



# Antonio Mariano Deliberato

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**A**ntonio Mariano Deliberato, passed away peacefully on September 28, 2025, at the venerable age of 97. Born on April 1, 1928, to the late Domenich and Agata Deliberato (nee Scheida), Antonio's journey through life was marked by dedication, innovation, and a boundless love for his family and passions.

Antonio's legacy as a loving husband is remembered through his 55 years of marriage to the late Matild Lenke Deliberato (née Bakodi). He was a devoted father to Annette and Donald Deliberato, a caring brother to the late Marie Carmen Klimczuk, and a doting grandfather to Brian Deliberato Kimberlin. His warmth extended to his nephews, Richard, Raymond (Michele), Russell (Liz) and Ronald Klimczuk and niece, Diane Mlinarcik (the late Charles), all of whom will miss his guiding presence dearly.

A proud U.S. Army Veteran, Antonio was honorably discharged in 1947, after which he embarked on a notable career as a Draftsman and Engineer. His innovative work in designing clamshell buckets spanned 30 years, during which he made significant contributions to Owen Bucket Co. and Anvil Attachments. His professional life was a testament to his meticulous nature and his drive to excel in his field.

Tony's influence extended far beyond his professional endeavors. In the automobile world, he was nothing short of a legend, revered as the Godfather of racing at Dragway 42, Thompson Drag Raceway, and Norwalk/Summit Motorsports Park. His passion for cars was infectious, and he became a magnet of knowledge and accomplishment. Tony's love for beer can collecting, coins, and stamps reflected his appreciation for history and the stories they told.

His machine shop was a sanctuary where he mentored and assisted fellow racers, helping them to achieve their dreams on the track. Tony's insatiable curiosity was evident in his constant tinkering, reading, and expanding his understanding of history. He had a profound love for nature and animals, which was beautifully illustrated by his commitment to raising Monarch butterflies.



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Together with Annie and Don, he built a habitat for the caterpillars and delighted in witnessing their transformation.

Tony's affection for his daughter's dog, Reggie, was well-known, as their walks at Garfield Park brought him immense joy. His sharp intellect never waned, and he remained an avid fan of Jeopardy, always ready to challenge his mind.

Antonio Mariano Deliberato was a unique, strong, smart, and innovative individual whose impact on the lives he touched will be felt for generations to come. As we bid farewell to Tony, we celebrate a life lived to the fullest, a life rich with achievements, love, and an unwavering spirit of discovery. He will be profoundly missed by many.

Services are private by request and a committal service will be held at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in the Spring of 2026, in celebration of his 98th birthday where both he and his wife, Matild will be interred.



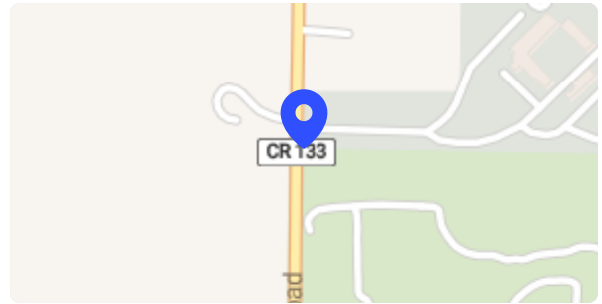
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## Cemetery Details

 **Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery**  
10175 Rawiga Rd., Seville OH 44273





# Tribute Wall

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**Raymond M Klimczuk** shared 6 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



October 10 at 10:00 PM



**Annette Deliberato** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Last racecar racing to 80 years old.



October 10 at 9:30 PM



**Annette Deliberato** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I have had many dogs I have rescued. Reggie was my Dad's favorite. Reggie lived to be 19 years old. Reggie stayed with my parent's for a year and my Dad fell in love with this dog as we all did. He loved to walk him in Garfield park.



October 10 at 9:19 PM



**Annette Deliberato** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Mother's day with the family



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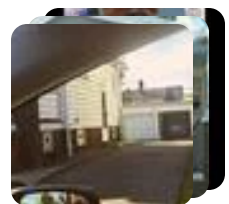
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**Raymond M Klimczuk** posted:

Uncle Tony told me about 3 months ago his favorite song was an Italian favorite. Dormi dormi o mio bambino. (Sleep, sleep, o my child) Sulle onde qui vicino. (On the waves here nearby) E sogna gli angeli del ciel. (And dream of angels in the sky) Dormi dormi mio tesoro. (Sleep, sleep, my treasure) Resta sempre nel mio cuore. (Stay always in my heart) I looked it up and discovered these beautiful words and music from Andrea Bocelli. Here is a link.. <https://youtu.be/JbJN5jJnvZg?si=sPk1zI8nRVUsRy6> Rest in Peace Antonio.. Pray for Us. Raymond ❤️

October 9 at 6:19 PM



**Annette Deliberato** October 10 at 9:13 PM

He also loved Oh my Papa [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6dWOp\\_wly0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6dWOp_wly0)



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HAPPY 97TH BIRTHDAY  
UNCLE TONY

YOUNG AT HEART-  
A BRILLIANT MIND-  
A WINNER EVERYDAY.  
YOU PROVED UNCLE TONY CAN'T BE  
FOOLED ON APRIL 1ST OR ANY OTHER  
DAY!  
BE A LOCOMOTIVE-  
NOT A CABOOSE  
KEEP CHUGGING ALONG..  
WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE YOU IN  
OUR LIFE FOR THIS VERY LONG.

We love you  
Rich, XO XO XO  
Ray, Ron, Deetee  
Russ, Michele, Liz





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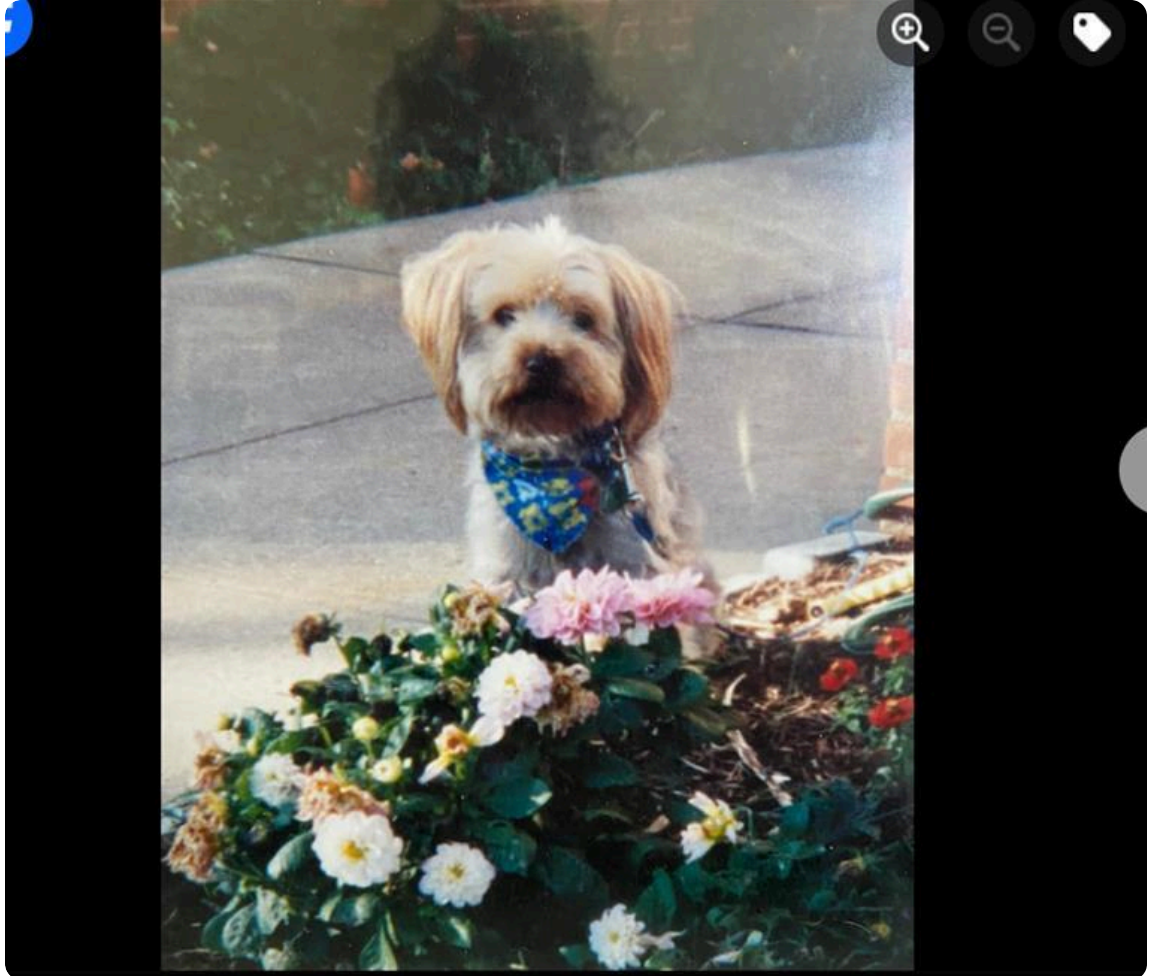
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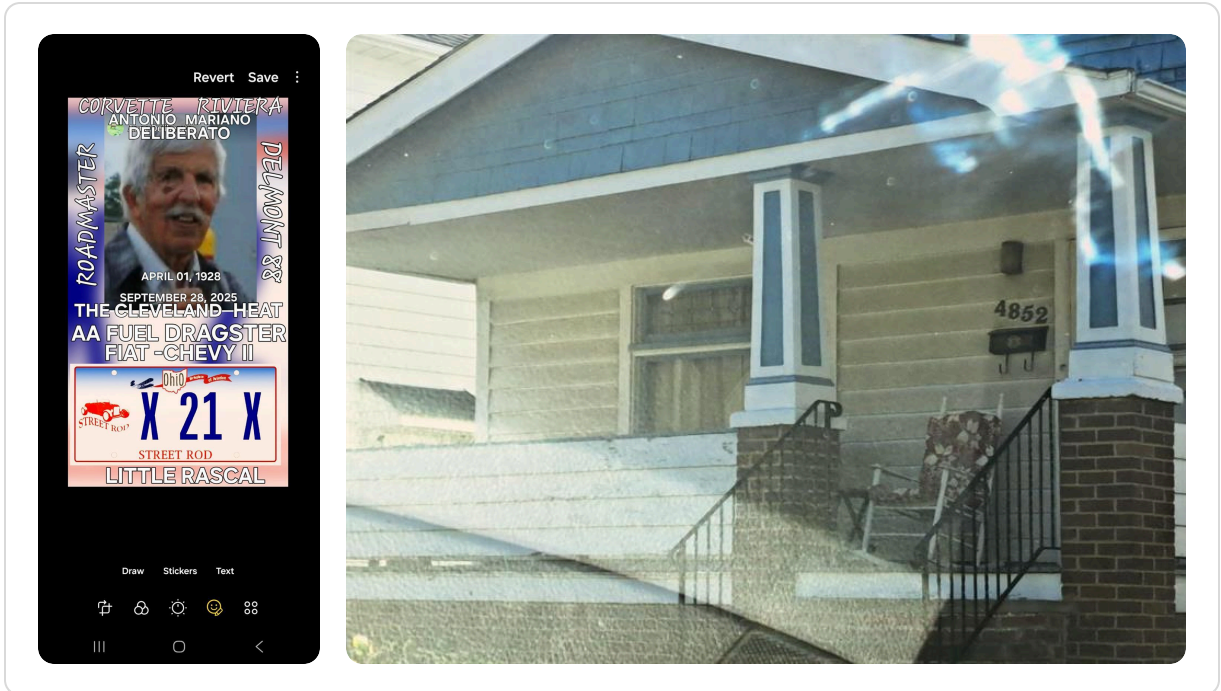




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Join us in honoring Antonio by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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