



Anthony Joseph Giacchina

January 29, 2010

Tony (TJ) Giacchina, beloved son of Tony and Jennifer Giacchina, brother of Amber, and Autumn, grandson of Jeff, and Pat Reeg, Nancy, and Jim Boyle, and Herb Giacchina, great grandson of Troy, and Betty Pendley.

He was an unbelievable kid who had his best years still ahead of him, but unfortunately won't get to live them out. He was extremely smart, sometimes too much for his own good. He was an honor roll student in the CAT program at Lakewood High School. He loved writing poetry, and stories, and dreamed of becoming an accomplished author. He was known by many, and loved by all who had the chance of meeting him. Number one fan of the Indianapolis Colts, and loved to tell you how good they were, and how bad your team was in comparison. He almost always wore a smile on his face. He was great at giving good advice and warm hugs. He was understanding, caring, and enjoyed playing with kids of his age, and also younger ones. Loved volunteering at Jamerson Elementary School, and sometimes got the kids a little too wound up, but that just showed his enthusiasm for what he was doing. He loved music, and dancing, and wasn't happy unless everyone was dancing with him. A wonderful entrepreneur, and salesman who always had a Monster drink and a laugh to match. He enjoyed the beach, and would jump at the chance to challenge, and beat you at anything. He was a superstar in the worlds of anyone who knew him. He will be missed immensely, but will always be in our memories, our minds, and in our hearts.

Tribute Wall



“ *I still think of you often. You will always hold a special place in my heart.*

Warmack - July 28, 2025 at 03:30 PM



“ *The family of Anthony Joseph Giacchina uploaded a photo*

August 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *A. Jackson - none posted a condolence Please accept my sincere sympathies.May you find strength in the God of all comfort who promises that very soon all our pain,tears,and even death will be removed forever.(Reveelation 21:3,4)*

A. Jackson - none - February 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Nancy and Jim Boyle - Grandparents posted a condolence TJ, you are missed so much. The world is a smaller place now that you are not in it. We love and miss you. Gma & Gpa Boyle*

Nancy and Jim Boyle - Grandparents - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Sharon Sanders - Teacher at Jamerson El. posted a condolence Dear family of Tony, He was an amazing young man, as you already know. We will never know why he chose this final path, but we will always remember his warmth and caring ways. My son Max texted me and said that one of his friends at CAT had just died. I am so glad that I got to know Tony and Amber. It helped me speak with my son about Tony. We have worked through the needless rumors, etc. and accept it as what it is-Tony is gone-enough said. We will grieve the loss for a long time and I will not hear the funny stories about Tony and his backpack, but Tony will live long in our hearts. Missing a wonderful young man whose life ended before his greatness could be achieved. Sharon

Sharon Sanders - Teacher at Jamerson El. - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Ed Ballas - Friend posted a condolence I remember Tony. I use to drive the bus at the Learning Nest in Sebastian. I remember him as, a really good little kid. he was always polite, and never really gave anyone a hard time at all. I'm sorry this happened. Back then I would say about Tony, "there's a little kid thats gonna do go in life" My condolences. Mr Ed and family

Ed Ballas - Friend - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ Herb & Susie Giacchina - Grandfather & Wife posted a condolence TJ we miss you

Herb & Susie Giacchina - Grandfather & Wife - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Scott Family - Daughter is his friend posted a condolence Our daughter Leanne was a friend of Tony's. She is deeply saddened about his passing. She says he always gave her the best hugs. She has so many great memories of him that she will always carry in her heart. I am truly grateful she was able to have such a wonderful person as her friend. We cannot begin to imagine the pain you must feel. Your family will remain in our prayers and may you all find peace in your hearts.*

Scott Family - Daughter is his friend - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Leanne Scott - Anthony's friend posted a condolence If it hadn't been for Britt(Sethy) I would have never met u my freshmen year. Since we met you changed my life. I'm so happy to call u my friend, you are like my big brother. For the first few weeks I had given you the nickname person. It was funny how we called each other that, (you being person and me little person.)This year we just started screaming each others name through the halls. It didn't matter what time or where we were. I always loved seeing you around. You knew how to make me laugh and smile even when I was sad. You gave amazing hugs. After school A-wing was always alot of fun when we were running up down the halls, you saving me, you telling jokes and storys. I'm never going to forget your poems and the way you had helped me with mine. I'm going to miss seeing you around school, your random texts to go to the movies, and your hugs. I'm really going to miss all that, but I know you are always going to be with us telling us to live our lives to the fullest, showing your love to us and giving us the strength when we need it. Rest in peace Tony, I love you.*

Leanne Scott - Anthony's friend - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *Claud & Marleen Effiom - son is a friend at Lakewood posted a condolence To the Giacchina family, Our hearts go out to all of you. Our son went to Lakewood with Tony. All I hear is how outgoing and friendly he always was. My son purchased food from him, I hear he was a great salesman. All of his classmates at Lakewood miss him a lot, he always seemed to brighten everyone's day at Lakewood. Our hearts go out to all of you and we wish you lots of strength. Tony's memories will live on forever. Sincerely, Claud, Marleen & Yahn Effiom*

Claud & Marleen Effiom - son is a friend at Lakewood - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Shelley Brisson - My Son was a friend posted a condolence My son Tristan Shuler was a friend of Tony's and is terribly sad about his passing. My heart cannot even begin to comprehend your loss. We are sending many thoughts and prayers for your whole family. May you all find peace. Blessings, Shelley, Bobby, Tristan, Aidan and Bella*

Shelley Brisson - My Son was a friend - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ *Valerie Widner - mother of fellow student LHS posted a condolence I am so terribly sorry for your immeasurable lost. While my son, Parker Fox, did not know him personally, he echoed the sadness and bewilderment felt by the student body. Please know your family is in my thoughts and hearts.*

Valerie Widner - mother of fellow student LHS - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *The Starbird Family - Friend of the family posted a condolence Tony, Jen, Amber and Autumn, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Tony was such a great kid and always had a smile. We can't even begin to say how sorry we are for your loss. Tony will be missed by all. Our hearts are with you. Love, Skip, Lynn, Brittany and Megan*

The Starbird Family - Friend of the family - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *TROY & BETTY PENDLEY - GREAT GRANDPARENTS posted a condolence THERE ARE NO WORDS THAT CAN EXPRESS OUR SADNESS IN THE DEATH OF OUR PRECIOUS GREAT GRANDSON, T.J. THERE IS A HUGE HOLE IN OUR HEARTS THAT WILL FOREVER BE THERE. T.J. WAS SUCH A LOVING, CARING BOY WHO LOOKED FORWARD TO HIS 17th BIRTHDAY ON FEB. 9th HE WAS PLANNING A SUPER BOWL BIRTHDAY PARTY AS HIS FAVORITE TEAM, THE COLTS, ARE PLAYING AGAIN IN THIS YEAR'S SUPER BOWL. WE WILL GREATLY MISS OUR 1st GREAT GRANDSON, T.J. BUT WILL CARRY HIM FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS. OUR LOVE & PRAYERS FOR JENI, TONY,SR., AMBER & AUTUMN. MAY GOD GIVE YOU STRENGTH TO GO ON. NO ONE KNOWS THE PAIN IN YOUR HEARTS. GOD BLESS YOU, WE LOVE YOU, GRANDPA TROY & GRANDMA BETTY & YOUR AUNTS & UNCLES IN MISSOURI, TOM,MARY,DEBBY & TROY, JR.*

TROY & BETTY PENDLEY - GREAT GRANDPARENTS - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Valerie & Travis Call - Friends posted a condolence This card isn't meant to do anything for you but let you and your family know that I am thinking of you at this time. And we are sorry for your loss. Love, Valerie & Travis

Valerie & Travis Call - Friends - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Pat Reeg - Grandmother posted a condolence TJ was a fantastic young man that would have mastered the world. He was extremely kind, smart and generous with the largest heart. We will miss him deeply. "Love you always TJ".

Pat Reeg - Grandmother - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Cathie, John Tyler, Justin Lincoln - schoolmates at Lakewood posted a condolence To the Giacchina family, Words cannot express the sadness we all feel about your loss. Our boys went to school with Tony and speak about how upbeat and friendly he always was. He touched so many lives. We just wanted you to know that your family is in our hearts and prayers. In deepest sympathy, Cathie, John Tyler, Justin

Cathie, John Tyler, Justin Lincoln - schoolmates at Lakewood - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Giau - Friend posted a condolence Hi, I'm not going to be able to attend the service today. I'm truly speechless because I'm still shock at the reality of what happened. Anyhow, life really is different when someone you know for such a long time disappears. He will be missed deeply.

Giau - Friend - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Catherine T. Long - My son was a friend at school with Tony posted a condolence Dear Giacchina family. My son Paul was a friend of tony's at school and often talked about how funny he was and what a great person he was to hang out with. Also, he was constantly asking me for money to get snacks from during the day. Paul and Tony did a podcast together and we listened it Friday night. We both laughed until we cried. By the sound of his voice, I could tell he was outstanding young man. I cannot fathom the amount of pain and loss you are experiencing at this time. Please do know, the your family is in our family's prayers, and we know that the Lord will watch over you all.

Catherine T. Long - My son was a friend at school with Tony - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Julie, Jacquelyn and Joseph Pica - Friends posted a condolence Words could never express our sadness and deep sympathy for T.J. and his beautiful family. We will instead remeber how we first met on 4th of July at the beach where we found a common bond in our love of music, we have all been friends ever since! TJ loved bragging about the bruises he got from mosh pit. We have always enjoyed his company and we will miss him terribly.

Julie, Jacquelyn and Joseph Pica - Friends - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM