

Anthony “Tony” August Zmaila, 73, of Amarillo, Texas, passed away at home on July 6, 2026. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 27, 1953, Tony spent most of his life in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he built a remarkable career and an even more remarkable life.

Tony was a man of deep intellect, passionate about philosophy, teaching, sports, art, and Russian culture. His humor was quirky and dry, his mind endlessly curious, and his presence unforgettable. He saw the world through a lens of ideas, creativity, and compassion — and he helped others see it too.

During his years studying law abroad, Tony developed a profound connection to Russian culture. He immersed himself in the language, literature, and philosophy, becoming fluent in Russian and carrying that passion throughout his life. He loved sharing that knowledge with others, teaching informally and inspiring anyone who crossed his path to think more deeply.

Professionally, Tony dedicated more than four decades to the practice of law in Nevada. After earning both his Bachelor’s and Juris Doctor degrees from Saint Louis University, he began a distinguished career that included serving as General Counsel for the historic Dunes Hotels & Casino, practicing with respected firms such as Vargas & Bartlett, Santoro, Driggs, Walch, Kearney, Holly & Thompson, and ultimately leading his own practice, Anthony A. Zmaila Ltd. His work spanned litigation, business law, and bankruptcy, and he was repeatedly honored as a Super Lawyer for his excellence and integrity.

Tony was an active sponsor of the Amarillo Symphony, the Amarillo Little Theater and several animal rescue groups in and around Amarillo. He also did transport as pets were transferred from kill shelters to their forever homes.

Tony is survived by his loving wife, Pat Altstatt, whom he married on January 20, 2001; his beloved daughter Katrina Zmaila; and his three sons Sean Dietz, Joe Newman, and Carl Zmaila. He is also survived by his brother John Andrew Zmaila and his sisters Christy Ann Zmaila Benne and Sue Ellen Levermore. Tony leaves behind twelve grandchildren, with one grandchild preceding him in death.

Tony’s parents, Walter and Florence Zmaila, preceded him in death.



Celebrating The Life Of



ANTHONY AUGUST ZMAILA

May 27, 1953 ~ July 6, 2026

“He will wipe away all tears”

Isaiah 25:8

~Psalms 23~

NIV

*The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.*

*He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.*

*Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.*

*You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.*

*Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.*

In Loving Memory Of

ANTHONY “TONY” AUGUST ZMAILA

May 27, 1953

July 6, 2026

St. Louis, Missouri

Amarillo, Texas

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

10:00 AM

Schooler Funeral Home

Brentwood Chapel

OFFICIANT

Dr. Chad Johnson

Amarillo United Methodist Church

CO-OFFICIANT

Pastor Philip Rullman

**Following the service, the family invites you to join them
for lunch at Hoffbrau Steak House, 7203 W. Interstate 40**