



Anthony Dans of Manistee passed away early Sunday morning, Oct. 20, 2013, at his home. He was 81.

Anthony (Tony) was born on Feb. 1, 1932 in New York City, NY to the late Angel and Anna Dans. He graduated from Textile High School where he was captain of the swimming team and awarded Athlete of the Year at graduation. Tony spent four years of service in the U.S. Air Force stationed at the AF Radar Bases in Empire, MI and Armstrong, Ontario, Canada. While serving at Empire, Tony found his two true loves in life...his wife, Joan Kott, and her hometown of Manistee, MI. They met at the Pines Dance Hall in Manistee where their love for dancing brought them together. They married at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Manistee on April 7, 1956, and danced through life as perfect partners for 57 years.

He owned and operated a bar and restaurant in Manhattan, NY, with his father and brother for 20 years, before being employed by the Town of North Hempstead, Nassau County, NY as Code Enforcement Inspector. During forty years of working and raising a family in NY, Manistee was always a place of relaxation for Tony during countless family vacations visiting his in-laws, Ed and Virginia Kott and Sandy and Tom Evens.

Tony always had his heart set on retiring to Manistee and building a home on family property he named "The Hill", near Kott Road. In 1999, Tony's wish came true when he and his wife built their dream home, now known as "Tony's Hill" where he enjoyed 13 years of retirement, including his vegetable garden and making jelly from the wild blackberries he picked. He also loved playing golf, chess, bowling, history and was an avid reader.

Tony is survived by the love of his life, his wife Joan Dans, three children, Jean (Kevin) Nelson of Cincinnati, OH, Alan (Gayle) Dans of Merrick, NY and Marla Dans of Pound Ridge, NY; five grandchildren, Melanie (Glenn) Lucachick of Minneapolis, MN, Travis Nelson of Myrtle Beach, SC, Miesha and Jared Dans of Merrick, NY and Emily Eller of Pound Ridge, NY; Tony's brother, Angelo Dans of Glendale, NY, sister, Anita Vilarino of Yorktown Heights, NY and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rest in Peace, our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle, It's never goodbye, just "see you later".

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Friday, October 25, 2013 at 11:00 am at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

The Evening Vigil Service will be prayed, Thursday evening at 7:30 pm at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee where friends may begin calling Thursday evening after 6:00 pm. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Thursday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, and Friday morning from 10:00 am until the time of leaving for the funeral mass at 10:40am.

Memorials will be established in Tony's name for Saint Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee and for Hospice of Michigan. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.