



Anthony Bradley Cruz

March 6, 1961 - December 15, 2018

Anthony (Tony) Bradley Cruz, age 57, of Flint, died Saturday, December 15, 2018 due to injuries sustained from a motorcycle accident on County Road 1125 south of Tyler.

Tony was born March 6, 1961, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Dr. Anatolio Benedicto Cruz, Jr. and Rosalina Sedillo Cruz. Tony spent the majority of his childhood in San Antonio, where he attended elementary school at Holy Spirit Catholic School, Eisenhower Middle School and Winston Churchill High School. An outstanding athlete, Tony helped lead the Winston Churchill tennis team to two state championships.

Tony received a B.A. in Communications from Stephen F. Austin University. He was a member of the Lumberjack tennis team and was a night-time disc jockey for a local radio station. After college, Tony began his career in the corporate television industry, spanning over 2 decades.

In 2011, Tony fulfilled a lifelong dream by building XTC Fitness & Sports, which became one of Tyler's most premier fitness facilities. Although the club closed in 2017, Tony continued to lead XTC Training at Tyler Athletic & Swim Club. Through this passion, Tony touched hundreds of lives and had a profound impact on all who were blessed to call him trainer or coach. If he wasn't one's trainer or coach, anyone who was still fortunate enough to know

him, would be embraced by his warmth and brilliant smile. Following in his family's tradition of military service, Tony was commissioned in the Texas State Guard, and in 2016 assumed command of Charlie Co, 3rd Medical Battalion.

"Ton" (pronounced Tone), as he was known to his family, always encouraged others to live life to its fullest. Indeed, he made the world a much better and happier place for everyone around him. From a very young age, although at times a bit mischievous, he demonstrated unbounded confidence and a daring boldness to tackle any challenge.

In addition to his parents, Tony is survived by his loving wife and best friend of 21 amazing years, Honor Hulo Cruz; his children, Christopher (Chris) Russell Bentley & wife Mary, Anthony Corey Cruz & wife Lauren and Caroline (CC) Dayle Cruz; two grandchildren, Barrington (Bear) and Broderick (Brody) Bentley; his sisters, Raquel Cruz Bono, Roselle (Pinky) Cruz Osterman; his brother, Anatolio Benedicto (AB) Cruz III; sister-in-law, Jill Lynch Cruz; brothers-in-law, Art Dwight and Paul Osterman; nieces and nephew Taylor, Grace, Aly, Lauren, Ben and Ana.

Services will be held Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with a Rosary at 2:30 followed by a Memorial Mass at 3:00 p.m. with Most Rev. Joseph E. Strickland presiding. A reception with food and beverages will be held in the Cathedral Center immediately following the mass.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Bishop Gorman Volleyball Fund at 1405 ESE Loop 323, Tyler, TX 75701 and/or Church Under the Bridge at P.O. Box 1148, Chandler, TX 75758.

Previous Events

Rosary

DEC 19. 2:30 PM (CT)

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
423 S. Broadway
Tyler, TX 75702

Memorial Mass

DEC 19. 3:00 PM (CT)

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
423 S. Broadway
Tyler, TX 75702

Visitation and reception after service

DEC 19 (CT)

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Tribute Wall

WU

“ I served 5.5 years in the Tyler medical unit of the Texas State Guard. I often worked very closely with 1LT Cruz. I considered Tony to be a good friend. He was a fine example of a man and a superb officer! RIP, Tony we will all miss you!

William Carter, CWO3, USN(ret) - December 22, 2018 at 10:14 PM



“ Dear Cruz family,
May God bring you peace.
Tony was one of a kind. He will be missed immensely.

Brittany Poster - December 19, 2018 at 08:09 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Anthony Bradley Cruz.



December 18, 2018 at 07:37 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony Bradley Cruz.



December 18, 2018 at 06:35 PM

LM

“ *Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of Anthony Bradley Cruz*



Loretta Martinez - December 18, 2018 at 06:29 PM

BS

“ *Brian and Rosie Scott have made a donation in Ton's memory to Church Under the Bridge. May he rest in peace.*

Brian Scott - December 17, 2018 at 09:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Anthony Bradley Cruz.*



December 17, 2018 at 07:15 PM

LT

“ *Lynda Tippit lit a candle in memory of Anthony Bradley Cruz*



Lynda Tippit - December 17, 2018 at 06:16 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Anthony Bradley Cruz.* ”



December 17, 2018 at 12:59 PM



“ *Patricia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Anthony Bradley Cruz* ”



Patricia Johnson - December 17, 2018 at 12:16 PM



Thoughts and prayers are with you Honor during this difficult time

Patricia Johnson - December 17, 2018 at 12:18 PM



“ *Caren Cruse lit a candle in memory of Anthony Bradley Cruz* ”



Caren Cruse - December 17, 2018 at 11:16 AM



My prayers and love are with Tony's family.

Caren Cruse - December 17, 2018 at 11:20 AM

SJ

“ 1LT Cruz, was my Commander in the TXSG. He was a very dedicated person to all he endeavored to do. Always a smile on his face, He will be missed terribly.

SGT Donna Judalet - December 17, 2018 at 10:33 AM

SJ

“ SGT Donna Judalet lit a candle in memory of Anthony Bradley Cruz



SGT Donna Judalet - December 17, 2018 at 10:18 AM

GT

“ Gay Tyra lit a candle in memory of Anthony Bradley Cruz



Gay Tyra - December 16, 2018 at 11:01 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Anthony Bradley Cruz.



December 16, 2018 at 07:42 PM