



Edward J Tomaszewski

June 5, 1941 - December 7, 2020

Tomaszewski, Edward J., 79, a resident of Tinton Falls, NJ, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family on December 7, 2020.

He was born in Jersey City, NJ and raised there by his parents, Edward and Mae. While he spent many years in Rutherford and Tinton Falls, you could never truly take the Jersey City out of the man. Nor could you disassociate him from his “Jersey City Contingent”, lifelong brothers who he continued sharing laughs with and of course every Super Bowl!

An Army veteran and jack-of-all trades in early adulthood, he later discovered his true talents as a gifted artist. For over 30 years, his iconic works made him one of the most renowned billboard artists in Manhattan and beyond.

His home in Rutherford reflected his artistry, Norm Abrams-level carpentry and endless time spent on making it perfect.

He was legendary for his commitment to body building but as strong as he was in body, his real strength was in his devotion as a husband, father and friend. His memory will live on in the hearts of all of those who knew him and peered into those piercing blue eyes, gentle and strong.

He is survived by his adoring wife of 34 years, Angelina, and children, Tammy Lee and Charlie, Eric and Michelle, Jaclyn and son-in-law Chris, and Alex and Kristen. In recent years, he relished every opportunity to teach all of his

grandchildren (Zachary, Maximilian, Lucian, and Olivia) the finer points of manners, etiquette and the English language.

He is also survived by his dear sister, Dorothy and loving in-laws, Frank and Dana and his nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org/donate or Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate are greatly appreciated.

Cemetery Details

All other services are private

Tribute Wall

TP

“ I was lucky enough to work with Eddie as a sign painter in 2 different shops, Allied Outdoor & again years later at TDI. He was a gifted painter & his work always reflected his talent. His lunch time routine was always the same... when we worked in the shop he would go out to his car at noon & listen to WBGO, a Jazz station out of Newark & drift off into a nap. When we were on a Wall Sign he would roll up a few drop cloths & bed down for that same nap (minus the Jazz) lol. When we worked at TDI it was the best crew I've ever been with in my entire working life. When i suffered what seemed like an unsurmountable loss he helped guide me by sharing the pain he had experienced himself. It really helped me get through a tough period. THAT was a side of him not many people got to see. I loved this big fella. He was a mighty oak who painted like an angel. I am blessed, lucky & happy to have made his acquaintance & proud to call him my friend. Thom Piragnoli

Thom Piragnoli - December 14, 2020 at 04:52 PM

GC

“ To Angie and the entire family. Our deepest sympathy and love. Ed was a wonderful and kind man. I have fond memories of our talks while playing golf together. May he rest in peace. All our love, Tina and Gerard.

Gerard Caggiano - December 13, 2020 at 07:38 PM

KA

“ Angie and all of your family I can't tell you how sorry I am. Know that our prayers will be with you all. There's going to be one hell of a family reunion up there.

Kevin Antonelli - December 12, 2020 at 04:27 PM

AG

“ He was my uncle, my 2nd father and my friend- I will miss him. ❤️

Anthony Guaimano - December 12, 2020 at 10:52 AM

KD

“ This is a beautiful tribute to a man whose memory will live with me forever. His kindness and warmth was unique and deep - and his love for, and pride in, his family was fierce. My family's friendship with Ed and the Tomaszewski family spans a lifetime - thank God for "old time neighborhoods" and the genuine people who become like family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers and we hope your memories will eventually bring you peace.

Kristen Davis - December 12, 2020 at 09:10 AM

BH

“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Edward J Tomaszewski



Bongarzone Funeral Home - December 11, 2020 at 09:30 PM

AS

“ *Dear Angie and Family:*

We were so shocked to hear the terrible news. Reflecting on memories today, one particular story comes to mind:

Me and a friend are in a Jersey City fish truck making a delivery around 42nd Street in Manhattan. Stopped at a traffic light, I glanced up at the top of a 10 story building and yelled, "Pull over.... that's my cousin Ed painting that mural...". I jumped out of the truck.... screaming ED...ED....ED... He turned to look down, shook his head and started to laugh... Later on...he asked "How the hell did you notice me all the way up there?...."

Please accept our heartfelt condolences. Sending thoughts, prayers and love your way...

Joe and Audrey Spina.....

Audrey J Spina - December 11, 2020 at 10:56 AM