



Dante Joseph Rinaldini

October 29, 1931 - April 7, 2021

Dante Joseph Athanasius Rinaldini, age 89, passed away peacefully on Wednesday April 7th at San Pedro Manor in San Antonio, Texas after a long battle with a brain tumor, as well as old age. He was born October 29th, 1931 in the Bronx, New York, one of five children of Biagia Bruno and Anthony Rinaldini. He was brother to Anthony, Eugene, Frances, and Virgil Rinaldini. Dante spent his early life in New York. He attended Iona College as well as New York University before graduating and setting out on a life-long journey of religion, education, and helping others. He taught various subjects across the United States in Chicago, California, and New Mexico before meeting his wife Nora Consuelo in Peru in the late 1970s.

Together they raised their two sons Francis Joseph and Charles Anthony in New Mexico before moving to San Antonio in 1988. Dante spent the remainder of his teaching career working for Central Catholic High School through the 1990s. Known for having a no-nonsense straight to the point personality, he was beloved by his students and stayed in contact with many of them in the years following his departure from the school.

In his retirement, Dante spent most of his time doing what he loved most: playing golf. He was a well-known face at the Olmos Basin golf course where he helped maintain the course and played almost every single day.

As a devout Catholic, Dante was involved in all things to do with the church. He was a member of the Irish Christian Brothers, although he himself was Italian. He led a life void of material possessions and would sooner give the

shirt off his back than see another person suffer. In his later years, he spent his time serving the Saint Mary's Church in San Antonio, Texas until he was physically no longer able to attend. The church was a second home to him where he formed many life-long friendships.

He will be remembered as an incredibly religious, generous, and loving man who loved his family, dogs, and playing golf.

Dante is survived by his wife Nora, his sister Frances, his brother Anthony and his children, his sons Francis and Charles, and his two grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, April 11, 2021 from 6:00pm-9:00pm, with a Rosary at 7:00pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Dr., San Antonio, Texas 78230.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

APR 11. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Dante Joseph Rinaldini*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - April 11, 2021 at 06:33 PM

LH

“ *In 1972/73, I got to know Dante while living in the Brothers community at Palma H.S. in Salinas. He was a dedicated monk who took his teaching and coaching as seriously as his Faith. Among other things, he coached Palma's boys Jr Hi basketball team. He had enough players to define three squads. He put all the good players on one squad; the better players on another; and the best on the third. He'd tell the best team they were starting the game but were coming out after a defined number of minutes--regardless of the score. He'd then send in the B squad. But after the same number of minutes, he'd replace them with the C squad--again, no matter the score. And after the same number of minutes, he'd put the A squad back in. And he'd continue that rotation for the entire game. It was genius. Because they all knew every teammate was going to get equal minutes, each squad knew they had to play their hardest or they could not win the game. Dante understood his program was meant to be 'developmental' for all on the team. He focused first on developing, not on just winning. He did not just play the best players. But his teams won anyway, because all of the players got better. He put the players ahead of his ego. It left a lasting impression on me--some 15 years his junior.*

Lawrence Hopman - February 04 at 06:36 PM

JM

“ I had "Bro' Rinaldini for machine shop at Bro Rice HS in Chicago. He was one of my favorite teachers. I remember that he would drop kick basketballs from half court and made one every now and then. He sent me on my path to be a machinist in the Navy and, for a short time, at International Harvester. RIP "Bro.!

Joe Muraida - April 18, 2021 at 05:54 PM

RR

“ Dear Nora and the Boys:
Paul and I are happy that Dante is at peace. As a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Dante was a wonderful person. Energetic and always a "can do" type of individual, he helped Fr. Mike in so many ways. The Food Fest was so much a part of his life and he worked hard to help make it a success. Always willing to help others, he will be remembered for his loyalty and devotion to St. Mary's Catholic Church.



Rest well my friend,
Ruby and Paul Reneau

Ruby Reneau - April 11, 2021 at 04:07 PM

RA

“ In the brief time he taught me in high school, Mr. Rinaldini taught me how to think critically, form a rational argument, be confident in myself, how to laugh, oh and also how to conjugate in Spanish. He will be greatly missed.

My deepest condolences to his family and to the honorary family of students he taught.

-Romeo Arrieta

Romeo Arrieta - April 10, 2021 at 07:20 PM