Anthony Ferrazano, 63

NORTH READING - Anthony J. Ferrazano, 63, of 103 Main St., formerly of 4 Rena St. in Worcester, a musician, teacher and composer, died Thursday, Jan. 11, in the Hospice Residence, Worcester, after a long battle with cancer.

He leaves his mother, Mill'y Mazzone) Ferrazano of Worcester; and a sister, Marie Lubell of New York City. He was born in Worcester, son of Joseph Ferrazano, and lived more than 20 years in Mr. Ferrazano's North Reading.

He graduated from Worcester public schools and the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston. He attended Boston University and Boston Conservatory of Music, and earned a doctorate in music composition from Forest Conservatory at Sussex University, England.

Mr. Ferrazano was a professional musician, teacher, and composer more than 40 years, and performed as a jazz pianist. He taught and lectured on music at several colleges and conservatories, including New York School of Music, WPI in Worcester, and Schenectady Conservatory of Music. He was a staff pianist four years for RCA, New York City. In 1973, he authored and published a book entitled "The Mechanics Of Modern Music."

He was a member of the Musician's Union, Boston, and New York City locals. He has recorded works with nationally known figures. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, Mr. Ferrazano appeared several times at Carnegie Hall.

The funeral service was held Saturday, Jan. 13. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery, Worcester. Mercadante Funeral Home & Chapel, 370 Planlation St., Worcester, directed arrangements.