



Antonio Tugade Caday

November 28, 1938 - September 12, 2021

Antonio Tugade Caday, age 82, of Gainesville, Virginia, passed away peacefully on September 12, 2021. Tony was born on November 28, 1938 in Laoag City, Philippines and was the son of the late Benito N. Caday, Sr. and the late Ambrocia T. Caday. He was a 1955 graduate of Ilocos Norte High School and Far Eastern University Institute of Medicine, class of 1965.

Upon graduating medical school, Tony pursued and trained in Internal Medicine at FEU Hospital. It was here where he was introduced to a young nurse and his future wife, Ruby Mercado. They were married in 1972 and were blessed with their first-born, Anna Marie. In 1974, they decided to migrate to the United States in pursuit of the American Dream. Their endeavors were not without struggles. With the help of family and friends who had already found their footing in the U.S., Tony was accepted into a training program at Englewood Hospital in New Jersey. It was this event that set them up for the beginning of a successful future and life. From 1975 to 1980, he received his Internal Medicine training at Englewood, where he worked his way up to Chief Resident. It was also in NJ, that their second daughter, Christina, was born in 1977. After passing the state board, Tony and Ruby moved to the small town of Richlands in Southwest Virginia and settled down. It is here where he served the community at Clinch Valley Hospital, Grundy Hospital, and Buchanan General Hospital. In 1981, Caday Clinic was established in Grundy, VA and Tony went into private practice for the next 19

years. They found much success with solo practice and also welcomed their third daughter, Celeste, in 1982. With a booming practice and a close-knit Filipino community, life was good. Caday Clinic became a household name in Buchanan County and he was considered a pillar of the community. He was known as “Doc” to his staff, patients, and the community of Grundy. To this day, anyone who knew him from that time, still call him by this beloved nickname. After an unexpected by-pass surgery in 1998, Tony retired that same year and moved to Northern Virginia in 1999. Settling into retirement in Gainesville, he enjoyed the fruits of his labor and learned to enjoy a less stressful life.

Tony was a religious man. He was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church while residing in Richlands. While in Northern Virginia, he was a parishioner at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Outside his dedication to his profession, Tony was an avid gardener who enjoyed this hobby throughout his entire life. He spent evenings at home tending to his yard and impressive vegetable garden while in Richlands. During his retirement, caring for his plants was a daily activity. His favorite flowers were orchids which were scattered in abundance throughout his home. He’d spend much of his time outside inspecting his landscape and admiring his home-grown vegetables. He got such joy from seeing a tiny bloom or the bud of a new tomato. His basement is a collection of fine liquor which he started while living in Southwestern Virginia. He loved to travel, whether by jet-setting or cross country road trips with friends. He wanted to explore all the National Parks in the U.S. in addition to all the beautiful wonders around the world. Some of his favorite travel destinations were from his adventures in the Galapagos Island, Russia, Turkey, Switzerland and South America. He equally looked forward to the many trips to his second family home in St. Petersburg, FL. Here he enjoyed the fresh ocean air, fishing on the pier, a good lobster sandwich and smoked fish, ice cream and visiting various markets. He would never say no to a casino trip and he could always be found at the black jack table. When he wasn’t

traveling, he loved listening to his old music collection and never bored of watching boxing, tennis, National Geographic, Fox News and the jewelry channel. His favorite movie was Gladiator. His favorite dessert was ice cream. He enjoyed a great steak, throwing parties in his home, telling stories from his childhood, sitting on his front porch, but most of all, his greatest joy came from spending time with his “beautiful wife,” children, and grandchildren. As his family can attest, it gave him immense pleasure to sneak his grandchildren a sweet treat, especially chocolate and cookies. He will always be known to his family and friends as Tony, Dad, Doc, Papis, Uncle, Tito, and Lolo.

Tony was the beloved husband of Ruby Mercado Caday for 49 years. He was a devoted father to his three daughters and three son-in-laws; Anna Marie M. Caday Ward and Robert D. Ward of Bristow, VA; Christina S. Caday and Andrew H. Huling of Vienna, VA; and Celeste N. Caday and Mark A. Gonzalez of Bristow, VA. He is also survived by his sisters Carolina C. Zialcita of Falls Church, VA and Gloria T. Caday of Washington, DC. He was the cherished and adored grandfather of Benjamin Caday, Maia Grace, Ella Reece, Alexander Caday, Noah Caday, Tyler Caday, Adelyn Rae, Cole Caday and Elijah Caday. He will be missed but not forgotten by the many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends from all over the world. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brothers; The Honorable Leonides T. Caday and Benito T. Caday, Jr.

A visitation for Tony will be held on Sunday, September 19, 2021 from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM, with a rosary prayer service to start at 5:00 PM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas VA 20110.

Mass Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 8213 Linton Hall Road, Gainesville, VA 20155.

The family requests that all visitors to both services wear masks at all times.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to either The American Heart Association or The National Kidney Foundation.

Local Hotels for out of town guests:

Springhill Suites, Gainesville

7921 Gateway Promenade Pl, Gainesville, VA

(703)753-0121

Tru by Hilton, Manassas

10550 Gateway Blvd, Manassas, VA 20110

(703) 420-1500

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Memorial Mass

SEP **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Catholic Church
8213 Linton Hall Rd
Gainesville, VA 20155-2997
(703) 753-6700

Tribute Wall

PF

“ *In Memory of Tito Tony*

The memory we treasure. A man of few words at times, but when spoken, we know it was truthful, meaningful and many times funny. Your humor is unforgettable, your resiliency is one to be in awe of. You fought through every adversity that was put in front of you. We treasure so many qualities and memories of you. You inspire us to keep moving forward no matter how difficult life can get.

Your generosity in times of needs was a tremendous help to all of us. You were there to guide and support us throughout the years. Your love, support, and guidance helped is life's constant hurdles.

Our entire family can't thank you enough for your genuine love and care. You will be missed but heaven surely gained an angel.

We love you!

Pineda Family

Pineda Family - September 19, 2021 at 01:58 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Antonio Tugade Caday.*



September 18, 2021 at 08:12 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Antonio Tugade Caday.*



September 18, 2021 at 08:05 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss...Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this time. We love you guys* ❤️🙏



Noelia Valencia - September 18, 2021 at 04:30 PM



“ *Pam, Vicki, Beth, and Johnny purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Antonio Tugade Caday.*



Pam, Vicki, Beth, and Johnny - September 18, 2021 at 03:58 PM



“ *Manang Carol, Manong Pol, and Gola purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Antonio Tugade Caday.*



Manang Carol, Manong Pol, and Gola - September 18, 2021 at 03:44 PM

KW

“ *Katy Woosley lit a candle in memory of Antonio Tugade Caday*



Katy Woosley - September 18, 2021 at 01:11 PM

AC

“ *Arlene, Chris, Anthony & Christopher purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Antonio Tugade Caday.*



Arlene, Chris, Anthony & Christopher - September 18, 2021 at 12:11 PM

GR

“ *Tony Caday will be remembered, having always a pleasant smile and cheerfulness. His patients loved him dearly and their respect and admiration is a testament to his dedication in his services. His generosity and friendship brought joy and comfort to everyone who met him in SW Virginia. We will miss him. We will cherish the memories. To his family, we pray for solace and comfort.*

Prema and Greg Reddy.

Greg & Prema Reddy - September 18, 2021 at 12:02 PM

FW

To Tony, my brother-in-law.

Wherever you are, I know you are in a much better place looking down at your "beautiful wife" (as you fondly called Ruby) and kids, and guide them at all times. Tony, although you are no longer physically with us, you will forever remain in our hearts and your spirit will always be felt. You were a pure family man, fun, and a giving person, who had accomplished so much in such a short time, both personal and professional level. We will cherish your memories. We love you. On behalf of the Way family, we wish you farewell. Rest in perfect peace dear brother-in-law.

May the Caday family, through our faith and God's blessings find peace and comfort in the days ahead.

*With all our love,
The Ways*

Fe M. Way - September 22, 2021 at 11:26 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Antonio Tugade Caday*.



September 18, 2021 at 11:59 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Antonio Tugade Caday*.



September 17, 2021 at 10:25 PM

CZ

“ *CARLITO ZIALCITA purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Antonio Tugade Caday.*



CARLITO ZIALCITA - September 17, 2021 at 09:47 PM

RF

“ *I would like to offer my sincere condolences to Dr. CADAY'S family. He was such a big part of our lives here in SW Virginia. I have yet to meet a Doctor... that comes close...to the love & care he showed to his patients everyday. Thank you Caday family for sharing this special man with us !!!*

rebecca farmer - September 17, 2021 at 07:01 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Antonio Tugade Caday.*



September 17, 2021 at 06:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Antonio Tugade Caday.*



September 17, 2021 at 04:19 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Antonio Tugade Caday.*



September 17, 2021 at 02:11 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Challie - September 17, 2021 at 12:12 AM



“ *So sorry to hear this. Dr caday was my dr for many years. He was one of our best dr in this area. God comfort his love ones at this tim of sorrow.*



lucrettia Estep - September 16, 2021 at 11:22 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of his passing. My greatest or the most wow memory was a time that he put over the counter hair loss solution on his head trying to get hair growth but he was at the local hospital here in Grundy and it dropped his blood pressure. I don't think he ever did that again. He was loved by so many people in this area. He helped many local folks that he will always be in our thoughts. I pray for comfort for his family*

Jennifer Osborne - September 16, 2021 at 09:46 PM

MB

“ Margaret Branham lit a candle in memory of Antonio Tugade Caday



Margaret Branham - September 16, 2021 at 07:38 PM

MB

Dr Caday was my physician while practicing in Grundy. He was a wonderful dr and man. I was heartbroken when he retired and moved. I've thought about him many times over the years. I am saddened to hear he passed. My prayers go out to his family and friends

Margaret Branham - September 16, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Antonio Tugade Caday.



September 16, 2021 at 05:44 PM



“ Finest Farewell Spray was purchased for the family of Antonio Tugade Caday.



September 16, 2021 at 05:23 PM