



Anthony Dale Gagliano

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Miami based writer Anthony Gagliano, whose first novel *Straits of Fortune* was one of the *New York Times*' top summer reading picks of 2007, died June 4th, of complications following a stroke.

Born and raised in New York City, Gagliano graduated from Queens College of the City University of New York and worked as a cab driver, a school teacher, an insurance agent, a bouncer and a house detective at the Saint Moritz Hotel, before heading south to Florida. There, he finally found home.

Miami Beach inspired Gagliano, with its sun and shadows, its surprises and contradictions and its mix of people pursuing sun-baked dreams. While he began writing as a freelancer, he worked as a personal trainer and taught a unique, eclectic exercise class that combined cardio training, dance and even elements of his own javelin-throwing technique. There he met his future wife, Lana Callen. With her by his side, he was able to focus his energy on his writing.

His love of writing began in childhood, when he discovered comic books and superhero adventure stories, with their clear sense of right and wrong; where the good and strong triumph over the weak and evil. Years later, he would combine this strong moral core with his innate generosity and empathy to forge his mature style.

Gagliano earned his master's degree in creative writing under his mentor and friend, Dan Wakefield, the Writer In Residence at Florida International University. Wakefield compares Gagliano's writing to Dashiell Hammett's and says his former student's debut novel is a "thriller as hot and hip as the Miami scene it so memorably portrays."

That novel, *Straits of Fortune*, revolves around the magnetic character of reluctant hero Jack Vaughn, a disgraced New York City cop, who has escaped south, only to find himself drawn into an only-in-Miami adventure. When it was published in 2007, *New York Times* critic Janet Maslin



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named it to her best summer beach book list, calling it “a memorably crisp debut...a plausibly noir narrative rich with the requisite heat and duplicity “.

Fans of Jack Vaughn and the writer who created him will agree with fellow Miami crime novelist, Tim Dorsey’s original review. "Anthony Gagliano is a welcome and powerful new voice in the Florida crime scene, deftly gene-splicing Mike Hammer and Miami Vice as he takes the beach by storm. Only complaint: I'm left hanging for the follow-up."

Anthony Dale Gagliano was born on September 16th, 1955. In addition to his only novel, his work was published in periodicals, including Muscle Mag and Gulfstream. His short story, “Blown Away”, about a schoolteacher and a traumatized police officer in the wake of Hurricane Andrew, was selected for the anthology, Miami Noir, from Akashic Books.

Gagliano was a member of the Association of Writers and Writing Programs, the Author's Guild and Phi Kappa Phi of FIU. He is survived by his wife, Lana Callen, their children Chantal and Laurent Gloor and his daughter Paulina Gagliano.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 6th from 4:00 to 7:00 at the Van Orsdel Chapel in Miami, 3333 NE 2nd Ave In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Plan USA at www.planusa.org.




Events


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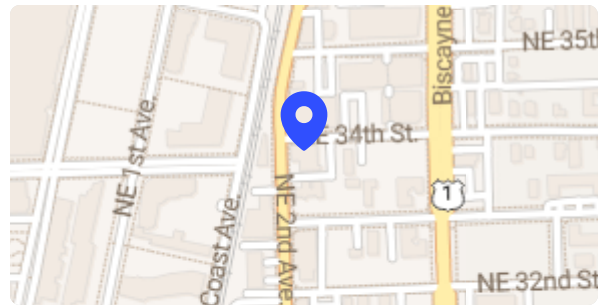
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Visitation

 **Saturday**, June 6, 2009

 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

 **Midtown Miami**
3333 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami FL





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Van Orsdel Funeral & Cremation Services shared a **Tribute Video**.



June 3 at 8:00 PM



Joe Tully posted:

We were both personal trainers at a gym in Queens. We became close friends and had our share of adventures. Tony was a gentleman and will be missed ..Joe Tully

October 28 at 7:22 PM



Helena posted:

I am the baby sister Helena he sometimes mentioned. My condolences to his friends and family. I can be reached at 646 703 5396. I understand that i may have nieces/nephews. Maybe they want to know their auntie.

September 22 at 8:16 PM



Anonymous posted:

Someone necessarily lend a hand to make critically articles I'd state. That is the first time I frequented your website page and so far? I surprised with the research you made to make this particular post extraordinary. Fantastic task! Wonderful site. A lot of useful information here. I am sending it to some friends ans additionally sharing in delicious. And of course, thanks on your effort! hi!,I love your writing so so much! percentage we communicate more about your post on AOL? I need a specialist on this house to solve my problem. May be that's you! Looking ahead to peer you.##imported-begin##attaPhyRabRiz##imported-end##

July 22 at 12:43 PM



Anonymous posted:

Интересно было почитать. Спасибо.##imported-begin##mylove##imported-end##

June 21 at 2:57 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Just saying hello, hope this was the right section and that I will enjoy it here Cheers Mike##imported-begin##MikeWyzp##imported-end##

March 22 at 4:04 AM



Anonymous posted:

Thank you to all of my friends and family for the support and love you have given me for the past year. I appreciate every words of comfort and prayers, which gave me the strength to go on after loosing Anthony. My beloved Anthony is now resting in peace in the ocean off the coast of Miami Beach which he loved very much. His ashes were spread into the Ocean on his Birthday on September 16. I wish you all Peace and Happiness for the coming year. With much love, Lana##imported-begin##Lana Callen Gagliano##imported-end##

December 4 at 7:22 AM



Anonymous posted:

Hello, this is my first post on this forum.##imported-begin##Heskcrymncync##imported-end##

August 29 at 2:57 PM



Anonymous posted:

hi all, i found this website and wonder if anyone purchased cookbook software from them ? ##imported-begin##clisteBit##imported-end##

July 5 at 7:50 AM



Anonymous posted:

I learned of Tony's passing from my father, his cousin, Michael Patterson. I am saddened that I never was able to get to know him and that we tried to find him too late. God Bless all of you as you near the one year anniversary of his death.##imported-begin##Summer (Patterson) Gigliotti##imported-end##

May 6 at 12:49 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Can you please call me or email me. I am Tony's cousin who grew up with him. My number is 203-893-0000. Our Mother's were sisters.##imported-begin##Michael Patterson##imported-end##

April 14 at 11:50 AM



Anonymous posted:

Anthony, I will always remember with fondness all the times we enjoyed. I wish you well on your new journey.##imported-begin##Patrick Ogwuazor##imported-end##

November 14 at 3:04 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Lana and family --Although it's been several years since I've seen Anthony, I was recently delighted to "find" him through google and see of his success in publishing his book. A book that I had read years ago in manuscript form and had many laugh out loud moments. Anthony will remain in my heart as a very profound man with a pithy sense of humor which would bring a lightness to any situation. Warmly, Christine Baranay##imported-begin##Christine Baranay##imported-end##

July 9 at 1:19 PM



Anonymous posted:

I just learned of Anthony's passing. I will always remember his big heart, wry humor and his strength and I feel fortunate for having known him. A heartfelt hug, dear friend.##imported-begin##Gabriela Vigo##imported-end##

July 9 at 10:02 AM



Anonymous posted:

Lana, I am so sorry for your loss. I think of you often and pray for your comfort and peace.##imported-begin##Barbara M. Bucy##imported-end##

July 6 at 7:44 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Tony, Lana and I are working out together again. And together, we miss you as our teacher. You have brought so much to my life. I want to yell at you for leaving me with such a huge loss. I find myself smiling, crying, laughing and yelling at you quietly throughout my days. You left me without your voice, without your big and warm body to hug...but your wit and grace and intensity and all the love I feel for you remind me all the time of what you said, of what you would say, of what you did, of what you would do, and of all those moments that we shared talking to each other, about each other, about the people we loved, about the people we didn't...about our fears...about our endings...and our beginnings...I will always carry you with me in my tears and in my laughter. And I will always be a little mad at you for leaving me so soon...but grateful that you and Lana let me be with you during your ending here. I hope so much that you are the exact same Tony wherever you are.##imported-begin##iris garnett chase##imported-end##

June 30 at 7:36 AM



Anonymous posted:

I shall always remember as long as I live one of the most enjoyable nights of my entire life spent in Anthony's company. How he made me laugh and laugh and look at life in a whole different way. I adored Anthony from the first minute I met him and have sadly missed him over the last few years. I always hoped we would meet again one day. I am sad at his passing, but I will honour his life in my memory. Goodbye you big lug! With love, Timothy##imported-begin##Timothy Leitch##imported-end##

June 15 at 7:28 AM



Anonymous posted:

Lana, thank-you for notifying me though the news was sad indeed. You and yours are in my heart & prayers. I remember Anthony as a big man with an even bigger heart. The question of 'why' is certainly weighing heavy for many but let's honour his LIFE - which was so unique and brought so many great moments of laughter and joy to those he touched. You are loved and missed, you big lug! Until we meet again dear friend.~Jared##imported-begin##Jared Windhauser##imported-end##

June 12 at 1:35 PM



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Anonymous posted:

My very dear Lana. Although I never met your husband, I was certain that he was the man of your life - you being very careful in your relationships in general. The fact that he had you on your side for the last 10 years must have been a blessing for him. He will surely ask you, from wherever he is now looking over you, to remember him as he always was, happy, in love and wise. You, being the most generous person I, and our family, have ever met, will surely forgive fate for having taken him from you so soon. Live with him - even if he is gone. He is sure to be near you forever. Love,
Nadja###imported-begin##Nadja Munoz###imported-end##

June 11 at 11:31 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Anthony, thank-you for being our friend and helping us to laugh, especially at ourselves. We send you our love on your new journey. Dear Lana, we send you our love and support and thanks for bringing so much joy to Anthony's life.###imported-begin##Duane and Damini Chung###imported-end##

June 11 at 5:13 AM



Anonymous posted:

Hold tight to memories for comfort, lean on your family and friends for strength, and always remember how much you are cared about. Lana, Chantal, and Laurent, may God bless you and your family during this time and always. Our memories of family times with Tony will live on in our hearts forever. Love, Jane and Erik Orr, and Mandy and Mark Tappendorf.###imported-begin##Jane Orr###imported-end##

June 11 at 3:25 AM



Anonymous posted:

Lana, perfect prayer for your family. Absolve, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant N..., from every bond of sin, that being raised in the glory of the resurrection, he may be refreshed among the Saints and Elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. God bless, Danny###imported-begin##Danny Bologna###imported-end##

June 10 at 5:58 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I just read Allie Kim's beautiful words. They were very special when read by her father, Charles, at the memorial service for our dear Anthony, and they are very special now. Thank you Allie for forming and expressing those beautiful thoughts for Our Anthony, Our Beloved Angel. Sandy Bazemore and Family##imported-begin##Sandy Bazemore##imported-end##

June 10 at 4:28 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Lana and Family,The memorial services for Tony were truly touching and befitting the gentleman that he was. His obituary today in the Herald was very impressive and further reinforced the image that all of us who knew him had---bright, funny, successful writer, a wonderful trainer and dedicated family man. We at Ocean One miss him very much.Tamara##imported-begin##Tamara Benson##imported-end##

June 10 at 1:32 PM



Anonymous posted:

An angel summons. He breaks free, the blue, magnetic forces of afterlife draw him away. The constrictions of humanity are no longer a concern, the wind determines his destination. He's taken by the hand, the spirits guide him where all your whispers can be heard, where all of your thoughts and concerns become a part of him. He may no longer be here, today, but he's still with us. Perhaps the loss of a life is a gain of other things. He's gaining an unknown utopia, incomprehensible to us, and we're gaining drizzles of nostalgia, memories worth remembering. His eyelids droop with the gentle wave of an angel's wings. He's gone to meet his brothers. This isn't goodbye, he lives on in everyone's hearts. Anthony's soaring above.##imported-begin##Allie Kim##imported-end##

June 10 at 8:50 AM



Anonymous posted:

I was stunned to hear of Anthony's passing. He was too young, too alive, too talented. My heart goes out to his family. The last time I saw Anthony we were celebrating the publication of his novel at a party in South Beach hosted by Dan Wakefield. I was privileged to share classes at FIU with him under Dan's mentorship. I admired Anthony and enjoyed his company. He was a mensch - a warm, charming, honest and generous man. I will miss knowing he was there for me as a friend and fellow writer. But his spirit will continue to inspire me and others who cared for him.##imported-begin##Myra Gross Schoen##imported-end##

June 9 at 5:36 AM



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Anonymous posted:

All of our love and warmth to Anthony on his continued journey. We deeply miss the opportunity to be with him again and to here his always appropriate tales, his big warm heart, and his never ending subtle sense of humor. We were only with Anthony maybe 5 or 6 times, but think of him often and know there will be something missing without him being here. With all love, warmth, and support for Lana and the children.##imported-begin##Bradley and Shirley Harris##imported-end##

June 8 at 7:20 PM



Anonymous posted:

Rest in peace, my friend. Thanks for enticing us during class with your stories of what goes on behind the doors of the doormen.##imported-begin##Brandt Ryan##imported-end##

June 8 at 5:39 AM



Anonymous posted:

God saw Tony getting tired, And a cure was not to be. So he put his arms around him And whispered, "Come with me". With tearful eyes we watched And saw you pass away. Although we loved you dearly We could not make you stay. A wonderful heart stopped beating, Hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best. Tony will be missed dearly, we all have our great memories and stories to tell about times spent with Tony. All our love to Lana, Laurent and Chantal.##imported-begin##Robin, Tina & kids##imported-end##

June 8 at 4:55 AM



Anonymous posted:

I was saddened to hear of Anthony's sudden passing. I will miss his classes at Ocean I. They were a highlight of my winters in Florida. I always enjoyed our discussions especially on politics and books. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Sincerely Lois Tafler##imported-begin##Lois Tafler##imported-end##

June 8 at 3:42 AM



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Anonymous posted:

My sincere sympathy to Anthony's family at this very very sad time. I looked forward to Anthony's water aerobics classes at Ocean One when I went to visit my mother (Joyce Scott). Anthony was very interesting to talk to. I will miss him, and I know my mother will miss their conversations about writing, the ongoing Ocean One sagas and politics. Anthony was a great guy!##imported-begin##Sheila Scott (Minnesota)##imported-end##

June 7 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My sympathies to Anthony's family. He will be sorely missed by you and the many who knew him. I thought of him as a good friend whose conversations with me about politics, writing and lots of things were more important than the aqua aerobics he led at Ocean One. I enjoyed his book and looked forward to the next one. I talked to him about writing a book based on a trial that my husband prosecuted but he was working on a second novel. I have lived a long life (84 years) and met many people and Anthony was one of the most interesting. I cannot tell you how much I will miss him----- Joyce Scott (from Minnesota)##imported-begin##Joyce Scott##imported-end##

June 7 at 6:40 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Lana, Laurent, Chantal and Angelina, We are so very sorry about your loss. Lana, you guys just exude happiness in your photos. I am so glad that you were able to find each other and have such a wonderful time together. I, truly, believe that you have a special angel that will always watch over all of you. We were so proud of Anthony's (Tony's) publication of his book Straits of Fortune. What a talent! We love you guys so much! Please do not hesitate to call for anything, even if it is just to talk. We are with you today in spirit. I am so sorry that we were not able to make the service. God bless you and Much, Much, Love!Desi, Paul and Ireland##imported-begin##Desiree##imported-end##

June 6 at 12:16 PM



Anonymous posted:

too young, so sad, although we do have some fond memories of Anthony !##imported-begin##Mark and Sherrie Zucker##imported-end##

June 6 at 5:20 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Thank you Anthony for all the laughs and joy we shared. Your heart was always open; you were always warm, generous and kind. We will miss you very much. We were blessed and honored by your presence in our lives. We will never forget you. In our lives there will always be an Anthony: the big laugh, huge heart. With all our love to Lana, who was there for us during the toughest times of our lives.##imported-begin##Jorge and Mayra Colon##imported-end##

June 5 at 9:06 PM



Anonymous posted:

Lana and family, I am so sorry I won't be able to be with you all tomorrow but you will be in my thoughts and prayers. Anthony was such a special man. You have my deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Randee Woodard##imported-end##

June 5 at 2:10 PM



Anonymous posted:

We will always keep Anthony close in our hearts. What a unique and wonderful person that we were blessed to know! Our love and prayers go out to Lana, Chantal, Laurent, and all his family and friends. Love, Sandy and Dan Bazemore and Family##imported-begin##Sandy and Dan Bazemore##imported-end##

June 4 at 4:16 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We will miss Anthony, especially his keen sense of humor. We are proud to have known Anthony and to share the times we spent with him and his family. Our Sincere Condolences, Bob & Ellen##imported-begin##Bob & Ellen Majewski##imported-end##

June 4 at 12:20 PM



Media

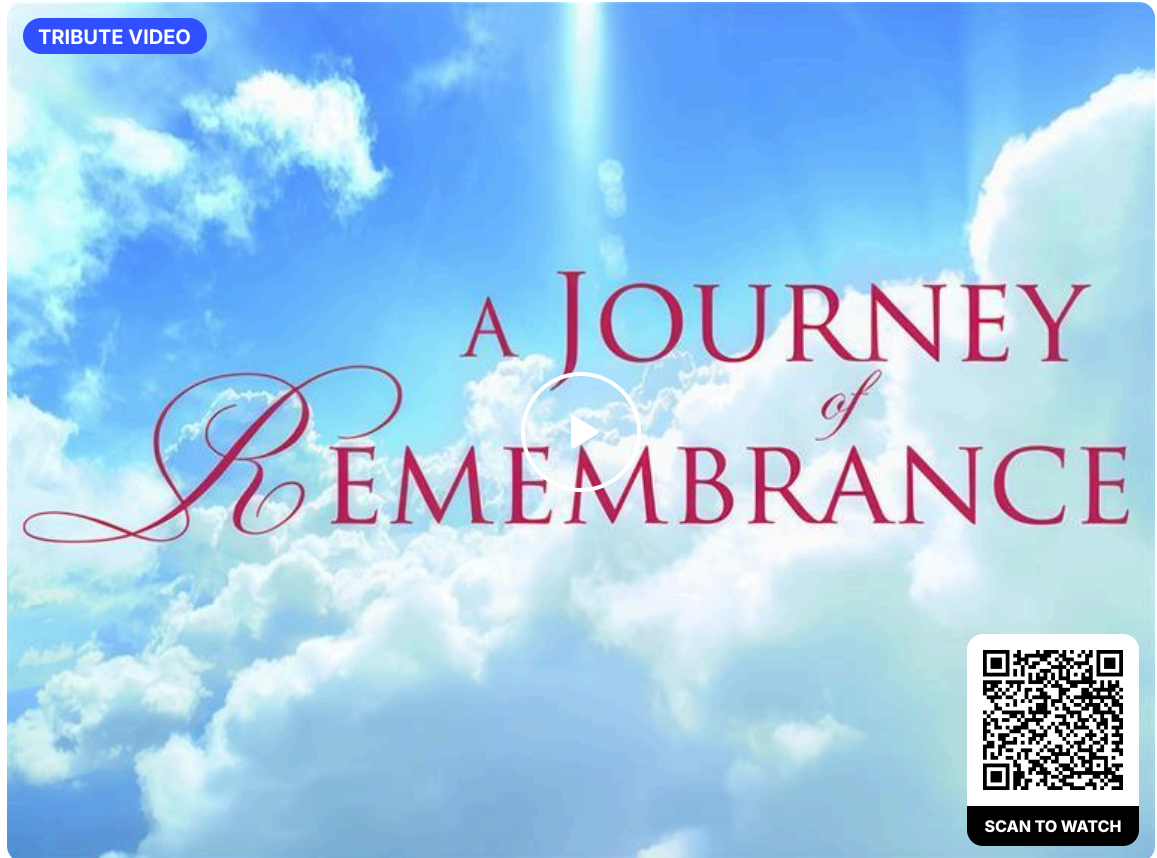
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