

OBITUARY

Anthony A. Nagel, 91, of Hackettstown, N.J., died peacefully with his loving family by his side on Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at the House of the Good Shepherd, Hackettstown, N.J. A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2010, at 10 a.m. in the Good Shepherd Roman Catholic Church, Andover, N.J. Private interment services will be held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are under the direction of the Iliff-Ruggiero Funeral Home, 156 Main St. (Rt. 206), Newton, N.J. Online condolences may be offered through www.iliff-ruggierofuneralhome.com. Born in Newark, N.J., Anthony had resided in Union, N.J., and Wayne, N.J., for many years, Lake Park, Ga., for 20 years and Andover, N.J., before moving to Hackettstown in 2004. Son of the late Anthony Sinigaliano and Helen Nagel, Anthony graduated from West Side High School, Newark, N.J., and later received his B.A. in business from Upsala College, and then his master's in educational administration and guidance from Montclair University. He was also educated in musical composition, arranging and counterpoint at Columbia University and New York University. From 1955 to 1980, Anthony worked as a dedicated educator and guidance counselor in the Wayne public schools. As a passionate professional musician, Mr. Nagel started playing during the Big Band era in the 1940s and 1950s with his own "Tone Worthing Orchestra" in places like the Wigwam in Budd Lake, N.J., Rod's Restaurant in West Orange, N.J., the Robert Treat Hotel and the Ivanhoe in Newark, and throughout New Jersey. After his retirement he enjoyed playing keyboard at the Fiddler's Green in Valdosta, Ga. Recently, Mr. Nagel was the founder and a regular performer with the Piano Club at the House of the Good Shepherd in Hackettstown, N.J. As a consummate professional, Tony was always composing and recording his music as well as encouraging singers young and old to pursue their passion for music. He was a lifelong member of the American Federation of Musicians Locals 16 (Newark) and Paterson (248). In his younger years, Mr. Nagel enjoyed raising and racing pigeons, horseback riding, cycling and Corvette cars. Anthony was predeceased by his wife, Gloria D. (DeFeo) Nagel, in 2004, as well as his son, Niles Nagel, in 1997. Survivors include his daughter, Dawn C. and husband, Jerry Tedesco, of Andover, N.J., and his grandchildren, Andrew and Alan Tedesco, Niles Lee and Colby Nagel. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Sussex County Youth Orchestra (Niles Nagel Scholarship Fund), P.O. Box 1052, Andover, N.J. 07821, or to National MS Society, N.J. Metro Chapter, P.O. Box F, Belmar, N.J. 07719.

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