Anthony “Tony” Iafrate, loving husband of Vicki (Riggle) Iafrate, died surrounded by his family after an acute brief illness.

Born in Jamaica, New York, to Arcangelo and Rosina Iafrate, Iafrate earned B.S. and master’s degrees in economics from Hofstra University in Uniondale, New York, and Stony Brook University, respectively. He enjoyed motorcycle riding, gardening and watching soccer, especially his favorite team, Roma of the Serie A in the Italian League. A proud Italian American, he loved making Italian dishes for family and friends. He and his wife liked traveling, especially to Italy where he could speak Italian.

He worked as an actuary for Gen Re Insurance in Stamford, Connecticut, for 27 years. His last post was with The Hartford Insurance Group as the chief product officer for middle and large commercial. Iafrate was a long-time mentor and guest speaker for Columbia University’s Actuarial Science Program, which has set up a memorial fund for him.

In addition to his beloved wife Vicki, Tony is survived by four sons, Daniel Iafrate of Norwalk, Skyler Iafrate of West Hartford, Mathew Iafrate of Niantic, Michael Iafrate of Norwalk; a daughter, Autumn Iafrate of Chester; two stepdaughters, Jessica Primm and her husband, Brandon, of Alaska, Emily Steele of Columbus, OH; and his grandson, Mason Primm of Alaska. He also leaves his sister, Diane Iafrate of Franklin Square, Long Island, NY; his mother-in-law, Marge Riggle of Millersburg, OH; three sisters-in-law, Michelle Rodhe and her husband, Kurt, of Ohio, Debbie Aten of Charlotte, NC, Jodi Cain and her husband, Del, of Canton, OH; loving relatives in Italy; several other relatives, co-workers, and dear friends.

Actuarial Science Scholarship Fund in Memory of Anthony Iafrate

To honor his legacy, commitment to our program and accomplishments in the field of actuarial science, the Iafrate family has requested that we create a named scholarship for Tony, where In lieu of flowers, you can consider contributing to the Actuarial Science Program at Columbia University, a program very near to Tony’s heart. To contribute, please go to https://sps.givenow.columbia.edu/ and make a gift to the annual fund by doing the following:

- Enter the desired amount to donate
- Select "Yes" next to "Is this gift in honor or in memory of someone?" Then indicate that the gift is "in memory" and type "Tony Iafrate" in the "person's name" box.
- Click "Add Gift" to proceed
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