



Jeffrey Tasman

November 1, 1960 - November 12, 2015

Jeff Tasman was born in Reno, Nevada on November 1, 1960. As the fourth of four boys born to Bulent S. and Dorothy (Barth) Tasman, Jeff spent four of his early years in Istanbul and Izmir, Turkey. Upon returning to the United States in early 1965, Dorothy Tasman and boys resettled in Mansfield, Ohio after living in Chicago, Ill for a short time. Jeffrey could often be found helping his brother, Eric, deliver newspapers for the Mansfield News Journal. Jeff was gifted musically, played the accordion and did musical vocals for the Mansfield Senior High School Choir. After graduation in 1979, Jeff enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. where during this time he married his high school sweetheart, Rischele Conning. They soon had a son named Lance A. Tasman. During his time with the Corp., Jeff was responsible for testing aircraft engines used in military aircraft. On more than one occasion, Jeff found problems typically not detected that probably saves lives of pilots. His tours of duty saw him stationed at Marine Corp. Air Stations located in El Toro, California, Beaufort, South Carolina and even a one year tour of duty in Japan. After completing a distinguished record as a United States Marine, Jeff came back to Mansfield, Ohio and worked for the Mansfield City Fire Department for almost 20 years. In that capacity, he also functioned as an emergency medical technician, a first responder helping trauma victims to stay alive while getting them to the hospital. Jeff was able to save many lives during his tenure with the Mansfield Fire Department and prevented rekindle fires that could often destroy properties after the firemen left a scene. He also

took his duties as cook for his fellow firefighters very seriously. Jeff, being the Christian man that he was, elected to take early retirement from the Fire Department to help take care of his mother, Dorothy, who was suffering from the progressive effects of dementia. This took a toll on his health as he was not able to get out as much. On those occasions when Jeff did get out, he could be found repairing the church busses at the People's Baptist Church. The busses had to pass state inspections and Jeff took the job of keeping the busses safe for riding very serious. Jeff was also a driver of the busses that picked up Mansfield inner city youth and transported them to the church on Sundays. Jeff was dedicated to seeing that the children came to the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. He regularly spent hours on Saturdays going door to door visiting his "bus route kids" and their parents while sharing Christ and making sure the children could be picked up the next day for church. Jeff often fed the children from his own finances. They enjoyed the candy he would disperse on the rides. Jeff also taught Sunday school at People's Baptist Church. He loved to teach the children about Jesus. His love and generosity was not limited to just the children. In his spare time he could also be found repairing the vehicles of members of the church congregation or showing his brothers how to fix cars. He was never too busy to refuse helping others. Jeff would frequently help others out by giving them money at critical times in their lives. He was a very generous soul both with his family and others. In January 2015 after suffering a ruptured appendix, it was determined that Jeff had prostate cancer and also bone cancer. Determined to fight the disease, Jeff lived the last eight months with his family members in a valiant attempt to overcome the disease that ultimately took him home to be with the Lord he served on earth, the Lord Jesus Christ. Jeff is survived by his mother, Dorothy (Barth) Tasman and father, Bulent S. Tasman and his wife, Meral; son, Lance; brother, Eric (Karen) Tasman; brother, Alan (Judy); nieces, Erica and Sarah; nephews, Matthew and Joshua; and his brother, Servet living in Turkey. Jeff's family however was not limited to just blood family but to every child and adult he helped to become a brother and sister in Christ. Jeff did not

die with a big estate but he lived and finished the race richer than any Rockefeller! A memorial service will take place Saturday, November 28th at 10:00 am at People's Baptist Church. Donations in memory of Jeff can be made to the People's Baptist Church, 223 Vanderbilt Road, Mansfield, Ohio 44904.

Previous Events

Service

NOV **28**. 10:00 AM (ET)

People's Baptist Church
223 Vanderbilt Rd
Mansfield, OH 49904
(419) 756-9916

Tribute Wall

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“ I think of you often Bro. Jeff <3 I recently showed my kids the video of you drinking pickle juice and they thought it was the funniest thing seeing how you reacted to it. Then I went and cried in the bathroom. They won't get to know how amazing you were. Us Steward kids will never ever forget you. We love you so dearly.

Brittany Watts (Steward) - January 23 at 08:24 AM

MT

“ I miss you uncle jeff its been 5 years now we wish you were still with us

Matthew Alan Tasman - June 03, 2020 at 01:57 AM

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“ Jeff was a dear friend of mine...I miss his gentle and witty nature when he visited my beauty salon. We shared the same birthday and year and had a lot in common. We always had much to talk about. You are remembered for your love of Christ and your generous being. Looking forward to reuniting in God's timing and will. Your memory lives on. God Bless You Jeff!

Anna rebel - June 06, 2016 at 07:03 AM

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“ Jeff,

Thank you for repeatedly showing how to put others before ourselves. Thank you for your unswerving devotion to the children of your church bus route. So often you had other things you could be doing but you put the children of your community and church above all other priorities. As a brother you were so generous and loving to your brothers, sister-in-laws and nieces and nephews and especially mom who you faithfully took care of for over four years. Jeff, in my eyes you embodied what it means to be a servant of Jesus Christ. We love you and miss you very much. On earth you sought to see humming birds in flight...may the glory of heaven fulfill your every wish and dream. Love your brother Alan.

Alan Tasman - May 19, 2016 at 08:45 PM

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“ *Getting to know Jeff is the best thing thats ever happened. HE has changed my life so much. I cant think him for all he did for me. We love and miss you Brother Jeff. HELLO from all the bus kids. Its surely not the same without you.*

Haylee - December 01, 2015 at 07:19 PM

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“ *So many great memories of you Jeff. The time we had together will be cherished forever. You were a great friend to all that came into your life never turning anyone way. I will always remember your laugh and smile especially those hugs when we saw each other after the years have passed. RIP Jeff*

Shelley. Schmitt Shupp - November 28, 2015 at 01:46 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Tasman.*



November 27, 2015 at 10:05 AM



“ *God Bless/RIP, to ALL who served in The Corps. Thank YOU for your service, Jeffrey.....
.. And Semper Fi.*



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - November 26, 2015 at 08:47 AM



“ *From Uncle Edward Jenkins purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jeffrey Tasman.*



From Uncle Edward Jenkins - November 25, 2015 at 11:26 AM

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“ To the best uncle God could have ever given anyone, love you so much and miss you!!!!



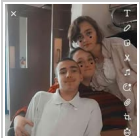
Sarah Tasman - November 18, 2015 at 10:01 PM

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“ I can remember as Finance Director going to the fire station to have dinner with Jeff and the rest of the guys, invariably they would be called out on a fire and of course I always got a good ribbing about being bad luck from the fire guys, all but Taz who said he was always happy to see GA new face



Sandra converse pate - November 17, 2015 at 12:19 PM



“ Amber Sugden Pranger lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Tasman



Amber Sugden Pranger - November 15, 2015 at 01:13 PM