



Anthony J. Paxton

April 25, 1945 - January 17, 2022

Anthony J. Paxton, 76, of Willoughby, died January 17, 2022 at University Hospital Richmond Medical Center. He was born April 25, 1945 in Dublin, Ireland.

Mr. Paxton worked as a postman in Ireland before coming to the States in 1977. He then proceeded to leave his mark on the Food and Beverage Industry across the mid, north, and southern United States.

His hobbies included stamp and coin collecting, but his passion was gardening. He could make anything grow! He had a special touch and patience and continued to feed and care for each plant as though it was one of his children.

Mr. Paxton was especially good at telling stories of all his travels with friends and family, it was like you could imagine yourself there with him, he was the best storyteller. He loved his picture taken and would say, "OK, now send that all over the world!"

He enjoyed the beach, continuous learning, his family, music, and anything that ended in a good hooley. Tony loved to search for treasure as well, such as art, jewelry, old records, etc, anything that seemed valuable to him. But what he most loved were his grandchildren. He would take each as they came

and walk the floors with them making the swoosh sound of the womb, which he swore was the secret to his success in getting them to sleep.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Paxton; children, John (Chanin) Paxton, Claudia (Curtis) O'Neal, Lydia (Gerald Albietz) Paxton, Adeline (Shawn) Rapp and Jennie (Peter) Pexa; 11 grandchildren; brother, Martin (Deirdre) Paxton; and his sisters, Margaret Kessler, Bernadette Panetta, Gloria (Joseph) Cramer and Bette (Peter) Brunning.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Christina Paxton and his sister, Carmel Bahia.

The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 27, 2022 at Immaculate Conception Church, 37932 Euclid Ave., Willoughby, OH 44094 (Please meet at the church.)

In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions be made to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
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Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
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Funeral Mass

JAN **27**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
37932 Euclid Ave
Willoughby, OH 44094

Tribute Wall



“ *Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center created a Funeral Service in memory of Anthony J. Paxton*



Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center - January 28, 2022 at 11:07 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Anthony J. Paxton.*



January 24, 2022 at 07:54 PM



“ *With love, Lou, Nicole and Marlena Klein purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Anthony J. Paxton.*



With love, Lou, Nicole and Marlena Klein - January 24, 2022 at 01:57 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Anthony J. Paxton.*



January 24, 2022 at 01:29 PM



“ *I would like to express our condolences to Mary Ann and Family in the loss of Tony. I remember him well from the time Mary Ann worked with me as a teller at the old National City Bank. Tony would come in either to drop something off to her or to pick her up and you could really see the love and admiration he had for her as his wife. I always admired him for that. Diana and I will keep the family in our prayers.*

Judge Parker

Judge Parker - January 23, 2022 at 09:19 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Paxton family at this time of sadness It was a joy to be in Tony&Maryann's company.God bless Maryann&family and "Safe home Tony,safe home".*

Sheila Dunning Moncheck - January 23, 2022 at 02:33 PM

CB

“ Dear Paxton Family,

I am so very sorry for the loss of your beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, friend, and more.

He was such a special person and will live on in the hearts of so many.

I loved Mr. Paxton very much and have several fond memories. I met he and his family 33 years ago (when Adeline and I began our freshmen year at Cleveland Heights High School), and we hit it off from the start. Maybe it was the Irish in me too? :)

He was kind, warm, hilarious, grateful, hard-working, passionate, and appreciated what he had and his life. He adored Mrs. Paxton and his children/grandchildren so much - could just see it in his eyes.

My sister Maureen (who left this world too soon in 1999) adored Tony as well and we both got to work for him when we were (much) younger. He was such a hard worker - and perfectionist, to boot. Anything that had his name on it, he wanted it to be the very best. And it was.

When I worked with him, he managed events and special occasions for Aramark Catering and Case Western University - from business meetings, to weddings on campus - and he thought of absolutely everything to ensure every occasion would go off without and hitch. And more importantly, that everyone was happy and had what they needed. And if it was a party, he ensured everyone was having a great time.

He let me drive the big work trucks (which was a lot of fun) and he ran circles around people 1/3 of his age. He seemed to have endless energy. He made me laugh a whole lot - my sister and both. The days went by faster when he was around. I'm grateful he gave

us both the opportunity to make money and be proud of our work.

I remember meeting up with the Paxtons occasionally on St Patrick's Day over the years and that was always a lot of fun!

I think what I like most about Mr. Paxton is thinking about he how he was with Mrs. Paxton and how they interacted. It was their own language and you just knew they really appreciated one another. Marriage isn't easy, especially raising so many kids. But their love prevailed.

I am thinking of you all and sending my deepest condolences. I'm also wishing for him - that he be surrounded by beautiful Irish fields and gardens, music he loved, delicious food, and of course loved ones that have gone before.

May the road rise to meet you, Mr. Paxton, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Please give Mo and my parents a big hug and kiss from me. ❤️

*Love Always,
Colleen*

Colleen Beard - January 23, 2022 at 09:21 AM

Jl

“ Back in the 1990's whilst I was staying with Nanna Paxton in Drimnagh, Anthony and I, had a meal from the local Fish & Chip shop, which had truly the best Fish & Chips in the world, and he had known of this place for years with such a colourful description of the secret ingredients behind the best Fish and Chips. As well as other recipes for other foods Italian, Tandoori etc he was truly a great Chef. I also remember his Irish room in his Cleveland, Ohio house a truly Irish home from home. God bless Uncle Tony Love & Prayers John, Jo, Narayan & Cyrus Idnani xxx 🍷🙏



John Idnani - January 22, 2022 at 06:01 PM