



Anthony "Tony" Terraforte

January 13, 2020

Tony (Anthony) R. Terraforte, 76 of Dobbs Ferry, NY, passed on January 13th 2020. He was born on June 27th, 1943 to Anne and Joseph Terraforte. Tony attended Yonkers High School and graduated from the City College of NY with a Bachelors in Political Science and a Masters in Education. Tony worked for over twenty years as a highly respected teacher in the Hastings-on-Hudson School District. Tony was an active member on the Hastings Benefit Fund and involved in local politics throughout his life. Tony was an amateur bowler, enjoyed attending the Theater, and was always up to debate a controversial topic. He is survived by his daughters, Leighann and Megan Terraforte and is the dear brother to Jean, Anne, Bob and Joe Terraforte. The family will receive friends at Edwards Dowdle Funeral Home, 64 Ashford Avenue, Dobbs Ferry, NY on Thursday 1/16 from 3-7pm. Services will be held on Friday 1/17 at 10:00 AM at Edwards Dowdle Funeral Home. Donations to The Parkinson's Foundation, in lieu of flowers, are deeply appreciated

Cemetery

St. Joseph's Cemetery

209 Truman Ave.

Yonkers, NY, 10703

Events

JAN **Visitation** 03:00PM - 07:00PM

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Edwards - Dowdle Funeral Home

64 Ashford Avenue, Dobbs Ferry, NY, US, 10522

JAN **Service** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ To the Terraforte family -- I am so sorry for your loss.

I now live in Illinois and have just learned of Mr. Terraforte's passing. He was my most beloved 6th grade teacher. As a Professor in Art Education, I always share Mr. Terraforte as an example of excellent teaching with my own to-be teachers and current education students. What I remember clearly in 6th grade was that he always honored us as children; in other words, he made us feel like what we thought about life, and politics especially, mattered! He used to foster discussions in class where we had debates and conversations about real events. I remember his keen interest in hearing our views. I remember how warm hearted he was. He understood young people and their intelligence. I remember walking home from middle school through Reynolds field thinking about all that we had discussed in his class and feeling engaged in school ways that I did not customarily feel. I always tell my students now about my 6th grade teacher who talked with us about current events because he believed we had something important to say. In this way, he modeled great teaching, someone genuinely progressive as a teacher, ahead of his time. I encourage my students to hold such kinds of dialogues in their own classes. In this way, as a pedagogue, Mr. Terraforte will always live on.

I am so sad to hear of his passing. I really loved him. My sympathies with his family-- from my heart to yours.

Best,
Kryssi Staikidis (Kryssi Stack, Class of '76)

Kaysie Stack - January 19 at 03:25 PM



“ Thank you so much for the kind words.

Leigh - January 23 at 09:23 PM



“ I just learned of Mr. Terraforte's passing and I'm so very sad that we have lost him. And thankful to have been his student. An amazing man; to think of all the people who are so much the better for knowing him, whether they liked or not. A truly great person who challenged all to be at their best in his presence. When people say someone is a true original, I don't think they have met the likes of Mr. Terraforte. I don't know if there are many people in the world like him, but I hope so. He raised and set my standard for what it means to be a good and interesting human being and I'm grateful forever to him for it, and for all the humor and challenges in his class. He made us grow; thank you, Mr. T. With much love and my very best wishes to him, to his daughters, and his family and his friends, always.

Alexandra - January 19 at 12:44 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I was one of Mr. Terraforte’s students and he was a special and caring man who dared to be himself and different and treated us as people, not just kids. He made an impact and he made a difference. He is missed.

Trevor Cornwell - January 18 at 02:27 PM



“ Tony was an inspiring teacher. He really loved teaching math to his 4 th grade students. I would have them in middle school and they would say “ I had Mr T for math proudly. “
Tony did so much fir our teachers putting so much time without pay to our benefit fund and of course our HTA president and executive member. I must thank him for all he did for us.
Dear family, you must be very proud.
John Morabito

John Morabito - January 17 at 09:06 AM



“ My fondest memory is when he took me to see The Planet of The Apes in Manhattan and later listening to the Rolling Stones in his Locust Hill apartment. Thanks Tony, I am a happy nerd thanks to you.

Glenn Giordano - January 16 at 11:01 AM



“ Im so saddened to see the passing of one of my favorite teachers from school: Mr Terraforte.

Mr. Terraforte was a tough teacher and I had to earn every grade in his class. He told my parents in a teacher's back to school night he was going to push me, because he expected more from me as he was confident in me and knew I could be better. I learned so much from that man about history among other subjects and to work hard in school. Mr. Terraforte always made extra time to teach me and other students before and after school to succeed in the classroom at a young age.

I learned so much from him in fourth grade that I applied to middle school, high school, college and beyond. I'm so grateful to have been one of his students.

Andrew Ryan - January 16 at 12:20 AM



“ So sorry to hear about this. Both my children had Mr.Terraforte as their fourth grade teacher. He was a tough teacher but they learned so much from him. Knowledge that has stayed with them into their adulthood.

Shelley Fisher - January 15 at 01:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Anthony "Tony" Terraforte.



January 15 at 01:12 PM



“ Tony was a beloved colleague of mine in the Hastings elementary school for 20 years. I remember his forceful personality, his passion for justice, his love for the children.
Sincerely,
Moriel (Daniels) Weiselberg

Moriel (Daniels) Weiselberg - January 15 at 08:49 AM



“ We were neighbors across the yard from each other <I lived on Oak St ,he lived on Elm Street the backs of our houses were right next to each other.Tony was loved by the students & well respected by his Peers.

bob galinski - January 14 at 06:52 PM