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ANTHONY VITO SAVINO
Bristol, CT
U.S. Army/Connecticut National
Guard

KOREAN WAR-ERA SERVICE

40-year Career with U.S. Army and Connecticut National Guard • State Command Sergeant Major, Connecticut National Guard, for 16 years • National-level advisory board service on enlisted personnel issues for National Guard Bureau and Department of the Army • Founder of annual NCO Dining-In promoting camaraderie and charitable donations among all Connecticut-based service branches • Member, Bristol City Council • Secretary, Bristol Veterans' Council • President, Board of Directors, Bristol Association of Retarded Citizens • Volunteer service as officer and member of multiple municipal boards, commissions and organizations

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Obituary

ANTHONY V. SAVINO, CSM,USA, Ret.

BRISTOL: Anthony Vito Savino, Command Sergeant Major, USA, Ret., 71, of Margaret Way, Bristol, beloved husband of Deanna E (Urban) Savino, died Tuesday, February 26, 2008, at the Bristol Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Bristol, August 6, 1936, a son of the late Vito F. and Pasqua (Borrelli) Savino, he had been a lifelong Bristol resident. Tony was a graduate of St.

Anthony's High School class of 1954 and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Eastern Connecticut State University in 1984. He served in the U. S. Army and Connecticut Army National Guard for 40 years. He was a graduate of the United States Sergeants Major Academy in 1987. He was the 43rd Brigade Command Sergeant Major for 10 years, the Connecticut Army National Guard NCO School Commandant/CMS for 1 year and the Connecticut Army National Guard State Command Sergeant Major for 16 years. Tony was inducted into the State of Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame, Class 2, in 2006 and was the recipient of numerous award and decorations including the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, U. S. Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal and Air Force Commendation Medal.

He had been employed as Transit Manager for the Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency for several years. He served as a member of the Bristol City Council from April 2005 thru November 2005 and served on numerous Boards and Commissions including, Chairman and member of the Board of Directors for the Bristol Adult Resource Center, Member of the Board of Directors for the Bristol Community Organization, Executive Director of the Bristol Tramps Sports Reunion Committee, a United Way Volunteer, member of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee, member and secretary of the Bristol Veterans Council, the Bristol Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge No. 1010, the Bristol Kiwanis Club, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, AMVETS and the Italian Social Club. He was a parishioner of St. Anthony's Church of Bristol and had been a member of the Parish Council of the church.

Besides his wife Deanna, he is survived by his loving children, Cathy A. Savino of Bristol, Anthony V. Savino, Jr. and his wife Rebecca of Bristol, his granddaughters, whom he cherished, Elise C. Savino and Olivia A. Savino; 12 nieces and nephews and several cousins. He was predeceased by his two brothers, Frank V. Savino and Ciccio V. Savino.

His family will receive relatives and friends in the O'Brien Funeral Home, 24 Lincoln Avenue, Forestville, Thursday, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony's Church, 111 School St., Bristol. Interment with full military honors will be in St. Joseph Cemetery in Bristol. In lieu of flowers, gifts in his memory may be sent to the Tony Savino Memorial Fund, c/o Webster Bank, 150 Main St., Bristol, CT 06010, which will go directly to various charities and organizations that Tony supported in his community. A website has been established for Tony, so friends may visit and share their favorite story with his family at www.csmtonysavino.com. www.obrien-funeralhome.com

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National Guardsmen are:
Citizens most of the time,
Soldiers some of the time,
Patriots all of the time.

Brigadier General James Drain
Washington National Guard
1928

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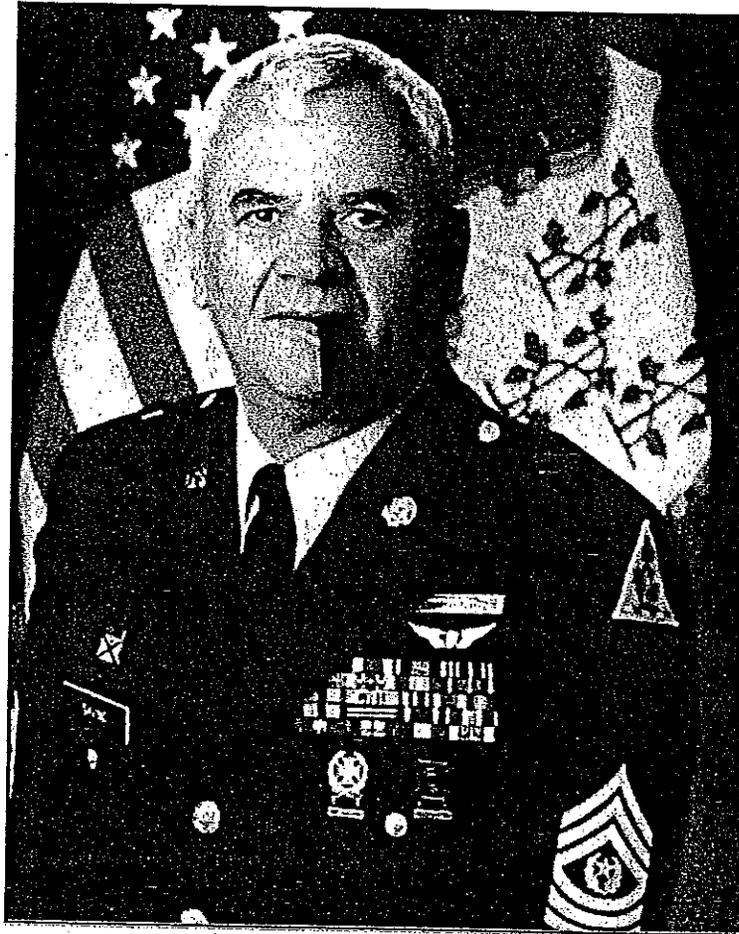
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COVER STORY

"I loved my family, my friends, my country, my city, the United States Army, the Connecticut National Guard, and the noncommissioned officer corps."

ANTHONY VITO SAVINO
August 6, 1936 - Feb. 26, 2008



Connecticut Patriot Guard Riders roll up their flags after the graveside service for retired Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony V. Savino, 71, who died Tuesday. Savino's casket stands in the background after several dozen mourners left St. Joseph's Cemetery in Bristol.



Family members, friends, city and state officials mourn Savino at St. Anthony Church.



Deanna Savino holds the flag she received for her husband.

Paying it forward, 'wicked' humor Savino's hallmark

Beloved icon laid to rest in St. Joseph's Cemetery

By JACKIE MAJERUS
PRESS STAFF

BRISTOL — An unlit cigar dangling from his lips was such a trademark for Tony Savino that a few weeks before his death, he told his family he wanted a cigar placed in his mouth after he died to take with him to eternity, his daughter told hundreds of mourners Friday.

"We wouldn't have had it any other way," said Cathy Savino, eulogizing her father before a nearly packed St. Anthony Church holding local and state lawmakers and other officials, including U.S. Rep. John Larson, alongside Savino's family, friends, co-workers and fellow soldiers.

Savino told the crowd that her father, a career military man who died Tuesday, lived his life with "honor, integrity, purpose and service."



Mourners place flowers on the casket of Tony Savino at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Bristol on Friday. The career military man, 71, died Tuesday.

But Savino said she wasn't going to dwell on her dad's many military accomplishments or civic contributions. Instead, she delivered a more personal look, starting with St. Anthony Church.

school and saw his son marry and grandchildren baptize and receive First Communion.

"This church was a huge part of his life," she said. Savino said her parents married in 1939 and they loved home that was "always a place of great joy" a haven for friends and family.

Her father, who volunteered with many community organizations, taught her and her brother to "pay it forward," Savino said, but he wasn't always serious about it.

"His wicked sense of humor was legendary," she recalled that he delightedly taught "every toddler his first dirty word."

"He faced the cancer that eventually took his life with dignity and valor," his daughter said.

She said she spoke with her dad recently about a eulogy for him and offered him the chance to have the last say.

"Not long after that, she said, he sent her an e-mail with the following message: 'I loved my family, friends, my country, my city, the United States Army, Connecticut...'"

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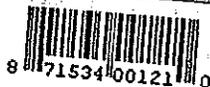
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Beloved icon laid to rest



Savino remembered for 'honor, integrity, purpose and service' and 'wicked' humor

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Members of the armed forces carry the casket of retired Command Sgt. Maj. Savino on Friday while an honor guard salutes in the background.