



Dr. Anthony F. "Tony" Gramza

February 11, 2026

Dr. Anthony "Tony" Francis Gramza, 89, of Wake Forest, NC, formerly of Chicago,

IL passed away February 11, 2026 in Raleigh, NC.

Tony was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on June 26, 1936, to the late Joseph Gramza and Mary (Lukaszewski) Wojciechowski Gramza. After the heartbreaking

loss of his mother due to tuberculosis when Tony was only six, he and his siblings

were lovingly raised by their Aunt Catherine Lukaszewski ("Auntie"). Her strength, sacrifice, and faith profoundly shaped the resilient, compassionate man

Tony would become.

A gifted student with an insatiable curiosity about the natural world, Tony graduated cum laude from Marquette University in 1962 with a bachelor of science

degree. He went on to earn his master of science in 1965 and his doctorate in 1969,

both from the University of

Wisconsin - Madison. His academic excellence was recognized early as a National

Science Foundation Graduate Fellow (1962–1963) and as a University of Wisconsin Special Summer Fellow in 1964.

Tony devoted his professional life to teaching and research in biology. He began his career as assistant professor of psychobiology at the University of Illinois, Children's Research Center in Urbana from 1968 to 1974. He later served as a faculty member in biology and psychology at National College of Education in Evanston, Illinois, from 1974 to 1976. In 1976, he became associate professor of biology at Mundelein College in Chicago, where he also served as Chair of the Biology Department until 1991. That same year, he joined Loyola University Chicago as associate professor in the Department of Natural Science, continuing to inspire and mentor students for many years. He was listed as a noteworthy biology educator by Marquis Who's Who and was a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Institute of Biological Sciences, the Animal Behavior Society, and Sigma Xi.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Tony was deeply committed to environmental stewardship and carried a lifelong concern for the health of the natural world. His love for science extended far beyond the classroom, reflecting a genuine reverence for creation. He was equally devoted to his faith, which quietly guided his life and his decisions. A man of principle and compassion, Tony had a tender heart for those in need and believed strongly in serving others.

Although his work took him away from his Wisconsin roots, he retained a lifelong devotion to the Green Bay Packers and the Wisconsin Badgers. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather whose

greatest pride

was his family. He cherished time spent together, valued thoughtful conversation,

and shared his passion for music, science, and the arts with those around him. His

warmth, wisdom, and steady presence will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 47 years, Marianne (Spiner)Gramza; his daughter, Tammy Scarborough (Scott) and his granddaughter, Samantha Scarborough of Wake Forest, NC; his sister, Rita (Gramza) Jasinski of Milwaukee,

Wisconsin; and many cherished nieces, nephews, and extended family members. In

addition to his parents and Auntie, he was preceded in death by seven siblings.

Funeral services will be held in Wisconsin, returning Tony to the city where his life

began.

A Memorial Visitation will be held Saturday, February 21, 2026 from 12:00 NOON until 1:00 PM at ST. VERONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH (4001 S.

Whitnall Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53207) followed by the celebration of Memorial Mass of Christian Burial at 1:00 PM. Private inurnment at Arlington Park Cemetery, Greenfield, WI.

Cemetery Details

Arlington Park Cemetery

4141 S 27 St
Greenfield, WI 53221

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB 21. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Veronica Church
4001 S. Whitnall Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Memorial Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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4001 S. Whitnall Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Tribute Wall

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“ *Marianne,
Sending my deepest condolences to you. You are in my thoughts
and prayers.
May the peace of The Lord be a comfort to you and your family.*
❤️🌹 *Connie Auerbach*

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