



Anthony F "Tony" Beckman

September 6, 2019

Anthony Francis Beckman, (Tony), "Papa", was born on August 19, 1936 in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, the 7th of 12 siblings. He attended high school at the seminary at Saint Bernard Abbey in Cullman, Alabama. It was there that he met his wife, Mary. While at a school basketball game, he got her attention by throwing popcorn at her, and the rest is a cherished history. They were married on May 31st 1956 and soon began their family, which would eventually include a son and 3 daughters.

Tony served in the Air Force for 9 years as a linguist, where he became fluent in Mandarin. His career brought them to many different places with their growing family, one of their favorites being Taiwan. Being fluent in Mandarin was not only useful to his career but also to entertain his grandchildren and beloved son-in-law, Abdallah (Abby), who would frequently request for him to speak it for them, and they especially loved to hear him order food in Chinese restaurants.

Continuing education was always a priority to Tony, and he received his bachelor's degree from Our Lady of the Lake University and later received his Master's degree from Houston Baptist University. To continue sharing his love of education and knowledge with others, Tony became a Computer Science Professor for Houston Community College. He continued this career until his retirement.

Papa also had a multitude of hobbies that he loved sharing with his family, including gardening, building flying and crashing remote controlled airplanes,

building model ships, astronomy, reading, fishing, sailing, and bird-watching. He was a skilled woodworker and made countless beautiful creations that he shared with his loved ones. He loved the beach, and took many trips to Galveston and Rockport, which was Tony and Mary's special anniversary spot. Above all else, Papa enjoyed spending time with his wife and family, they were his pride and joy.

To know Papa was to love him. He had a unique gift of developing a life-lasting bond with everyone he met. He was a kind and gentle soul who will never be forgotten. His legacy will live on forever.

Tony is survived by his wife Mary of 63 years, 4 children, Debra (Mark) Vinsand of Riverside, IA, Tom (Joni) Beckman of Ligonier, PA, Anita Pellerin of Conroe, TX and Dana (Abdallah) Rassy of Houston, TX. 11 Grandchildren – Caroline (Mark), Joseph, Julie (Jeremy), Andrew, Cori, Cameron (Seton) Katrina, Anthony (Rachel), & Matt (Ashton), Avery (Eric) and Jami and 6 Great Grandchildren - Tyler, Addie, Joss, Emme, Gracie and Ava Sister – Lourdes and Brothers – Raphael (Dale) and Leo and a multitude of extended family. Tony is preceded in death by his parents William and Emma Beckman, Siblings – Rosa, Eva, Mary, Thomas, Bill, Bob, Chris & Bernadette and son-in-law Keith

Pallbearers: Tom, Anthony, Matt, Joe, Andrew & Cameron

Honorary Pallbearers: Abdallah, Eric, Mark, Jeremy, Marc & Tyler

*Mary has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in honor of Anthony F. Beckman, to St. Bernard Abbey – 1600 St. Bernard Dr. SE, Cullman, AL 35055 (256)734-8291

*A Memorial Service will be held in Cullman, Alabama at Saint Bernard Abbey at the graveyard chapel with inurnment at the Columbarium. The date and time will be announced.

The Addison family and staff of Magnolia Funeral Home extend condolences to his family during this difficult time.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **13.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
7801 Bay Branch Drive
The Woodlands, TX 77382

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Anthony F "Tony" Beckman.*



September 15, 2019 at 02:01 PM



“ *A beautiful spirit no longer tethered to our world.
May fair winds sail Tony into the beautiful setting sun.
A giving man who shared life, caring, laughter and love
May all of these balance the passing of Papa Tony
who is and will always be loved and remembered.
Alley and Carl*

A Murphy - September 14, 2019 at 03:12 PM



“ *Mary, Debra, Tom, Anita & Dana*

*Tony was the salt of the earth and a light in this world.
Until you meet up with Tony again, may God hold you in the palm of
his hand.*

Lonnie & Laretta Curd

Laretta Curd - September 13, 2019 at 10:05 AM



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Raphael Beckman - September 11, 2019 at 03:04 PM



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Raphael Beckman - September 11, 2019 at 02:55 PM



“ As a child I loved hearing when Uncle Tony and Aunt Mary were coming to visit. It meant a great time at Big Momma and Big Poppa's house. Sleep overs and getting to drink coffee the next morning....great cousins to see and many other cousins would come too. Uncle Tony was always smiling and happy. He was also a walking encyclopedia. I thought he was the smartest man in the world.

Nancy Beckman Hunt - September 11, 2019 at 08:35 AM



“ Y'all are in my prayers. We are not in town or I would love to attend Tony's celebration mass. I always enjoyed talking gardening with him. In fact, the last time I saw him, we were in the Home Depot garden center.

Liz Reese - September 10, 2019 at 12:14 AM

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“ *The Raphael & Dale Beckman Family Send Condolences To The Family And We Will Remember Tony And All Of The Family In Our Prayers. And Tony Will Never Be Forgotten. His Legacy Will Live On Forever In Our Hearts.*

Raphael Beckman - September 09, 2019 at 10:29 PM