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Obituary for Anthony J. Volel

It is with profound sorrow that we announce Anthony “Toto” Volel transitioned to heaven to join his beautiful bride, Mireille “Mimi” C Volel on September 15, 2024, at Chicago, Illinois. He left this world while resting at home in the love and care of his nephew, Jean Baptiste Roc, and friends. Toto's life, marked by professional success and personal fulfillment, will be remembered most for the love he shared and the legacy he left behind. He was a rock to many, a master at sarcasm and wit.

Born in Jacmel, Haiti, Anthony was the son of the late Jules Volel and Rosia Craan Volel. Toto's journey began with his family's nurturing support, including his late brothers, Yves Volel, Eddy Volel, and his late sister, Nicole “Joujou” Volel Roc. He is survived by several brothers and sisters, Jean Robert Volel, Eric Volel, George Dabady, Mathilde Volel Fethière, Fabienne Volel Keller, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Other family include the following: Brisson, Cartwright, Cardozo, Mew, Talleyrand, Craan, Brun, Müller-Poitevien, Salomon, Michel, Noel, Pilié, Dégraff, Perez, Lemoine, Lamarque, Kenel-Pierre, Fabius, Menos, Mompont, Soukar, Boucard, Colon, Labossière, Theodate, Roc, Fethière, Bassett,

Cassagnol, Dabady, Lamaute, Large, Zenny, Pierre-Antoine, Rousseau, Durand, and Moskey.

Anthony completed his studies at Jacmel, Haiti, demonstrating early on the intelligence and dedication that would define his life. He graduated from The Académie Militaire d'Haïti as an Officer.

Toto immigrated to the United States with his wife, Mimi, in 1966. He received a degree in accountancy in Chicago and joined the Internal Revenue Service. He retired from the IRS after decades. However, his most gratifying success was in personal business ventures, being active in Haitian society and politics, and supporting his wife with her business, MIMI ON Wells, located in the Lincoln Park area in Chicago.

Generosity was a cornerstone of Anthony's character. He founded the Non-Profit Organization Haitian American Immigrant Association, a testament to his vision and entrepreneurial spirit. Yet, Toto's support extended beyond financial contributions; he was actively engaged and enthusiastic about making a difference. His work established him as a respected figure in the community and a mentor and leader who inspired many.

Anthony was also a true animal lover. When he was not engrossed in a historical non-fiction book or deep conversations about social issues, you would find him caring for birds.

Those who knew Anthony will remember him as generous, smart, and visionary. His legacy will be found in his professional achievements and the countless lives he touched with his kindness and wisdom.

Anthony Volel family's wishes for no service at this time. A celebration of his life will occur at a later date. For those wishing to send flowers, the family suggests donations be made to St. Jerome Catholic Church in Chicago, Illinois, instead.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I will always remember him playing/cutting paper dolls' dresses with me RIP Toto* ”



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