



Lawrence "Tazz" Henry Tassone

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Lawrence Henry (Tazz) Tassone, age 82, died on August 20th, 2019 and has gone to join his brothers in combat who have gone before him. He was born February 16, 1937, in North Adams, Massachusetts the second son of the late Bruno Tassone and Frances L. Tassone (née Mock) of North Adams. He was a graduate of Drury High School. Upon completion of high school in 1955 he enlisted in the USAF on July 5, 1955 retiring June 30th, 1977 as a highly decorated Master Sergeant. He was the recipient of The Bronze Star, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Joint Service Commendation Medals, and the Army Commendation Medal. He served almost 16 years overseas beginning in South Korea, Germany for two tours, Saudi Arabia, Italy, South Vietnam and Thailand.

Following his military retirement he and his wife Ellen, moved to San Jose, CA where they operated a retail store; after three years he joined the international staff of the Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) where he served as a senior executive for 23 years residing in Waldorf, MD. At AFSA he was responsible for creating two national charities, the Airmen Memorial museum, the Airmen Memorial Foundation. In addition he was a major catalyst behind the formation of the Special Operations Warrior foundation out of the Colonel Bull Simon Scholarship Fund. In 1980, while an AFSA Headquarters staff director, we wrote the now widely used and adapted POW/MIA table ceremony to honor those special heroes who must never be forgotten.

Following his second retirement he joined his wife in operating their mastectomy salon also in Waldorf until 2009. The Tassone's moved to their final location in Bridgeville, DE at the Heritage Shores Active Adult Community where he served his fellow residents as their elected District Commissioner for 9 years. He was a co-founder of the Heritage Shores Military Group and participated in numerous community and retirement community activities. He and Ellen shared a love for traveling, especially cruising and fine dining in restaurants around the world. He spoke several foreign languages including Italian, German, and Dutch. He was a Life Member and active in the Air Force Sergeants Association, the VFW and the DAV.



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He was preceded in death by his wife, Elisabeth C. (Ellen) Tassone (née Vogel) of Rotterdam, Netherlands whom he met and married in 1969 in Stuttgart, Germany and his older brother Anthony W. Tassone of North Adams. He is survived by two sons, Marco Andre (Jennifer) and Lorenzo Enrico (Angela); three grandsons Francois Jones, Bruno L.G. Tassone, and Augustino Tassone; his sister Eunice A. of North Adams; and sister in-law Irma Troost of Bleiswijk, Holland.

Friends may call on Saturday, August 31, 2019 from 10:00 to 11:00 AM with a time for sharing of remembrances to begin at 11:00 AM at the Parsell Funeral Home & Crematorium, Hardesty Chapel, 202 Laws Street, Bridgeville, DE 19933. Interment with military honors will take place at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA at a date and time to be announced.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions in Tazz's memory to the Airmen Memorial Scholarship Fund in care of the AFSA, 5211 Auth Rd., Suitland, MD 20746.

Please sign Tazz's online guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED BY 2 PM, FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2019 TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, BRIDGEVILLE, DE.



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Viewing

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 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

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Service of Remembrance

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BL

Bob Longo posted:

Tazz, Christine and I are truly blessed to have known you. We will always be grateful to you for your friendship and support of us and our family. You are an everlasting example of caring leadership and a selfless servant that we should all emulate. We thank you for your dedicated service to the United States of America and the Town of Bridgeville. May God grant you eternal rest and peace as you are reunited with your beautiful bride. Bob Longo

August 27 at 10:05 AM

BO

Brittany Ostasewski posted:

I feel so honored in meeting Mr. Tassone. I talked to him for half an hour and he talked about his wife and sons, you could tell he had some much love for his family. Again I feel so honored in getting to meet him and getting to know him in such a short amount of time. I am so grateful for receiving the Ellen Tassone Oncology Scholarship that he created to honor his wife. I plan to honor them both, by graduating and becoming the best nurse that I can be and caring for individuals with cancer.

August 25 at 4:57 PM

JC

John & Sharon Collins posted:

Tazz was a friend and neighbor for many years. He was one of my husband's "coffee" buds, which got the guys out of the house for an hour a day when John could make it. Tazz will be missed running our community which kept him busy. Just won't be the same around here at HS.

August 24 at 1:50 PM

WI

William posted:

To The Family & Friends of Tazz, I am very sorry that I did not get to know Tazz better after reading his Memorable Obituary. He obviously was a fine Gentleman, Husband, Father, Grandfather, and a devoted Brother in Arms. He will be greatly missed by his Family and Friends. Respectfully, F. William Pfordt LTC, USA (Ret.) Heritage Shores Military Club

August 23 at 6:18 AM



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Kelly Sheridan posted:

The Delaware Community Foundation offers its sincere condolences on the passing of "Tazz" Tassone. He was a passionate man who loved his family, and the scholarship he created in Ellen's name will go on forever to help future nurses achieve their education goals. I loved talking to Tazz on the phone; his humor, good nature and smile will be missed. ~ Kelly Sheridan, Scholarship Administrator

August 23 at 5:32 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lawrence "Tazz" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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