



## Anthony J. Rustako Jr.

February 1, 1936 - June 16, 2023

Anthony J. Rustako Jr. 87, originally from Colts Neck, New Jersey, passed away peacefully at Seabrook Senior Living in Tinton Falls, NJ on June 16, 2023. He was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey on February 1, 1936 to the late Anthony Rustako Sr. and Vilma Rustako, and preceded in death by his sister Coralie Rustako Romano Dryer and his brother Robert John Rustako.

Anthony graduated from the New Jersey Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1965 and a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1969. He became a Life Fellow at the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers in 2002. He served proudly in the Navy, stationed in Lakehurst, NJ and was a Electrical Engineer/Researcher for Bell Labs/ AT & T for 37 years. He was a brilliant intellect, making significant contributions to the development of satellite communication systems later used by NASA. He also designed and tested the early prototype for cellular/wireless communications for Bell Labs/ AT & T with approved patents.

Anthony was an avid photographer, enjoyed skiing and scuba diving and was an amateur ham radio operator. He was involved for many years with his wife Carole in the Garden State Theatre Organ Society and worked in the restoration of a variety of antique organs. He traveled the world experiencing life to the fullest with his loving wife Carole of 64 years. They continued to be each other's companions and support to the final days.

Anthony is survived by his wife, Carole Rustako, his sisters Constance Bieling and Maria Cardaneo and many nieces and nephews.

A viewing will be held for family and friends on June 22, 2023 from 10:00-11:30 at Bongarzone Funeral Home, located at 2400 Shafto Road in Tinton Falls, NJ 07712, with a funeral service at 11:00am. Committal services will be held at the graveside following the viewing at Hollywood Memorial Park, located at 1500 Stuyvesant Avenue in Union, NJ 07083.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research ([give.Michaeljfox.org](https://give.Michaeljfox.org)) or The Garden State Theatre Organ Society (PO Box 65, Rahway, NJ 07065).

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to everyone at Seabrook for the care and compassion given to both Carole and Anthony.

# Cemetery Details

## Hollywood Memorial Park

1500 Stuyvesant Avenue  
Union, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 22. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home  
2400 Shafto Road  
Tinton Falls, NJ

## Funeral Service

JUN 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home  
2400 Shafto Road  
Tinton Falls, NJ

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Susan Getter, Cathy and Ken Selmer purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Anthony J. Rustako Jr..*



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**Susan Getter, Cathy and Ken Selmer** - June 20, 2023 at 04:09 PM

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“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Anthony J. Rustako Jr.*



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**Bongarzone Funeral Home** - June 18, 2023 at 07:35 PM