



Anthony Castillio Sr

June 17, 1961 - November 28, 2024

After many long arduous health battles, Anthony D. Castillio, Sr. succumbed to his illnesses, on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2024. He was 63 years old.

Anthony was born on June 17, 1961 in New York, New York as the only child of Mary Castillio (deceased) and Paul Castillio (deceased). Although most would have assumed that he was born in Washington, D.C., he moved there along with his mother when he was 5 years old. Life in D.C. during the 60's/70's was one of immense culture and black excellence but also crime, poverty and rebellion. Being shaped by this environment, Mary soon realized Anthony was head strong and independent. Needing some guidance and mentorship Mary enrolled Anthony in a school run by Brothers of the Nation of Islam. It was there that Anthony learned discipline, commitment and perseverance. Being the head of a household from a young age these lessons would help him in the years to come as both a provider and protector of the people that would become the fabric of his life.

Holding only an associate degree under his belt, Anthony turned his knack for cooking and love for food into a profession. At the height of his culinary career, Anthony was often the 'point person' tapped to open prominent restaurants such as J. Paul's in the affluent Georgetown neighborhood of D.C.. While working another busy shift in the kitchen Anthony met who would

become his first wife Clarissa Coby. They were married in 1983 and a year later Anthony and Clarissa would welcome his first child Asia Castillio to the world. Two years later he would have his only son Anthony Castillio, Jr.

As much as Anthony loved the culinary world he was never one to be complacent. Anthony had always had a love for technology. One of Anthony's innate qualities was being and thinking about the future. While working multiple jobs he enrolled in night school so that he could pursue a better career for himself and for the family he was building. Clarissa and Anthony separated during this period, however, having missed the opportunity to have his own father be a major character in his own life Anthony was determined to break the cycle so while separated he was still an active and providing father in the lives of Asia and Anthony Jr.

As his career progressed and he found his footing in his new industry Anthony met and married Sharon Chandler. Sharon's daughter Alycia Wright became Anthony's step daughter and he as determined to be a strong and passionate influence in Alycia's life as he was with Asia and Anthony Jr. It was during this period that Anthony purchased his home in Temple Hills Maryland, a place that become the site for many celebrations, barbecues, and late night pool sessions. One could not know Anthony without having been in his 'Man Cave' of Redskin (Commander) paraphernalia. The tailgates and the Redskin community that he built was also part of his ever-growing family. His love for his family and work were probably the only things he loved more than his team.

He went back to school to get his Bachelor of Science in Computer Technology and shifted his career path to Information Technology as a means to be more present in that union. Again, Anthony soared in his career in IT and rose to the top of that profession. First at May Department stores, then transitioned from retail to the healthcare industry when he moved to Arlington

Hospital (now Virginia Hospital Center). As his reputation in systems engineering grew, he was recruited to manage the computer room at Fairfax Hospital (now Inova Health Systems). At the height of his IT career, Anthony was well-known in the Phamis/IDX/Tandem world and became the President of the Phamis/IDX user group leading a convention of over 300 users representing hospital systems from across the United States.

When panic ripped through the IT community at the thought of the millennium switch from 1999 to 2000 and a CIO declared that all IT staff whether on site or not would have to be 'on-call' OR quit; Anthony left Inova and started his own IT consulting firm, ADC System Services. He ran ADC System Services for 24 years until his death but it morphed along the way. What started as a software/hardware consulting firm, pivoted to include spin-offs for:

- Business Continuity/Emergency Management – Anthony was part of the Community Emergency Response Team of Clinton, and prepared Business Continuity plans for healthcare systems like Sibley Hospital and energy companies like Washington Gas.

- PMP Certification partnership with the Project Management Institute (PMI) – Anthony's Pro Training Group LLC helped dozens of full-time adult learners 'of color' by providing remote after hours PMP classes and one-on-one tutorials so they could successfully pass the grueling PMP certification test which is the standard professional certification for project managers across the world.

- Crypto currency/Block chain technology mentorships – Anthony's Legacy Makers LLC is a collaboration with several African American entrepreneurs whose mission is to educate and orient future investors in the new world of crypto currency.

From his work at Inova, Anthony met and married Joette Chancy and again instantly became, 'Uncle Tony' to her daughter from a previous marriage, Michelle Borden. As grandparent to Alicia's daughter, Chelsea and 'Pop Pop' to Michelle's son Cole, Anthony cherished his ever expanding family and had a true vision for the future.

When that future included then-candidate Barack Obama, Anthony again answered the call. He left his new family to work, full-time leading the Democratic office in Suffolk Virginia which was no easy task. There were threats from the community and challenges with new technology...Anthony was meant for this !! We all know what happened there, President Obama was elected and Suffolk was handily 'blue' in Suffolk with record setting 'new' voters added to the rolls.

At the end Anthony Castillio Sr. saw his life as one that was about overcoming the odds and realizing the family and community that he poured his time, effort and care into. Anthony was from a different era and those around him understood this almost immediately. Even within the limitations of society at large Anthony would not be denied. Anthony would out work, out think, and out talk (yell) anyone who obstructed him from his goals and aspirations. Anthony's methods were not for everyone but his results were undeniable. Anthony put it all on the line constantly and had no regrets about losses or setbacks. In fact setback were a challenge, that he thrived in knowing he could and would overcome.

Anthony loved to travel. From taking driving an RV across America and the southern coast of Europe, to driving a 5- speed sports car through France and Italy. He engineered a life that he loved and was unforgettable to all who were fortunate to have met him. He was stubborn but kind, loud but introspective, bossy but knew how to listen. A fierce defender and advocate but also a formidable adversary when needed. He would fight for anyone who would

needed him. Being the son of a single mother he was aware of what the world expected from him and, recognized the odds he overcame with a quiet humility that left even those closest to him unaware of the burden he kept as his own. He would at times quietly remark to himself the pride that he had in what he accomplished in his life, but always with the next goal in sight, or a strategy to get a student, friend, or co worker to realize some potential they didn't know they had themselves. His life is a testament to both 'what to do' and 'what not to do' and as a role model to his core, he was grateful for all the lessons his life choices may have taught others.

Tony enjoyed fishing, cooking/grilling, shooting pool, and cheering for his teams: Lakers, Yankees and Commanders. When he walked into a room, he was a force of nature. We will miss Dad, Tony, 'Big T', 'Uncle T Man' always. He is leaving a gaping hole in our lives and in our hearts with his passing but we realize he is no longer in pain or suffering. The quote he is most famous for is:

"It either gets done or it doesn't...the rest is BS" – Anthony D. Castillio, Sr.

Donations in memory of Anthony Castillio Sr. can be made to:

Boys & Girls Club of America

Democratic National Committee

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 20. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

MARSHALL-MARCH FUNERAL HOME OF MD
4308 SUITLAND ROAD SUITLAND MARYLAND 20746
SUITLAND, MD 20746

Funeral Service

DEC 20. 10:00 AM (ET)

MARSHALL-MARCH FUNERAL HOME OF MD
4308 SUITLAND ROAD SUITLAND MARYLAND 20746
SUITLAND, MD 20746

Tribute Wall



“ *Marshall-March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Anthony Castillio Sr*



Marshall-March Funeral Homes - December 18, 2024 at 12:34 PM

AN

I first met Tony through the Phamis User Group. In 2001 he gave me the courage and support to leave full time employment and start my journey as a self employed IT consultant in the Healthcare Industry. He gave me my first gig and earned the nickname of 'Pimp Daddy' or PD for short. We have worked on projects at several of the same Hospitals. Outside of work, he became such a dear friend of my husband and I, but I can personally call him my best friend. We shared our struggles, gave each other support when things were tough and gave each other a kick in the pants when needed to keep on going and never give up! We introduced him to Scotch Eggs, which I think made an appearance at one of his tailgates. He introduced us to Maine Lobster that he had shipped to Ca when he and Joette were visiting us. When we joined family in DC, (visiting from the UK), he greeted us at the airport and hugged our Brother/Sister-In-Law like they were his family too... and that's how they felt about him. They fondly remember the tour of the monuments and the fun facts that he shared along the way. He made some new 'NFL friends' in my Facebook group talking smack and sending mojo to our various teams when they needed it most. There are so many more fond memories and I'll miss him every single day! To my friend. PD. You knew how much we love you. Angie & Stuart.

angie - December 19, 2024 at 03:36 PM

JK

“ My deepest sympathies to your family and to all who knew Anthony. His presence in the world will be hard to fill as he was always quick with a story to tell, a quick wit and a love for playing cards when he was with our group of friends.

He always delighted in sharing his love for politics as for leaning anything new that could be lucrative and beneficial to everyone. He was a no nonsense person and I truly appreciated that of him. I'm so glad I was given the opportunity to see you before your passing. My memories of you are fond ones

Again, to his family and friends, my prayers and sympathies.

Jennifer Kelly - May 29, 2025 at 06:26 PM

LB

“ Coach, my heart broke when I heard the news. You were the best coach, instructor, teacher I've ever had. My career wouldn't be where it is today without your support. I'm sorry I didn't keep in touch and reach out more often. My condolences to your family. 🙏

Latrice Bryant - January 06, 2025 at 10:59 AM

AI

“ Angie I lit a candle in memory of Anthony Castillio



Angie I - December 20, 2024 at 09:19 AM

SE

“ Shirley Emanuel purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Anthony Castillio Sr.



Shirley Emanuel - December 19, 2024 at 10:57 PM

DY

“ Diane & Walter thank's you! purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Anthony Castillio Sr.



Diane & Walter thank's you! - December 19, 2024 at 03:25 PM

MA

“ Missing you every day. Love Angie&Stuart purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Anthony Castillio Sr.



Missing you every day. Love Angie&Stuart - December 19, 2024 at 02:47 PM

MF

“ I met Tony when he came to Suffolk as an Organizer for Barack Obama. He was a man on a mission and that mission was to get Obama elected as the 1St. AA president of The USA. He worked our butts off but so did he. Never one to show defeat during the campaign he keep pushing little ole Suffolk and we did it. Thank you Tony, for coming to Suffolk for many campaigns you were a great teacher. I was happy to see you, a proud Gpop this past spring with your grandson.

My condolences and prayers to the family. Michele Faulk 🧡🙏

michele Faulk - December 18, 2024 at 11:15 PM

SC

“ Sharon, Alycia and Chelsea purchased the Full O f Love Bouquet for the family of Anthony Castillio Sr.



Sharon, Alycia and Chelsea - December 18, 2024 at 04:30 PM

JP

“ Ah big man I have a lot of memories that thank goodness won't be shared here. We will keep those close. But what I will share is that a couple of weeks before you left us. You and I had one of our long conversations this one lasted a little over 3 hours. And we talked about life's challenges and successes but mostly about the journey that each individual's life is. And you expressed that you knew your journey was coming to an end. And that you were ready and that though you were tired and in pain. Your journey was what it was and that it contained the many ups and downs that are in all of our journeys it was mostly ups and you were ready for the next phase . So T please know that I will always cherish that last conversation. And that I'm hoping you are being blessed with a wonderful next phase of your journey. Love you always big man!

James (Rick) Pegram - December 14, 2024 at 01:49 PM

ES

“ EstherG lit a candle in memory of Anthony Castillio



EstherG - December 13, 2024 at 06:26 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Anthony Castillio Sr.



December 13, 2024 at 06:20 PM

TH

“ *Tiffany Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Anthony Castillio*



Tiffany Hubbard - December 12, 2024 at 05:27 PM

TW

“ *Rest in Peace Anthony!*

I send my prayers and condolences to his family!

Tomeka M. Winborne



Tomeka M. Winborne - December 12, 2024 at 03:36 AM

MM

“ *Maggie M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony Castillio Sr.*

Maggie M. - December 11, 2024 at 11:34 AM

SC

“ *Suffolk Virginia Democratic Committee purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Anthony Castillio Sr.*



Suffolk Virginia Democratic Committee - December 10, 2024 at 07:21 PM

AJ

“ 10 files added to the album Anthony D Castillo



ANTHONY CASTILLIO JR - December 10, 2024 at 12:33 PM

AN

These photos are soooo Tony! 🥰

angie - December 19, 2024 at 01:53 PM

MM

“ *Maggie Mclean lit a candle in memory of Anthony Castillo*



Maggie Mclean - December 10, 2024 at 08:42 AM

GP

“ Tony, Joette, Ric and I played online BidWisk. And what I enjoyed most was being Tony’s BidWisk nemesis. 😂 When he would playfully badger me for taking out any 3 bid he tried to get pass me, I would say, “No way, Jose. I’m absolutely, unequivocally, not letting a 3-anything slide!” And he knew, and we knew, that he would have never tried pulling that stunt in a LIVE BidWisk game. 😂 Man, those were the days. I’m going to miss Tony because he brought much laughter and fun to the game. My condolences to the Castillio family.

Gwen Pegram - December 09, 2024 at 10:17 AM

CB

“ My condolences to the family of this great man. I obtained my PMP because of him. The world lost a great instructor who was passionate about helping others.

Charmagne Bowman - December 07, 2024 at 06:14 PM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - December 03, 2024 at 04:55 PM