



Clarence "Tony" Horace Blizzard

February 18, 1933 - October 7, 2025

Clarence "Tony" Horace Blizzard, 92 of Altus, Arkansas passed away Tuesday, October 7, 2025 in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He was born February 18, 1933 in Hampstead, Maryland to Clarence J. Blizzard and Nellie M. Peeling Blizzard. Tony was Catholic.

In retirement he enjoyed reading, writing and studying history and politics. He would send his "rants" (as he called them) to a list of acquaintances he met as a writer and editor for the Spotlight, a national political publication based in Washington D.C. (renamed in 2001). In recent years, after his conversion to the Catholic Faith, he developed a deep devotion to the Virgin Mary and the Rosary. He would encourage others to say the Rosary, and sometimes printed sheets to that effect. October 7th, the date of his death, is the Feast of the Holy Rosary in the Catholic Church. "Tony" was also fond of his dogs and nearly always had one at his side.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Shirley Blizzard; his brothers, Darrell Blizzard, John Blizzard, Mark Blizzard; and his son, Dale Blizzard.

Tony is survived by his sons, Ron Blizzard and wife Trisha of Meridian, Idaho; Mitch Blizzard of Harrison, Arkansas; his sister Dorothy Scott of Oxnard, California; and fourteen grandchildren, Roger Blizzard and wife Veronica, Russell Blizzard, Ryan Blizzard and wife Maria, Riley Blizzard, Nellie Blizzard,

Amy Blizzard, Katie Marshall and husband Liam, Shirley Blizzard, Adriana Hernandez and husband Alex, Brenden Blizzard, Shea Blizzard, Kieran Blizzard, Nathaniel Blizzard, and Joseph Blizzard; nineteen great grandchildren, James, John, Alexander, Philomena, Juliana, Cecily, Kimberly, Luke, Shane, Eli, Gabriel, Benjamin, Hannah, Oliver, Sarah, Amelia, Juniper, Damian, and Rayana.

Memorial service may be set for a later date. Cremation arrangements were made under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home in Ozark.

To leave an online memorial visit www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com

Previous Events

Rosary

NOV 7. 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
5118 St. Mary's Lane
Altus, AR 72801

Memorial mass service

NOV 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
5118 St Marys Ln
Altus, AR 72821

Tribute Wall

“ I had the pleasure of working with Tony at the Spotlight newspaper. We probably had dinner or drinks (and cigars) on Capitol Hill where he lived 100 times. (And, when we sat outside on the patio, his constant companion would come with us, Brut the Belgian Shepherd.) He thought that name was funny because Brute was really a sweet and gentle dog.

During those conversations, Tony (I never knew his name was Clarence Horace!) he taught me a lot of history and politics. One of his own greatest memories was the period of time he worked with Madame Paquita de Shishmareff, who wrote the book "Waters Flowing Eastward: The War Against the Kingship of Christ." She was the wife of a Czarist officer at the time the Romanovs were being executed by the Bolsheviks.

He often talked about "Maddie," as she was known. He was a devout Catholic who was also unflinching about his advocacy for the unborn.

During his time at The Spotlight, he became one of the readership's favorite writers because he did not mince words.

One of his most popular special reports was one on the prison industry in which he exposed, basically, how prisoners were being used as slave laborers by Big Business.

He was also quite interested in alternative health options and often railed against the number of drugs and poisons we Americans are fed on a daily basis. Turns out he was a sage on that topic, as he was on many other matters of politics and life in general.

I cannot tell you how many predictions he made that came true about global geopolitics.

Another thing he was always ready to talk about was how proud he was of his sons, one of whom many of you know passed before he did.

He had a tough life, telling me he had had to live in an orphanage as a child because his mother could not afford to care for him. Eventually he was reunited with his mother and had a deep love for her.

A humble man, an exceptional thinker, a tough and resilient man, our conversations helped form my own views on the world.

I could say much more, but that is probably enough.

*Rest in peace.
We'll miss you.
Paul T. Angel
Executive Editor American Free Press newspaper*

Paul Angel - March 21 at 10:15 AM

PA

“ *I met Mr. Blizzard when he was at the Spotlight. I enjoyed many a conversations with him after that initial meeting. Great kind, loved this country like a forefather. I will miss him dearly. Rest in peace brother.*
PT

PaulT - March 18 at 11:39 AM

RB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Ron Blizzard - October 20, 2025 at 07:47 PM

CS

Handsome man as all the Blizzards were.

Cynthia Schiotis - October 21, 2025 at 04:38 PM

CS

“ *The last email conversation I had with Uncle Tony was about his grandmother's last name, Erb and the Mennonites that settled in Pennsylvania on September 30, 2025.*

We definitely had some great discussions by email and telephone on religion and theology, his and my conversion back to Catholicism, politics, history, economics and even his sharing his favorite "Clams Italiano" Recipe. He was a very intelligent man who was versed in many subjects, kind of like a Thomas Jefferson of his time, even though some may disagree with me.

Maybe he was radical in his youth, but he mellowed over time. It is hard to find people nowadays who know so much. Many are interested in only the Tic Toc stories of today. He made me think and question everything I knew. These "fireside chats" as I call them will be sorely missed.

Even though I am only a niece, I feel Uncle Tony and I had a soul tie connection. I also write what my family calls my "rants." But with Uncle Tony, we understood each other, even if we didn't always agree. We were separated by distance but not by spirit, a kind of Blizzard genetic bond. Probably there are other Blizzard relatives out there who have this same affinity.

I know the Virgin Mary is welcoming him to heaven and presenting him to her son, Jesus. May he finally obtain the truth he was hoping for on earth.

Peace be with you Uncle Tony

Cindy (Blizzard) and Tom Schiotis

Cynthia Schiotis - October 17, 2025 at 11:23 AM

CO

“ We lived next door to Tony for 20 years. We loved visiting with him and enjoyed meals together. He was one of the best neighbors. He loved to talk politics and give holistic advice! He will certainly be missed.

Courtney Owen - October 12, 2025 at 02:45 PM

DO

“ I had many very nice conversations with Tony mainly about our dogs. Over the 25 years I knew him we had many dogs. RIP Tony

Dottie - October 10, 2025 at 10:53 PM