



Anthony Joseph Brothers

January 6, 1968 - November 22, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Anthony Joseph Brothers, a devoted husband, father, brother, friend, and true American hero, on Friday, November 22, 2024. Tony's final moments were peaceful, marked by the quiet dignity he carried throughout his life, with his beloved wife Becky by his side.

Tony, born January 6, 1968, is survived by his wife Becky, his children Greyson and Sienna, his brother David and wife Courtney and their children Kai, Declan and Bailey.

Tony Brothers lived a life of dedication and service. He began his academic training at the University of California, San Diego and attended the Uniformed Services University School of Medicine. Tony spent 24 years in the U.S. Air Force training and working as an orthopedic surgeon, saving lives and serving his country with courage and compassion, including two tours in Afghanistan and three years as a flight surgeon flying in F-11 and F-16 fighter jets. After retiring from the Air Force at Eglin AFB, he continued his orthopedic practice in the local communities and with Andrew's Institute/Baptist Hospital. Tony was admired not only for his exceptional skill but also for his calm demeanor and commitment to his colleagues and patients.

Beyond his military career, Tony was a devoted family man. He and Becky, his wife of nearly 30 years, built a life together filled with love, laughter, and

mutual respect. Becky's grace as a competitive equestrian complemented Tony's disciplined, strong spirit, creating a partnership admired by all who knew them.

Tony's greatest pride and joy were his children, Greyson and Sienna. Greyson is pursuing a master's degree in computer science while working at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, specializing in artificial intelligence. Sienna continues in competitive horseback riding and training based in Santa Barbara, having graduated with a degree in sociology and business administration from UCSB. Tony was at peace knowing his children were so loving and grounded.

Tony's battle with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer was met with the same resilience and grace that defined his life. Even as his health declined, he found strength to lift weights, walk outdoors, and enjoy precious moments with loved ones. His fighting spirit and the love surrounding him were, as one doctor described – “nothing short of miraculous”.

Tony's life will be celebrated in 2025 with a memorial at Arlington National Cemetery, a fitting tribute to a man who gave so much in service to his country and community. Until then, his family and friends find solace in the countless memories and the profound impact he had on their lives.

“Tony, you will be deeply missed, but your spirit lives on in the lives you touched.”

Rest in peace.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the following organizations or to a charity of your choice.

- Gifts in memory of Dr. Tony Brothers can be made to Moores Cancer Center at UCSD, fund #7731 through the link below to support research directed at GI cancers with poor prognosis that can benefit from identification of biomarkers for targeted therapies. Indicate “Tony Brothers” in the comment box. <https://giveteto.ucsd.edu/giving/home/gift-referral/92787ba1-9844-4708-a7>

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- Stephen Ministry, Niceville – National Organization Providing Local Caregiver Support and Resources

Services will be held as follows:

February 8th Memorial Service at 10:00 am, Crosspoint Church 214 Partin Dr South, Niceville, Florida. Reception immediately to follow.

April 9th Ceremony/Burial in Arlington National Cemetery at 1:00 pm, with a reception to follow.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Drive
Arlington, VA 22211

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Crosspoint Church
214 Partin Dr. South
Niceville, FL 32578

Graveside Service

APR 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Arlington National Cemetery
1 Memorial Drive
Arlington, VA 22211

Tribute Wall

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“ I served with Dr. Brothers when he was a USAF Flight Surgeon and his leadership and actions had a significant impact on my professional and personal development that I am still grateful for. Consummate professional and just a great human being. My condolences to the family.



Bruce Dempsey

Bruce Dempsey - August 21, 2025 at 04:41 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Tony. I met him (and Henry Leis) during Officer Training School in San Antonio. We spent many a time throwing a few adult beverages down and enjoyed singing with the band at Dick's on the Riverwalk. I was able to visit him at USHUS during his first year and met his classmates and rugby teammates. I have often looked back on those times fondly. He was truly a genuinely great person and will always be a great memory in my life. I am not surprised of the wonderful wife he found and the children that they raised. My sincere condolences go out to Tony's family, I cannot imagine your feeling of loss, but know that you have the wonderful memories that can be cherished the rest of your lives. My prayers are there for you.

Michael Boettcher

Michael Boettcher - June 20, 2025 at 04:21 PM

FM

“ Dr. Brothers performed both of my knee surgerys back in 2011 at Eglin AFB and i followed him to Andrews and i have been seeing him twice a year ever since. I will miss the kind smile and words he had every time he walked into the room. My condolences go out to his family.
FJM

Fernando Martinez - February 11, 2025 at 02:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Anthony Joseph Brothers.

February 03, 2025 at 10:02 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Anthony Joseph Brothers.



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“ Tony was a rare find - a consummate physician, loving father and husband, and a loyal friend. There wasn't a single time, day or night, when I would call Tony from our local pediatric ER, and he wouldn't be helpful, supportive and responsive to the patients of Okaloosa county (whether on call or not!)

Beyond this compassion, of course, I will miss his laugh, wry sense of humor, and calming friendship. I feel so incredibly lucky to have known him and witness his class and courage. My heart is with Becky and her family as they grieve this amazing soul. Rest well, Tony.

Eric J. Schuck MD - January 27, 2025 at 02:56 PM