



## Anthony "Tony" Reilly

December 7, 1936 - September 15, 2022

It is with heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Anthony "Tony" Reilly on September 15, 2022 at the age of 85. Tony was born in the tiny six house village of Glenlara, Belmullet, Co. Mayo Ireland Dec 7, 1936. He left home at 18 moving to England briefly and then courageously moving to the states at the young age of 20. He married his wife, Susan, and raised three daughters (Karrie- Linn, Dawn, and Sheila) in Plainville CT. He had a full and adventurous life. He served in the U.S. Army for four years, earned a degree in Criminal Justice to then join the Hartford Police Department, working there for over 20 years. He then was head of security for Shawmut/Fleet bank in Hartford and was a member of Unity Lodge AF&AM (formerly Walnut Hill Lodge AF&AM) in New Britain.

Tony and Sue pulled up stakes in CT in 2001 to move to their dream retirement location of Myrtle Beach, SC where they lived happily in the warm weather for over 20 years. Tony loved to travel back home to Ireland to visit the farm and his brothers (Tom and John Paul) and mother Mary and cousins, visiting his sister Mary in England, and even his brother Michael in Australia. Tony was soft spoken in words, bold in wisdom and always good for a hilarious story from his days of "being on the beat" in Harford, or the good old days back home in Ireland. He gave great advice to anyone who asked and is remembered for his intelligence, grace and soft wisdom. He took great joy in spending time with his six grandchildren, Brenden, Brian, Emma, Grace, Reilly and Addison. He raised his daughters to be as he was with integrity,

hardworking, devoted, and like him servicing their communities.

He leaves behind his wife Susan (Linn) Reilly, originally from New Britain CT, Also his three daughters Dawn (Reilly) Eveland of Macomb Michigan, Sheila Reilly, of East Hampton, CT, and their spouses Randy and Adam and Karrie-Linn Velms of Clermont, FL; six grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He will surely be missed and fondly remembered by so many. A joint graveside service for Susan and her husband Tony will be held Friday May 26, 2023 11AM at Fairview Cemetery (Section 18) 120 Smalley Street, New Britain. Arrangements were made by Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## CT Veterans Cemetery

Bow Lane  
Middletown, CT

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fairview Cemetery  
120 Smalley Street  
New Britain, CT 06051

*Section 18 (Veteran's Section)*

# Tribute Wall

TW

“ *My deepest sympathy on the passing of your father.*

*Trenton Wright MxCC*

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**Trenton Wright** - November 08, 2022 at 01:45 PM

SR

“ *Sue, Karrie, Dawn and Sheila, you are deep in our thoughts and prayers after the loss of Uncle Tony, may he rest in peace. Many wonderful memories come to mind when thinking of Tony. A most welcoming and kind person, so generous with his time, especially when visiting you all in the US. Enjoyed his passion for both Irish and American history and his stories of serving in the US army. Seán and Mary Reilly (Cavan / Belmullet, Ireland)*

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**Sean Reilly** - September 25, 2022 at 12:15 PM

HC

“ *Dear Friend. My you find peace and eternal life in Heaven  
Sue and family know you were among th privileged to have such a  
husband and dad  
Tony will be remembered by every HPD officer that meet or knew  
him He'll not be forgotten by any of us  
My prayers to you all. May God grant you peace n these trying  
moments.*

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**hank Charland** - September 21, 2022 at 10:34 AM

JN

“ Dear Susan, Karri, Shelia and Dawn,  
We are so very sorry about the passing of Tony. He was a kind person and always had many interesting stories to share! We are thinking of all of you at this very sad time. You are all in our prayers and we're sending you our deepest sympathy. May God Bless you and your families and may you always know that Tony and you are in our hearts and in our prayers.  
With our love, prayers and deepest sympathy,  
Jay and Sandy Nadeau & Family

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**Jay and Sandy Nadeau** - September 20, 2022 at 09:15 PM

SR

Thank you.  
He did always have a story. 😊

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**Sheila Reilly** - September 21, 2022 at 06:59 AM

KL

“ Sue, Karrie, Shelia, Dawn. Our deepest sympathy in you loss. Our prayers are with all of you. I cannot believe it had been 20 years since you left Plainville. Your former neighbor: Karen Roger Brian and Steve Lipski

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**karen lipski** - September 20, 2022 at 09:01 AM

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**Sheila Reilly** - September 21, 2022 at 07:00 AM

MN

“ We were so fortunate to meet Sue and Tony on a vacation to Surfside Beach. Having realized we had Connecticut connections made our bond even stronger. We spent time together at many Irish pubs, took many scenic trips in South Carolina and when they came back to Connecticut. We will miss you when we return to South Carolina, but hold you in our hearts. Tony’s stories of Ireland and his time on the Hartford Police Force were fascinating to hear. Love to you, Sue, and we will miss your dear Tony.  
Affectionately, Mike and Mary Nardelli Berlin, CT

Mike and Mary Nardelli - September 19, 2022 at 10:08 PM

SR



Sheila Reilly - September 21, 2022 at 07:01 AM

GC

“ We are so sorry for your loss of this beloved father, husband and friend. We have many memories of dinners together at the local Irish pubs and on Veterans Day. Going to their home to visit. Sue always had brownies or Irish soda bread. Tony was a true patriot of this country and a great friend. We are better for having known him and will miss him so much! God Speed!

Greg and Sheila Conroy - September 19, 2022 at 08:54 PM

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Sheila Reilly - September 21, 2022 at 07:01 AM