



### Rite of Committal

Perhaps the simplest and most meaningful part of the Rite of Christian Burial is the *Rite of Committal*, that ceremony at the graveside where Sonny is laid to rest. The family and friends of Sonny take their final leave, and his body is committed to the ground. The fundamental reality of death and the most basic truth of faith take their place side by side.

### United States Military Honors

This ceremony honors Sonny's service in the United States Navy

Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of humankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light.

### The Playing of Taps

### A Prayer of Commendation

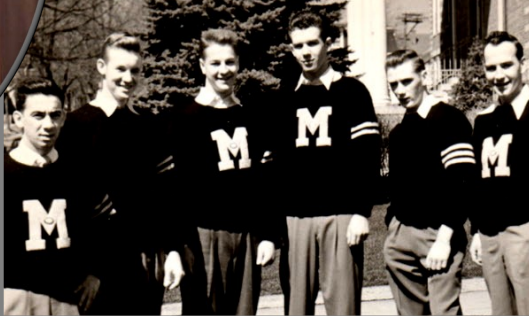
*And now we offer and commend Sonny to the Everlasting One.*

Sonny, we say to you in the midst of our sorrow and loss that we are grateful that you lived your life among us. We are grateful for your quiet gentleness and for your firm resolve to live life and to die on your own terms.

We take joy and relief in knowing that your journey has ended. We ask you now for forgiveness for any of the ways we may have hurt you in this life -- and we forgive you for any of the ways you may have hurt us. We release you now into the Everlasting Arms. May your passage be swift. May you know Wholeness and Peace now and through all eternity.



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## Adam "Sonny" Mancini, Sr.

June 7, 1934 ~ May 1, 2020



O God, it is your love that has called us into being and given us this wonderful gift that we call life. It is your love that inspires us and strengthens us all along our own pathways of life.

Be especially present with us here today as we focus our attention, prayers, and our love upon the life of Sonny.

Speak to us through our faith in Your Love, Your love for us, and Your continuing love for him.

Help us to hear Your Word, and to feel Your presence with us now, so that all who have come might not go away feeling empty inside.

May 6-7, 2020



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## Adam Mancini, Sr.

"Sonny"

June 7, 1934 ~ May 1, 2020  
Maynard | 85 Years Old

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Born in Marlborough, he was the son of the  
late Joseph and Lillian (Greeno) Mancini.

Sonny grew up on Maple Street in Maynard and graduated from Maynard High School in 1952, where he excelled on the football field earning the nickname "Atom," due to his small stature and fast feet. Sonny, an excellent baseball player and was the Captain of his team during his senior year.

After graduating from high school, he proudly served in the United States Navy aboard the Aircraft Carrier USS Leyte CV-32. Sonny worked on the flight deck helping to launch planes and assisted with their landing.

During his time in the Navy, he met his future wife Patricia, and in 1958 they were married and raised six children.

Sonny spent many years as a driver for the family business GI Joe Taxi, then, Maynard Bus Service. Sonny retired as a driver with CASE Collaborative where he drove special needs students.

Sonny also had a long career as a referee for football, basketball, baseball, and softball and even officiated a game at the Boston Garden during the championship for Digital Equipment Corporation's intramural league.

Sonny and Patty, along with their children and grandchildren, enjoyed many summers on Cape Cod, and long weekends in York, Maine with their friends.

Recently, Sonny resided at Newbury Court in Concord.

Sonny loved to visit with his grandchildren, recently became a great grandfather for the 2nd time, and would walk around Newbury Court showing everyone a picture of his great-grandson, Sonny.

Sonny will be missed by many, but especially by his extended family.

Sonny was predeceased by his wife Patricia (Zapff),  
and brother Dominic Mancini.

Sonny is survived by his brother John  
and sister-in-law Janice of Shirley, his  
brother Joseph and sister-in-law Donna of Malabar, Florida,

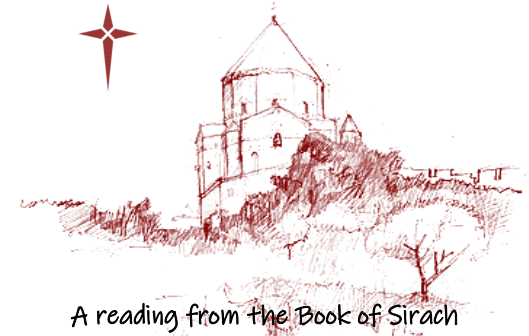
As well as his children; Diane Austin of Maynard,  
Carol Mancini-Green and her husband Steven of West Boylston,  
Joseph Mancini of Maynard,

Sonny Mancini Jr. and Andrew Mancini both from Florida,  
and David Mancini and his wife Maureen from Maynard.

Sonny also leaves behind nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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The Mancini Family would like to thank the entire staff at Newbury Court for taking such good care of Sonny and for your compassion when he departed. They also would like to thank all of the health care workers who have worked tirelessly during this worldwide crisis.

\*A more complete Obituary can be found at [actionfuneralhome.com](http://actionfuneralhome.com)



### A reading from the Book of Sirach

Sirach 44:1; 10-15

Now will I praise those godly men and women, our ancestors,  
each in their own time: These were godly people whose  
virtues have not been forgotten;

Their wealth remains in their families, their heritage  
with their descendants; Through God's covenant with them their  
family endures, their posterity, for their sake. And for all time their  
progeny will endure, their glory will never be blotted out; Their bodies  
are peacefully laid away, but their name lives on and on. At gatherings  
their wisdom is retold, and the assembly proclaims their praise.

### Family Reflections and Memories

#### +A reading from the holy gospel according to John

John 11:32-45

When Mary the sister of Lazarus came to the place where Jesus was,  
seeing him, she fell at his feet and said to him,

"Lord, if you had been here my brother would never have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jewish folk who had accompanied her  
also weeping, he was troubled in spirit, moved by the deepest emotions.

"Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Lord, come and see," they said.

Jesus began to weep, which caused the Jews to remark,

"See how much he loved him!"

But some said, "He opened the eyes of that blind man.  
Why could he not have done something to stop this man from dying?"

Once again troubled in spirit, Jesus approached the tomb.

It was a cave with a stone laid across it. "Take away the stone,"  
Jesus directed. Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him,

"Lord, it has been four days now!" Jesus replied, "Did I not assure you  
that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"

They then took away the stone and Jesus looked upward and said:  
"Father, I thank you for having heard me. I know that you always  
hear me but I have said this for the sake of the crowd,  
that they may believe that you sent me."

Having said this, he called loudly, "Lazarus, come out!"

The dead man came out, bound hand and foot with linen strips,  
his face wrapped in a cloth.

"Untie him," Jesus told them, "and let him go free."