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MBREA member, Trodella passes away

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The MBREA is saddened to note the death of a man who meant a lot to so many in the appraiser and assessor communities, Tony Trodella.

Anthony R. "Tony" Trodella, MRA, was born in Winthrop, Mass. in 1943. He graduated from State College of Boston with a bachelor's degree in education and a minor in earth sciences and taught school in the city of Waltham for 21 years before becoming involved in real estate sales and brokerage in 1975. Four years later he started appraising real estate while working under the tutelage of Jonathan Avery, MRA and Ron Handverger, MRA. In 1980, Trodella started his own appraisal company, ATR Appraisal Consultants based in Marlborough. He became chief assessor and chairman of the board of assessors in Marlborough in 2000.

Trodella was instrumental to the growth of appraising as a profession. He was an educator of appraisers having developed courses and taught a variety of subjects over the years.

He was one of the MBREA's most sought after USPAP instructors. His students hailed not only from Mass. but also from faraway places such as Nebraska and North Dakota as he taught for appraisal and assessor organizations.

Trodella was an advocate for appraisers. He was actively involved in the drafting and passage of appraiser licensing legislation in Massachusetts and worked on several state subcommittees on regulations, education and other matters. He represented the MBREA, one of nine appraisal organization sponsors of the Appraisal Foundation, at the Appraisal Foundation, first as a member of The Appraisal Foundation Advisory Council and then as the MBREA's representative to the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

In a 1989 article Trodella wrote about the advent of appraiser licensing for the Banker & Tradesman, he stated, "It would seem that the person who is willing to go beyond the minimum requirements in both education and experience is the real solution to the problem being addressed by legislators. This is the person who is designated by a long standing professional group with strict requirements and the recognition of excellence in the appraisal field." These words continue to ring true today as the appraisal profession undergoes another sea change.

Trodella joined MBREA in 1980 and within four years earned his MRA designation. In 1987, his peers elected him President of the MBREA. Trodella was inducted as a member of the inaugural class of MBREA's Appraisal Hall of Fame in 2009. In 1993, he was the initial recipient of the William D. Stewart Distinguished Service Award presented by the MBREA.

He is survived by his wife Anne, three children and three grandsons.

Trodella's legacy as a mentor, teacher, and most importantly a friend, will always be etched in the heart of MBREA. He will be truly missed.