

Anthony Gerard Brocato
December 6, 1932 - April 3, 2018

Mass of Christian Burial
Saturday, April 7, 2018 10:00 a.m.
St. Anne Catholic Church
Beaumont, Texas

GATHERING RITE

GREETING AND BLESSING OF THE BODY

As a reminder of Anthony’s Baptism, his casket has been sprinkled with Baptismal water. Then, a pall, recalling the white garment of his Baptism, is placed on the casket.

“If we have died with Christ, we are also to live with Christ in glory.”

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 27

*“The Lord is my light and my salvation,
of whom should I be afraid, of whom should I be afraid?”*

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 5

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:

“Lord, hear our prayer”

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

“Ave Maria”
Franz Schubert

COMMUNION RITE

Holy, Holy, Holy + Mystery of Faith + Great Amen
Our Father + Lamb of God

Communion

“Panis Angelicus”
César Franck

Meditation

“Amazing Grace”

Invitation to Prayer

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother. May our farewell express our affection for him; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

PRESIDER: Saints of God, come to his aid. Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord.

ASSEMBLY: ***RECEIVE HIS SOUL AND PRESENT HIM TO GOD THE MOST HIGH.***

PRESIDER: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; and may the angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

ASSEMBLY: ***RECEIVE HIS SOUL AND PRESENT HIM TO GOD THE MOST HIGH.***

PRESIDER: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

ASSEMBLY: ***RECEIVE HIS SOUL AND PRESENT HIM TO GOD THE MOST HIGH.***

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Recessional

“How Great Thou Art”
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Anthony Gerard Brocato loving husband, devoted father and beloved Papa to his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren passed away peacefully on April 3, 2018 surrounded by his beloved wife and children. He was 85.

Born on December 6, 1932 in Beaumont, Texas Anthony was the youngest child of T.A. and Lena Fertitta Brocato. Constantly doted on by his three older sisters Concetta, Mary Claire, and Jo Therese he was the “crown prince” of the Brocato household. Anthony enjoyed his childhood in Beaumont proudly helping his parents operate

Brocato’s Food Store at the corner of Orange and Royal Streets.

Anthony attended St. Anthony Elementary and Middle Schools before graduating from St. Anthony High School in 1949. He went on to the University of Texas at Austin where Anthony was a member of the Silver Spurs and enjoyed being a brother in the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. Anthony completed his undergraduate studies earning his Bachelors of Business Administration degree in 1954.

Upon graduation Anthony served his country as a member of United States Air Force rising to the rank of Captain. After the service, Anthony returned to Austin earning his Doctorate of Jurisprudence at the University of Texas Law School in 1958.

After coming home to Beaumont and beginning his career, Anthony’s sister, Concetta, a teacher at Hotel Dieu School of Nursing, introduced him to a beautiful nursing student from Turkey Creek, Louisiana, Myrna Loy Johnson. Anthony and Myrna were married at St. Joseph Catholic Church beginning a happy life together for almost sixty years.

Soon Myrna and Anthony welcomed the birth of daughter, Jeanne in 1961. A short eleven months later, the Brocato household grew with the arrival of the triplets; Tony, Walter, and Jim. Baby sister Elizabeth was born three years later.

Anthony began his legal career as City Attorney of Beaumont, and served as attorney for the Beaumont Independent School District and Monsignor Kelly Catholic High School. He went on to practice law with the firms of Weller, Wheelus, Green & Brocato and Crutchfield, DeCordova, Brocato & Heartfield in Beaumont. Anthony went on to form the Law Offices of Anthony G. Brocato. A Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, Anthony was a President of the Jefferson County Bar Association and a member of the Board of Trustees of the St. Anthony Cathedral School Foundation.

While he was always active in the community, Anthony's true focus was his family. The proud son of immigrants from Cefalu, Sicily, he shared stories of faith and family history around the dinner table with his children. To this day his children and grandchildren can relate his stories by heart and will tell you if you ask that "It all started with Abraham".

The embodiment of what it means to be a true family man, Anthony's greatest love was always for his wife, Myrna and their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Anthony was a man of deep Catholic faith whose legacy will live on in the lives of his family as they proudly share tales of their Papa. He was one of a kind and will never be forgotten by all who knew and loved him.

Anthony is predeceased by his parents and his sisters; Concetta McGettigan, Mary Claire Petkovsek and; by his cousin, Sam "Boo" Serio, who was like a brother to him, and by his brothers-in-law, Patrick McGettigan, Lucas Petkovsek and Thomas Phalen. Anthony is survived by his wife, Myrna Loy Johnson Brocato, and by his children, Jeanne Marie Brocato Parker and her husband John, Anthony Gerard Brocato, Jr. and his wife Catherine, Walter Clyde Brocato and his wife Mary, James Michel Brocato and his wife Allison, and Elizabeth Brocato Jackson and her husband Michael and by his grandchildren, Elizabeth Parker Douthit and her husband Aaron, Mary Frances Parker Story and her husband Michael, Jack Parker and his wife Kayla, Ben Parker, Anna Brocato, Catherine Brocato, Emma Brocato, Sam Brocato, Roseanne Brocato, Michael Jackson, Jr., Meredith Jackson, Caroline Jackson, and Anthony Brocato, and by his great grandchildren, Cecilia Douthit and Matilda Story. Anthony is also survived by his sister, Jo Therese Phalen, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

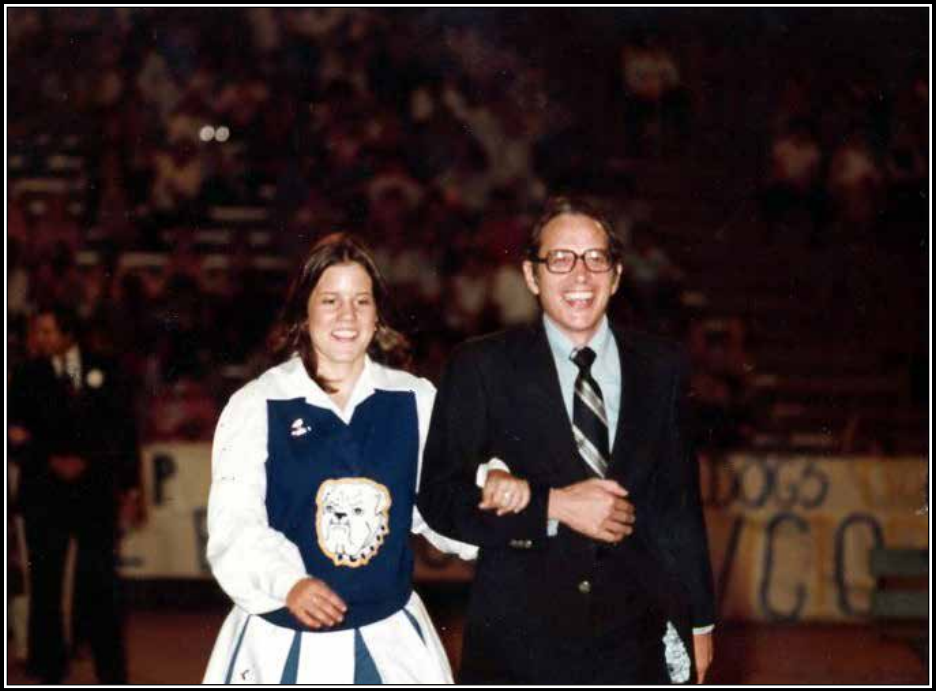
The family would like to thank all of the caregivers at Pelican Bay Assisted Living Community, for their care and devotion to Anthony these past few years.



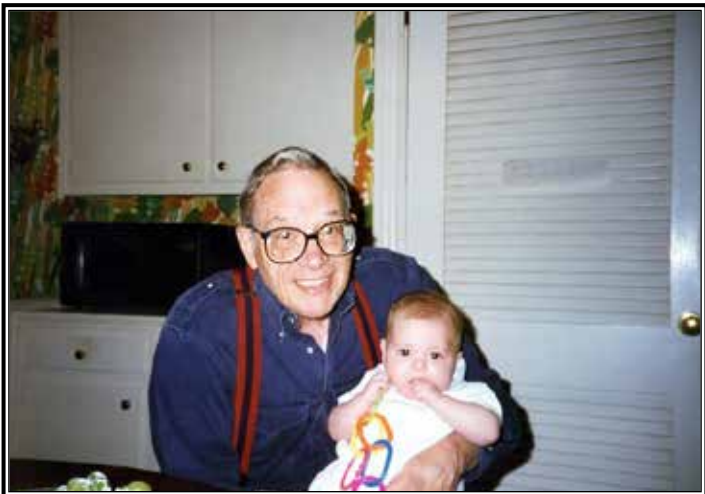


















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Celebrant	Reverend William F. Manger
Placing of the Pall	Jeanne Brocato Parker Elizabeth Brocato Jackson, Tony Brocato Walter Brocato, Jim Brocato
Gift Bearers	Joanie Cook, Scott Petkovsek
Lectors	Mike McGettigan, Maureen Patrizi
Music Ministers	Elizabeth Douthit, Scott Petkovsek
Cantor	Angela Pickering
Pallbearers	Elizabeth Parker Douthit Mary Frances Parker Story, Jack Parker Ben Parker, Anna Brocato Catherine Brocato, Emma Brocato Sam Brocato, Roseanne Brocato Michael Jackson, Jr., Meredith Jackson Caroline Jackson, Anthony Brocato
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Interment

Magnolia Cemetery
Beaumont, Texas

Memorial Contributions

St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica School
850 Forsythe Street
Beaumont, Texas 77701

*“We appreciate the assistance of Dr. Scott Feldhausen
who helped us plan this service for Anthony”*



Please sign Mr. Brocato’s guest book and share your memories at
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