



Anthony J. Girifalco

November 7, 1954 - July 16, 2025

Anthony John Girifalco, age 70, of Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, passed away on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, in the Phoenixville Hospital. Born on November 7, 1954, in Wilmington, Delaware, he was a son of the late Catherine Ann (Lyons) and Dr. Louis Anthony Girifalco.

Tony is survived by his children Colette M. Girifalco, Antonio G. Girifalco, and Michaelangelo V. Girifalco; granddaughter: Maeve A. Trautz; and siblings Sandy Girifalco, Robert Girifalco, Terry Girifalco and Dori Malloy. He was preceded in death by siblings Mary Brauner, John Girifalco and, Stephen Girifalco.

Raised in Bala-Cynwyd, Tony was, with his many good friends, a colorful and accomplished figure at Lower Merion High School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Pennsylvania and a Master's degree in English Literature from Georgetown University. He enjoyed golf and was an avid reader, a gifted pianist, writer and speaker, always sought after as the family eulogist.

His sparkling green eyes, infectious smile and outgoing personality made him popular with everyone, especially women. He was finally smitten by the love of his life, Renee Sando, and they married on August 23, 1986. Although their marriage ended, they remained friends and continued to care for each other.

Tony was Executive Vice President and a founding member of DVIRC (Delaware Valley Industrial Resource Center) since 1988. According to DVIRC, Tony was a driving force behind DVIRC's success, leading corporate strategy, securing state and federal funding, and advancing workforce development initiatives. In 2024, Tony was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Manufacturing Excellence Awards, recognizing his remarkable contributions to the manufacturing industry.

Tony was diagnosed with Stage IV cancer this past May.

Consistent with his generous spirit, Tony was an organ donor.

Relatives and friends will be received on Friday, July 25, 2025, at Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, 610 S. Main Street, Phoenixville, PA, 19460, 610-933-3572, from 2:00 - 4:00 and 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. A memorial service will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. The family will continue to receive friends from the completion of the memorial service until 9:00 p.m. There is no parking lot but there is plenty of street parking. Interment is private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the "Education Fund for Maeve Trautz," Tony's granddaughter, who gave light and much happiness to his life. Donations can be sent c/o Sandy Girifalco, 301 Ap Even Rd., Wayne, PA 19087.

Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc. Condolences may be offered online at www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 25. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Anthony J. Girifalco*



Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - July 25, 2025 at 09:29 AM

NS

“ Living our lives brings us many challenges as we traverse our journey through the years. There are exceptions though, especially when Our Lord, Our God brings us brethren which transforms us - makes us all better, enlighten.

Tony Girifalco was a special gift. He was a bright sunny morning on an otherwise cloudy day. He was an ardent member of the Girifalco clan, but yet, we claimed his sovereignty as a member of the Sando family, too. In life, it is rare to meet someone with an effervescent friendly, compassionate face. I will never forget his insatiable desire to pontificate life's meanings in the spheres of intellect and logic. And yet he remained humorous to the end. He was so humble. He was always trying to lift us up, no matter the circumstances.

Words cannot begin to quantify the love and adoration I had for him.

You were my lifelong friend, my brother, my goomba (Italian).

You were always there for me, my brother and our family.

You married my cousin and raised a beautiful family together.

I will never forget your voice, your smile and the warmth you instilled in all of us.

Thank you for being you. I am sorry I didn't have an opportunity to say good bye.

I miss you, Tony.

*Number Seven
The Family of Nine*

Number Seven - August 03, 2025 at 09:37 PM

FF

“ From the Sando families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Anthony J. Girifalco.



From the Sando families - July 24, 2025 at 06:12 PM

GQ

“ Gary Q. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Anthony J. Girifalco.



Gary Q. - July 24, 2025 at 04:36 PM

DH

“ Our prayers and love to the family. Growing up with your family and knowing the love you all had for each other will forever be in my heart. My deepest condolence. From the Donna, Raymond and the Molines family.

Donna Molines Hildebrandt - July 23, 2025 at 10:02 PM

CS

We will always cherish our memories of Tony as a lifelong friend and family member. May the grace of God go with him and his Family, dear ones and friends who sadly mourn his passing. God bless you all. The Sandos

Carol Sando - July 24, 2025 at 06:19 PM

RG

“ Renee G. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Anthony J. Girifalco.



Renee G. - July 23, 2025 at 06:43 AM

RG

“ Renee G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony J. Girifalco.

Renee G. - July 23, 2025 at 06:43 AM

ML

“ Several years ago, Tony spent time at my home while in DC for the wedding of a friend's daughter. He was funny, kind and the perfect guest :) I send all my love and prayers to his family and friends who will miss him greatly. May he rest in peace.

Michele Lewis - July 22, 2025 at 09:27 PM



“ I am very sad to hear of Tony's passing. He was a friend, and a mentor to me when I joined the MEP network. Tony could always take a dark time and bring it to life. I wish everyone all the best, and I truly am thankful to have had some of his wit and wisdom in my life.

Bill Donohue, President, GENEDGE, the MEP of Virginia

Bill Donohue - July 22, 2025 at 06:37 PM

KM

“ Prayers to all the Girifalco family at this very difficult time. Rest in Peace Tony.

Kevin Moyles - July 22, 2025 at 06:30 PM

VA

“ My prayers to Tony’s family. I worked very closely with Tony at DVIRC for 25 years. He was such a gentleman. We shared so many laughs. He loved his children and granddaughter so deeply. I will never forget that smile. R.I.P. Tony.

Veronica Abdus-Saboor - July 22, 2025 at 02:06 PM

JB

“ Jeanette B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony J. Girifalco.

Jeanette B. - July 22, 2025 at 12:05 PM

BW

“ My Thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Tony was a pleasure to know and I learned a lot from him during my DVIRC days. God Bless all of you, Bob Walsh

Bob Walsh - July 22, 2025 at 09:25 AM

MG

“ My prayers for his family, Tony was always a friendly face and a great storyteller.
God be with you. Maggie Gemmell

maggie gemmell - July 21, 2025 at 06:11 PM

FM

Tony was a beautiful person with a lively mind and a caring heart. Always ready to laugh even in tiring times. He was a friend, colleague, and founding chairman of our board of directors at the 21st Century Partnership for STEM Education (21PSTEM) for 18 years. On behalf of all the staff and fellow board members, please accept our gratitude and sincere sympathies on this unexpected loss. I know his family meant everything to him.

- F. Joseph Merlino, president.

F. Joseph Merlino - August 13, 2025 at 10:32 PM