

## Antoine "Tony" Joseph Asselin

March 21, 1950 - August 30, 2021

Antoine "Tony" Joseph Asselin  
Seneca, South Carolina

Antoine "Tony" Joseph Asselin passed away at home in Seneca SC on August 30, 2021 after a March 2020 heart attack. He was surrounded by his family and warmth of love and prayers from friends along his journey. Tony leaves his wife of 49 years, Susan "Susie" Bastian Asselin and daughter Katelyn Elizabeth Asselin Rieling and her husband Brett Rieling of Ball Ground GA.

Tony was born in Southbridge MA, the son of Elzear Zacharie Asselin and Lillian Josephine Gemme Asselin. He had 6 siblings, Andre Aslen (Jane), Lucille Hembel (Robert), Arthur Asselin (Lisa), Louise Carpenter (Steve), Lillian Cucuzza (Dave) and Lorraine Snipper (Stephen) and many nieces and nephews. Special friends who were part of his family include Susie Wheelis and her daughters Erin Greene and Callie Davis. Tony was preceded in death by his parents, sister Louise Carpenter and sister-in-law, Ming Aslen

Tony was a CPA in Florida, Nebraska and Virginia. He established a successful CPA practice in Blacksburg VA for 32 years. He was a high school and college Sunday School teacher. Tony enjoyed serving as board member, president or treasurer of practically every community organization he belonged to over the years. He was especially proud of his service to the

Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley, Blacksburg Breakfast Lion's Club and United Way. He described serving others as the "best work of life" and hoped he not only touched others, but left things better than when he arrived.

He was an avid cyclist and kept a log of his 3,700 miles on roads and trails across multiple states and in France. He constantly worked to improve his golf game and will be missed by his golfing buddies in SC. Boating, fishing, hiking, photography and kayaking were his favorite ways to enjoy Lake Keowee living after his retirement. If anyone needed anything, Tony had it in his garage. He believed that it is better to have something and not need it, than to need it and not have it. He was always helping someone with a project with a glad heart from clearing fallen trees to mentoring Boy Scouts working on cycling badge.

Tony never met a stranger and would find a connection with everyone he met. His family and friends will miss his smile, sense of humor, quick wit, ever-present whistling, hugs and his unique giggle.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in his memory to your local Habitat for Humanity, United Way or Lion's Club International.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, September 24, 2021 at Clemson United Methodist Church, 300 Frontage Rd, Clemson SC, with family visitation from 10:00 AM -11:00 AM.

A graveside service for internment of his ashes will be held Monday, October 18, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Memorial Gardens of the New River Valley, 2551 North Main St., Blacksburg VA. For safety of attendees the service will be held by radio broadcast.

Mountain View Funeral Home is serving the Asselin Family.



# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Gardens of the New River Valley

2551 North Main St  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Clemson United Methodist Church  
300 Frontage Rd  
Clemson, SC 29631

## Celebration of Life Service

SEP 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

Clemson United Methodist Church  
300 Frontage Rd  
Clemson, SC 29631

## Graveside Service

OCT 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Memorial Gardens of the New River Valley  
2551 North Main St  
Blacksburg, VA 24060



# Tribute Wall

KO

“ *Walter & I were so saddened to hear of Tony's passing. We remember the very first day we met him in Blacksburg at the chamber of commerce social. He immediately caught our attention with his great smile. He was so open & friendly. He was the kind of man who made you feel like you had always known him. He immediately became our account and continued to do so for many years. Walter has many great memories of building your home on Walters court. We will always remember him. We are sorry for getting in touch so late but only heard recently. We will keep you and Kate in our prayers*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Walter & Karen ORourke*

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**Karen & Walter ORourke** - January 20, 2022 at 11:40 AM

EB

*Ron and I are so sorry to hear of the passing of you dearest husband, Tony. I remember you and Bill in school in Lincoln Neb. working on your PHDs. You both ended up eventually at Va. Tech. Blacksburg was a great place to raise your daughter and my sons. Tony was such a wonderful and happy guy. I pass his old office all the time. Katelyn and Ben had the same major at Tech. It is a good one indeed. I am sorry we loss touch because I always adored your family. I will pray for you and Katelyn. I only heard recently. I am Elaine Belay now. Please know I care.*

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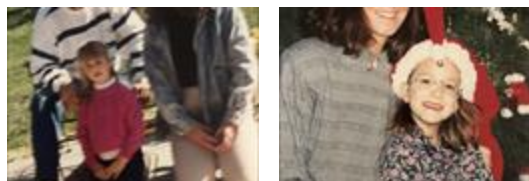
**Elaine S. Belay** - July 10, 2022 at 03:41 PM

HT

“ Suze and Katelyn,

*I recently received your Christmas card with the news of Tony and want to extend my deepest condolences to you both for your loss. I remember Tony fondly. Your family took me in during my college years and adopted me as your own. You came to my wedding and were such a crucial part of my life in that season. I, too remember his laugh and the special French toast you two would make. May the Lord continue to comfort and strengthen you and give you His peace. Tony will be missed. My hope was to connect via the phone to speak personally to you, but I do not have your number. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Holly (Andrews) Tilton*



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**Holly Tilton** - January 10, 2022 at 01:21 PM

WN

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Tony did our accounting for 24 years at Coach & Four Restaurant in Roanoke. We relied on him for his expertise and counsel. He was a crucial part of our business. Prayers for your family.

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**wally and ronnie niccolls** - October 30, 2021 at 08:00 PM

JB

“ *Suzie and Katie.*

*My deepest heartfelt condolences to both of you. My heart sank with sadness when Art called to let me know of Tony's passing. He was one in a million. I can still hear his contagious laugh at the family reunions. I know deep in my heart that he is definitely in a better place with all our relatives and friends that have already passed Tony is in good company right now walking in heaven on the side of Our Lord. We love you Tony. Once again my deepest condolences.*

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**Jim Beaudoin** - October 13, 2021 at 08:30 PM

JR

“ *Susie and Kate,*

*Such great photos - all with that ever-present, million-dollar smile of Tony's. I can just hear him giggle.*

*Charlie and I were both surprised and deeply saddened by the news of Tony's passing. He was such a great guy - both professionally and personally - always a joy to be around. He touched the lives of oh-so-many people and gave so much of himself during his time on Earth. He will be greatly missed.*

*God bless you both.*

*-Jeri Reinholtz*

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**Jeri Reinholtz** - September 24, 2021 at 02:45 PM

SA

*Jeri and Charlie thank you for the sweet note. That Tony giggle and smile were one in a million.*

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**Susie Asseln** - September 25, 2021 at 10:42 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Antoine "Tony" Joseph Asselin.*



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September 23, 2021 at 09:15 AM



“ *What lovely pictures shared here. Tony welcomed me as I moved to Lake Keowee with such warmth, it set a very welcoming tone. That tone has proven to be the rule here in the place many of us have decided to move to for peace. I am certain Tony had a quite a bit to do with that. He always was funny and offered to help when he saw I needed it in my out-of-control yard work. I do miss him.*

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**Katie Haritos-Shea** - September 20, 2021 at 03:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Antoine "Tony" Joseph Asselin.*



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September 18, 2021 at 06:19 PM



“ *Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Antoine "Tony" Joseph Asselin.*



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September 17, 2021 at 12:37 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Antoine "Tony" Joseph Asselin.*



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September 17, 2021 at 12:23 PM



“ *Susie - I am saddened to hear of Tony's death. I got to know him well as a member of the Board of Directors of the Habitat for Humanity of the New River (HfHNRV). The organization was over one million dollars in debt when I joined the Board a bit after Tony. Tony's well reasoned and sage advice was critical for HfHNRV climbing that mountain of debt as well as his energy and good cheer.*

*It was such a pleasure to do things with him for Habitat. He was one of the main contributors that got HfHNRV building two homes again for the first time in 7/8 years. Fast forward to the present, in the past two years HfHNRV has built 9 safe, basic, affordable homes for families who could not be home owners without these homes. This year HfHNRV is in the process of building 7 more basic, safe, affordable homes. Oh, and not only is HfHNRV out of debt but we have money in the bank to build more homes.*

*This is a wonderful legacy that Tony leaves because I doubt HfHNRV would be doing such good work now if Tony had not helped us move in the right directions in the right way and with such joy. I hope this memory brings a measure of comfort as you reflect on Tony's life.*

*My best wishes to you and your daughter. Tom Sherman*

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**Tom Sherman** - September 07, 2021 at 03:21 PM

SA

*Thank you Tom. He loved his association with Habitat and all of the board members he had the pleasure to work with. He was so proud of what you all accomplished.*

Susie Asseln - September 25, 2021 at 10:40 AM

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Susie Asselin - September 05, 2021 at 10:41 PM

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**Susie Asselin** - September 05, 2021 at 10:12 PM

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**Susie Asselin** - September 05, 2021 at 10:09 PM

TM

“ *Susie and Kate,*

*So sorry to hear about Tony's passing. He was certainly a special man and a joy to be around. A special memory I remember was when he would attend the indoor cycling class I lead early in the mornings at the Weight Club. Tony brought jingle bells for the riders to wear on one Christmas eve ride and then caught me off guard on New Years eve ride when he gave everyone in class exploding party poppers! I still have both in my gym bag. We also trained together outside and I recall him completing a 100 mile ride with the group at Burkes Garden riding part way in a rainstorm. I will look forward to riding with him again in Heaven where he can show me his favorite rides.*

*He was a blessing to get to know and is missed.*

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**Tim Myers** - September 05, 2021 at 08:45 AM

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*Thanks Tim. Boy did Tony love his spinning classes and riding up those mountains!*

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**Susie Asselin** - September 05, 2021 at 10:57 PM

DH

“ *Susie and Kate,  
All of my time with Tony was enjoyable, and the professional services he provided were excellent. His laughter made whatever situation a party. I missed y'all when you left Blacksburg, and I miss Tony now.  
I am very sorry for your loss.  
David Hamilton*

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**David Hamilton** - September 03, 2021 at 12:27 PM

SA

*Thanks David, everyone remembers that Tony giggle and laughter that filled the room.*

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**Susie Asselin** - September 05, 2021 at 10:58 PM

LH

“ *We only met a few times, Tony, but I am forever grateful to you for loving my long time friend and making her your wife. I wish you both had been able to have longer than your 49 years together. She loved you so very much and thank you for loving her back in the same way. I know you both had such a wonderful life together and I'm so happy for that. God Bless You! ❤️*

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**Lynda Harris** - September 02, 2021 at 08:19 PM

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*Thanks Lynda.*

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**Susie Asselin** - September 05, 2021 at 10:59 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Antoine "Tony" Joseph Asselin.*



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September 02, 2021 at 03:10 PM



“ *We remember clearly when Tony and Susie arrived in Blacksburg! What a great addition to our community! We shared lots of connections including the birth of our daughters, Chamber of Commerce activities, Blacksburg United Methodist Church and lots of others memories in the Burg! We are so sad to hear this news. We know our lives were enriched by our friendship with the family and especially, Tony! We will keep you all in our prayers!*

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**Cynthia Sterrett** - September 02, 2021 at 02:41 PM



*He certainly had some great times with you all! Thanks for the tribute!*

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**Susie Asselin** - September 05, 2021 at 10:59 PM



“ *Susie and Kate, I am so shocked and deeply saddened to learn of Tony's death. There are no words sufficient to express my deep condolences for his loss. I have such fond memories of our time spent together in Tallahassee and feel blessed to have been one of his many friends. I'd like to think that he and Al have found one another in Heaven and are reminiscing about the the fun times we had together. Much love, Conni*

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**Conni Galbraith** - September 02, 2021 at 02:19 PM

SA

*We certainly go way back and I know Al and Tony are now our guardian angels.*

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**Susie Asselin** - September 05, 2021 at 11:00 PM

CG

*Wish I could attend one of the services. Love you!*

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**conni galbraith** - October 11, 2021 at 11:39 AM

LM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Kate. May your Dad be at peace. Love to you all.*  
*Laura and Kevin Maginn*

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**Laura Maginn** - September 02, 2021 at 11:30 AM

SA

*Thank you, we know he is watching over us now.*

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**Susie Asselin** - September 05, 2021 at 11:01 PM