



Forever Remembered

Honoring the Life of Sumner "Tony" Tilton, Jr.

1938-2026

For over six decades, Sumner "Tony" Tilton, Jr. gave Fletcher Tilton his wisdom, his generosity, and his heart. As a senior partner, mentor, and friend, he shaped not only our firm but the Worcester community he loved so deeply. He leaves behind a void that cannot be filled.

"Tony was a prominent and professional Worcester attorney for over sixty years, a valued partner to his fellow attorneys, and an active and committed Worcester resident who, through his professional work and philanthropic involvement, made the betterment of Worcester and its many nonprofit organizations a strong priority throughout his distinguished career. It was truly a privilege and pleasure to work with him!"

— **Warner S. Fletcher**, Senior Partner, Fletcher Tilton PC

"We stand on his shoulders in so many ways. His guidance, generosity, and dedication to both this firm and this community leaves a legacy that will endure for generations."

— **Frederick Misilo, Jr.**, President, Fletcher Tilton PC

"There are few individuals who have contributed more to the well-being of Central Massachusetts than Tony Tilton. As Chair of the UMass Memorial Health Board, he brought thoughtful leadership, sound judgment, and a deep love for this community. His legacy extends far beyond our health system and will continue to inspire generations of leaders, caregivers, and philanthropists. Tony will be deeply missed by many."

— **Dr. Eric Dickson**, President and CEO, UMass Memorial Health

"Tony Tilton was a true son of Worcester, and our entire community is lesser for his passing. Whether guiding the growth of the firm across six decades, championing urban renewal through the Worcester Redevelopment Authority, or serving institutions like Clark University, UMass Memorial, and the Boys & Girls Club, Tony poured his heart into this city."

"Tony's impact on Worcester will be felt for generations to come. His dedication, generosity, and love for our city left an indelible mark, and I extend my deepest condolences to his entire family."

— **Ed Augustus**, Chief Executive Officer, UniBank

"The Boys & Girls Club of Worcester was fortunate to call Tony a friend and a valued member of our Club family. A proud member of our Club's Hall of Fame, Tony played an instrumental role in the successful capital campaign that made possible the Francis A. & Jacquelyn H. Harrington Clubhouse, which opened twenty years ago."

"His friendship, generosity, and commitment to the Boys & Girls Club of Worcester meant so much to all of us. Tony will be deeply missed, but his impact on our Club and the young people we serve will endure for generations."

— **Liz Hamilton**, Chief Executive Officer, Boys & Girls Club of Worcester

"Though not a Clark alumnus, Tony Tilton cared for this University as if it were his own alma mater. As a life member of our Board of Trustees, he offered exceptional leadership, wise counsel, and unwavering support. His deep commitment to Clark and Worcester strengthened both institutions, while his generosity of spirit and tireless dedication to community betterment inspired all who had the privilege to work alongside him."

— **David Fithian**, President, Clark University

"Tony Tilton was a force for good in this community. As an original incorporator of the Greater Worcester Community Foundation in 1975, and later as President for four years in the mid-1990s, he helped shape the organization from its earliest days. With his generous and optimistic attitude, and clear-eyed focus on results, he helped so many local organizations grow in their mission and impact."

— **Ann T. Lisi**, former President and CEO, Greater Worcester Community Foundation (1992-2019)

"Tony's passing is a profound loss for our Worcester community, and I feel especially fortunate to have known him, benefited from his counsel, and shared in the warmth and humor he so naturally brought to others. Through his service to the YMCA and his broader commitment to Worcester, Tony consistently used his wisdom, relationships, and generous spirit to encourage people, strengthen organizations, and make our community a better place. I extend my deepest condolences to Tony's family, friends, and colleagues, with gratitude for a life well lived and a legacy of service, friendship, and community that will continue to inspire us."

— **David Connell**, President and CEO, YMCA of Central Massachusetts

"I first met Tony about thirty years ago. At that point, Tony was clearly one of the most influential people in the Worcester area. What struck me about him was his humility and unassuming nature. His mission was to help others and make the city of Worcester the best it could be. He was and will always be one of the most important mentors of my life."

— **James Umphrey**, President, Kelleher & Sadowsky Assoc., Inc.

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