



## Anthony Michael Blackner

April 11, 1934 - July 20, 2017

Anthony (Tony) Michael Blackner, 83, passed July 20, 2017 at Fairfax Hospital, Fairfax, VA. Proceeded in death by his father, Joseph Robert Blackner, mother, Evva Spiker Blackner Coltrane, sisters, Rose Marie Foster and Elizabeth Queen, and brothers, Joseph Robert and Richard. Survived by wife of 61 years Rebekah (Becky) Kuhns of Manassas, VA, formerly Johnstown, PA, son Michael and wife Annett of Germany, and daughter Cynthia and husband John Murray of Bristow, VA; Grandchildren: Erik and wife Tiffany Heidenthal, Katlyn Heidenthal, Christopher and wife Katherine Heidenthal, all of Richmond, VA, grandson Balthazar of Germany; step-grandson Sean Murray of Seattle, WA, step-granddaughter Candice Murray of Austin, TX; Great Granddaughter: Willow Heidenthal (daughter of Erik and Tiffany). Also survived by brother, Paul W, Johnstown, PA, and sister, Junita Vasas, Pottstown, PA. After 39 years of dedicated service, Tony retired from the Tribune Democrat in Johnstown, PA. He then worked for the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra for 8 years, then followed his love for golf and worked in the Pro Shop at Sunnehanna Country Club for 14 years. Tony loved to work with and inspire youth, and did so through Trinity Lutheran Church and the Westmont High School Golf Team. Tony was a lifetime member of Trinity Lutheran Church where a Celebration of Tony's Life will be held on August 5, 2017 at 10:00am. Tony is buried in Stonewall Memory Gardens, Manassas, VA, where his family can visit him often.



# Tribute Wall

PM

“ Tony was a good man; loyal and respected by his co-workers. I learned a lot from Tony and Becky about perseverance and faith. He loved his family. He expressed his creative side in his mustache, his penmanship and his garden. He leaves a lovely legacy. May he rest in peace. With sincere sympathy, Pam Mayer

Pam Mayer - August 05, 2017 at 08:24 AM

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“ Pam Mayer lit a candle in memory of Anthony Michael Blackner



Pam Mayer - August 05, 2017 at 08:08 AM

JG

“ When Tony Accepted the job of Executive Director of the Johnstown Symphony, I knew the JSO was in good hands. He was so methodical and organized, knew every person in town, and recruited every effective measure to build the symphony. He was the first person I knew who used the "sticky" systems to organize his day. In the morning there would be 15 or 20 sticks lined up on his desk and at 5 o'clock, they would be gone! Goals accomplished. I was so happy that he went to his next love of golf to Sunnehanna Country Club. My sincerest thoughts and prayers go out to Becky and family at Tony's passing. Jeanne Gleason

Jeanne Gleason - July 28, 2017 at 08:50 AM

NM

*Dear Becky and family,  
Mary Jane and I were saddened to read of Tony's passing. Tony and I enjoyed many lunches together with friends at the Bachelors' Club, and Mary Jane and I enjoyed our occasional dinners with Tony and you, when you visited Garden City. I'll miss a good man. Take care. Nick Mikesic*

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**Nicholas J. Mikesic** - August 02, 2017 at 12:25 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Anthony Michael Blackner.*



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July 24, 2017 at 10:47 PM