

Praying For Success: 
The  Angelo Tony Luongo story 

IN HIS OWN WORDS: THE LIFE OF ANGELO TONY LUONGO (ABRIDGED)

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I WAS BORN OCTOBER 16, 1960, IN A LITTLE CITY CALLED ANDRETTA, NEAR NAPLES, ITALY. OUR FAMILY WAS VERY POOR. WE HAD NO RUNNING WATER OR WASHROOMS OR KITCHEN OR LAUNDRY OR PHONES OR ANY OTHER COMMODITY OR CARS OR ANY VEHICLES. I CAME TO CANADA IN 1968 WITH MY PARENTS AND MY ONLY BROTHER MICHAEL WHO IS NOW DECEASED DUE TO MALIGNANT CANCER IN THE STOMACH. WE FIRST LIVED IN ST. CATHARINES FOR TWO YEARS AND THEN MOVED TO THE ST. CLAIR AND LANSDOWNE AREA OF TORONTO.

MY CHILDHOOD WAS GREAT! I WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL AT OAKWOOD COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE WHERE I PLAYED SOCCER AND HOCKEY FOR THE TEAMS. THERE I ALSO DATED A WONDERFUL GIRL FROM A REAL WONDERFUL FAMILY FOR A FEW YEARS. WE LATER BROKE UP AND THAT REALLY HURT ME BAD EMOTIONALLY. BECAUSE WHEN I LOVE A LADY I REALLY LOVE A LADY. PEOPLE WHO KNOW ME, ALL KNOW THAT ABOUT ME.

I WORKED IN A TORONTO HOSPITAL WASHING POTS AND PANS AND THERE I MET MY FUTURE WIFE WHO IS NOW MY EX-WIFE. WE WERE MARRIED FOR ABOUT 11 YEARS. WE WERE BLESSED BY GOD WITH TWO VERY WONDERFUL CHILDREN IN EVERY WAY: A PRECIOUS BOY AND A PRECIOUS GIRL, WHO ARE NOW YOUNG ADULTS. I WANT TO HELP HER AND THE KIDS WHEN I CAN. I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO BECAUSE I'VE BEEN VERY ILL DURING THE LAST 13 YEARS. MY KIDS AND I ARE VERY CLOSE NOW AND SO I'M VERY HAPPY.

FOR THE TEN YEARS WHILE I WAS MARRIED, I WORKED AS A HOUSE PAINTER WITH A GREAT ITALIAN UNIONIZED COMPANY. DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS OF MY PAINTING CAREER I STARTED MY OWN COMPANY BECAUSE I WAS HAVING A MAJOR PROBLEM WITH MY LEFT LEG DUE TO AN INJURY THAT I HAD WHEN I WAS A VERY YOUNG BOY.

NEAR THE TENTH YEAR OF PAINTING MY MARRIAGE WAS GOING BAD. I'M NOT BLAMING MYSELF OR MY EX-WIFE, BUT WE JUST COULDN'T LIVE TOGETHER ANYMORE. PLUS MY PHYSICAL HEALTH WASN'T THAT GOOD BECAUSE THE PAINT FUMES WERE REALLY GETTING TO MY HEAD, BODY AND BRAIN. I'D COME HOME SO TIRED AND SO STONED ON THE FUMES

EVERYDAY, AND ALSO WORKING ON HIGH LADDERS A LOT MADE MY LIFE VERY STRESSFUL BECAUSE I'M VERY AFRAID OF HEIGHTS. MY MARRIAGE WAS AT AN END WHEN MY BROTHER MICHAEL DIED IN 1991.

THE COMBINATION OF ALL THESE THINGS CAUSED MY ILLNESS, CALLED MANIC DEPRESSION. I SPENT ABOUT TEN YEARS IN AND OUT OF PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND HAVE BEEN OUT SINCE 1999 BECAUSE MY GREAT DOCTOR DR. PARIKH HAS FOUND THE RIGHT MEDICATION AND I AM NOW VERY STABLE IN MY MOODS.

SINCE LEAVING THE HOSPITAL I'VE BEEN SINGING KARAOKE AND HAVE BECOME QUITE GOOD AT IT. I LOVE TO SING ELVIS PRESLEY SONGS. BECAUSE OF HIS MUSIC I'VE GOTTEN A LOT OF EXPOSURE TO SELL MY SONGS THAT I'VE WRITTEN, SENT BY GOD WHOM I PRAISE EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY THAT I'M AWAKE. I AM NOTHING WITHOUT GOD, MY WONDERFUL PARENTS, MY GOOD FRIENDS NICK E. CUSHING AND ALDO ERDIC AND OTHERS HELPING ME, AND ALL OF THE GREAT HEALTHCARE WE HAVE IN THIS GREAT CITY OF TORONTO AND PROVINCE OF ONTARIO. AND I'M ALSO NOTHING WITHOUT MY TWO WONDERFUL CHILDREN.

I'VE WRITTEN ABOUT 40 SONGS AND HAVE RECORDED WITH NICK E. CUSHING, ALDO ERDIC, ESMA ERDIC, ALINA ISAC, GEORGE MATTIOLI AND HELEN BRODBECK. I'VE DONE SOME VIDEOS WITH SOME OF THESE SAME GREAT PEOPLE. NICK AND ALDO HAVE HELPED ME PUT OUT MY FIRST 13 SONG CD CALLED *YOU'RE BREAKING MY HEART*, WHICH CAN BE BOUGHT THROUGH WWW.TOBESCENE.COM.

DURING MY YEARS OF DOING KARAOKE, THERE HAVE BEEN SOME SCARY THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED IN MY LIFE. THERE WERE SIX MURDER ATTEMPTS AGAINST MY LIFE AROUND KARAOKE BARS BECAUSE OF JEALOUSY. JUST LIKE HOW PEOPLE WERE JEALOUS OF JESUS CHRIST AND ELVIS PRESLEY. BECAUSE OF THESE MURDER ATTEMPTS MY BODY, HEAD AND BRAIN ARE IN CONSTANT PAIN.

I AM VERY POOR RIGHT NOW. ALL I HAVE ARE MY CDs AND VIDEOS AND MOVIES TO SELL WHICH I HOPE WILL HAPPEN SOON WITH THE GREAT HELP OF TWO GREAT GUYS NICK E. CUSHING AND ALDO ERDIC AND OTHERS. IF I MAKE MONEY I WANT TO HELP AS MANY PEOPLE AS I CAN, STARTING FROM MY FAMILY, NICK, ALDO AND THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR FRIENDS.

I WANT TO MAKE IT TO THE TOP SO I CAN HELP THE BOTTOM SO WE CAN ALL TRY TO BE IN THE MIDDLE.

I'M SORRY IF I LEFT ANYTHING OUT. TUNE IN NEXT TIME FOR MORE OF MY LIFE AND BELIEFS AND IDEAS AND MUSIC PROJECTS AND OTHER PROJECTS GOD WANTS ME TO DO.