



## Antone "Tony" Fileff

August 7, 1921 - June 2, 2017

Antone "Tony" Fileff, age 95 of Schererville, passed away on June 2, 2017. He was born in Gary, Indiana on August 7, 1921. Tony graduated from Lew Wallace High School in 1940, serving as Senior Class President. He worked as a part time mill worker to finance his way through Indiana University from which he graduated in 1947. While at the Bloomington campus he was the manager of the football team and participated in numerous social and service oriented functions. After graduation he worked for General Electric in Chicago as a junior accountant. Tony left G.E. and returned to work in Gary for the Bader Lumber Company where he advanced to Executive Vice President. After the Bader company was sold he worked for the Lake Mortgage Company until his retirement. He was preceded in death by his parents- Atanas and Slafka Fileff; brothers- George and Alec; sisters- LaVerne Kozub and Buella Coican. Tony is survived by his loving wife of 67 years- Constance "Connie" (nee Palmer) Fileff of Schererville, two children- Richard (Janice) Fileff of Chicago Heights, Ill, and Jane Fileff of Malibu, CA; Three grandchildren- Greer, Amanda, and Meredith Fileff of Chicago Heights, Ill. Tony served proudly as an enlisted U.S. Marine in the Sixth Marine Division during WWII, and the First Marine Division in Korea. He was a member of both of those divisions. Tony was also a member of the China Marines Association, The Marine Corps League Howlin' Mad Detachment in Hobart, where he served as Co-Chairman of the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program for several years. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 0430,

and of Merrillville Rotary of which he was a past President and a Paul Harris Fellow. His dedication to Rotary was exemplified by 27 years of perfect attendance and service. Tony was a member of the Indiana University Alumnae Association, a former member, Deacon, and Elder in the 43rd Avenue Presbyterian Church in Glen Park, and then a member of Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Schererville. He was a volunteer in the IUN Archive Department. Tony was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was a respected and well liked person with a kind word for all. Tony will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Funeral service Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point. Friends may visit with Tony's family on Tuesday from 2 p.m. until the time of service at the funeral Home. Cremation to follow services with a private interment at a later date. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 6. 2:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

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## funeral

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# Tribute Wall

NC

“ *Semper Fi ole top, it was a pleasure knowing you. Nick Cominos  
USMC*

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**Nick Cominos** - June 13, 2017 at 08:25 PM

JR

“ *Dear Connie:  
It was with great sorrow; when I discovered your husband Tony had  
passed away. How blessed you were to have such a loving  
husband; with so many gifts from God to share.  
He was one of the most positive men.*

*Connie; I have always respected you for your honesty and concern  
for others. You are the rock that people come to for firm advice. I  
know it will be hard; without Tony. However;the memories of him  
and the joy he brought you will continue your friendship with the  
World you know and don't know at this time.  
You're the best.*

*John Ricard*

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**John F Ricard** - June 08, 2017 at 01:49 PM

SF

“ *Steve, sue howard and family purchased the Bea  
utiful in Blue for the family of Antone "Tony" Fileff.*



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**Steve, sue howard and family** - June 05, 2017 at 10:49 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Antone "Tony" Fileff.*



June 05, 2017 at 09:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Antone "Tony" Fileff.*



June 05, 2017 at 07:36 PM



“ *Love, The Hillock Family & The Holmes Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Antone "Tony" Fileff.*



**Love, The Hillock Family & The Holmes Family** - June 05, 2017 at 05:25 PM



“ *Merrillville Rotary Club purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Antone "Tony" Fileff.*



**Merrillville Rotary Club** - June 05, 2017 at 02:52 PM

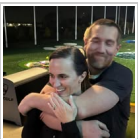
RC

“ Uncle Tony was an amazing person. When I think of him I feel privileged to have known him & am grateful that he was a close part of my life. He never bragged about his accomplishments but he could have since he did so much for his family & his community. He was always interested in what you were doing & had a way of making you feel important. His parents came from Europe (Macedonia) with nothing & settled in Gary, In. Grandpa Fileff worked at USS, saved his money & he and Grandma Fileff raised a wonderful family, my mom Beulah, my aunt Laverne & my two uncles, Alex & Tony. Tony was a very kind & gentle man. He had an easy going attitude & was always encouraging & upbeat. He was very proud of his heritage & always talked to Marcia & I about visiting Macedonia & especially Ohrid. What I will always remember is his smile & his love for his wife Connie & their kids, Jane & Richard, as well as his grandchildren, Greer, Amanda & Meredith & proud to be a great grandparent. I enjoyed being around Uncle Tony because he was proud to be an American & really proud to be a Marine. We will never forget you & thank you for being such a great Uncle.

*Rich & Marcia Coican & Scott Richardson*

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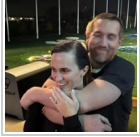
**Rich Coican** - June 05, 2017 at 11:25 AM



“ That last post was supposed to say has not hasn't. It has been a privilege and honor.

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**Amanda Howard** - June 04, 2017 at 11:01 PM



“ *I'll love you forever. I'll miss you forever. It hasn't been the greatest honor and privilege being your granddaughter. You were simply the best. Thank you for all of your love and support. Until we meet again grandpa. Sweet dreams. 💕💕💕*



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**Amanda Howard** - June 04, 2017 at 10:54 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Antone "Tony" Fileff.*



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June 04, 2017 at 09:36 PM

AK

“ Uncle Tony lived a blessed life. He was from a loved family and became a loved family man. He took me to my first Cubs game as an adolescent and that memory has stuck with me to this day. My father Frank was a carpenter and I remember our trips to Badar Lumber to do business and see Uncle Tony. I remember his visits with my Mom Laverne at our house in Glen Park and the laughter and joy they would share as brothers and sisters do. It was always a pleasure being with Uncle Tony as he always was kind and had nice things to say about everyone. You will now be reunited with Grandpa, Grandma, Frank, Laverne, Buelah, Charlie, Alex, Mary, George, Karen, David and other family and friends to celebrate eternal life in Heaven and to help guide the rest of us until we meet again!



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**Alan Kozub** - June 04, 2017 at 08:53 PM

KK

“ Uncle Tony lived an amazing life. He was a man of faith, service, kindness, and honor. I always enjoyed being with him and most remember is sweet and gentle nature. We love you Uncle Tony. Semper Fi Marine! Kathleen Kennedy & family

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**Kathleen Kennedy** - June 04, 2017 at 08:10 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Antone "Tony" Fileff.



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June 04, 2017 at 05:52 PM

LH

“ *Love, Greer, Amanda, Meredith, Paul, Dave & Holly purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Antone "Tony" Fileff.*



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**Love, Greer, Amanda, Meredith, Paul, Dave & Holly** - June 04,  
2017 at 01:36 PM