



Mr. Anthony Frank "Coach" Messina

September 28, 1934 - March 17, 2016

Anthony Frank Messina "Coach", 81, of Tallahassee, peacefully passed away March 17, 2016.

A son of the late Frank and Maria Covino Messina, he was born September 28, 1934, in Watertown, Massachusetts. After a distinguished 22 year career with the United States Coast Guard, retiring as Petty Officer First Class, he joined the FSU Seminoles Football team, as a walk-on player. He went on to play football and graduate from FAMU. After graduating, he began a career in teaching and coaching at Apalachee Elementary School, Rickards High School and FAMU. He coached many kickers at FAMU, some who went on to be inducted into the FAMU Sports Hall of Fame. He was also inducted into the FAMU Sports Hall of Fame in 2007.

Following his retirement from coaching, he went to work at Hilaman Golf Course, where he was an avid golfer. In his early years, he was a boxer, having trained under Angelo Dundee. He was a true athlete, excelling in all sports.

Surviving him are his wife of 59 years, Frances T. Messina; children, Victoria "Vickie" Robbins, Annette "Toni" Messina and Donna Messina; grandchildren, Anthony Messina, Helen Robbins, Michael (Kim) Rementer, Sharon Rementer, Melissa (Ian) Blake and Frank Humphries; great-grandchildren,

Haleigh Blake and Braden Rementer; brother, Vincent J. (Linda) Messina; aunt, Santa Cotoni; a daughter-in-law, Audrey Messina; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his sons, Leslie J. Messina and Clifton P. Messina.

Visitation is Tuesday, March 22, 2016 from 5:00 until 7:00 PM, at Abbey Funeral Home. The funeral is 2:00 PM, Wednesday, March 23, 2016, at Abbey Funeral Home, with interment following at Tallahassee Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to either Big Bend Hospice or FAMU. Online condolences may be expressed at www.abbeyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 562-1518
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAR 23. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ Pop, with love from Mike, Kim, and Braden Rementer You will never be forgotten. I know your in a better place in heaven. You will definitely be missed.



Mike Rementer - March 30, 2016 at 10:44 PM

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“ Jim Vertuno and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Anthony Frank "Coach" Messina.



Jim Vertuno and family - March 21, 2016 at 02:19 PM

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“ My condolences to the family. I was one of the many he touched at Rickards High School. He was a great man.
Tom Harrison

Tom Harrison - March 19, 2016 at 07:53 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony Frank "Coach" Messina.



March 18, 2016 at 09:35 PM

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“ *Little brother, we were just riding all over town laughing last month. I did not want you to go. I didn't believe you would go before me. But you always did it your way. And you are peacefully home before me. Go with my love and know that I will miss you. Vinnie*

Vincent J Messina - March 18, 2016 at 08:18 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony Frank "Coach" Messina.*



March 18, 2016 at 05:51 PM