



Maj. Guido Tesi (Ret.)

November 24, 1923 - October 22, 2015

Maj. Guido Tesi, (Ret.), 91, Topeka, passed away Thursday, October 22, 2015, at his home.

Guido was born on November 24, 1923, in Bakersfield CA, the son of Louis and Gianina Giannini Tesi. Guido enlisted into the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1943 and entered primary pilot training in Lafayette LA. Throughout his 24 years of service, Guido transitioned from aviation trainers to DC- 3s, B-17s, B-50s and B 47 aircraft to name a few. Guido's colorful career took him to Europe, Russia, the Caribbean, South America, Africa and numerous places within the Pacific; including being stationed at Anderson Air Base on the island of Guam for three and a half years, as the head of The Bomb Wing Standardization Division. As for the states, Guido made his way to Louisiana, Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Texas, California and Kansas, just to name a few. Guido married Margaret Frances Hesse on May 13, 1949, in Omaha Nebraska.

Guido retired from 24 years of active duty Airforce in 1963 and pulled a short stint as a postal worker until 1966. In 1966, he went to work for Government Intelligence and gave an additional 24 years of dedicated service, developing Aeronautical maps which spanned from regulated and wartime airspace to space mapping, which covered the Apollo Space Missions. Among his many medals, Guido received the Knight's Badge of the Belgian Order of the Crown.

Grateful to have shared Guido's life are his wife of 67 years, Margaret; their children, Margaret Eichkorn (Robert), Topeka, Carol Merrell (Paul), San Antonio TX, Patrick Tesi (Alice), Troy MO, Nancy Patton (David), Albuquerque NM, Michael Tesi (Julie), Festus MO; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and several nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Lola Kropiewnicki.

Family will greet friends from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, October 27th, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Funeral service will follow at the funeral home. Graveside service with military honors will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 27th, at Leavenworth National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka KS 66675.

Cemetery Details

Leavenworth National Cemetery

150 Muncie Road
Leavenworth, KS 66048

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maj. Guido Tesi (Ret.)*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dad was my coach, my mentor, my hero! Dad had a heart of gold and every person he met was a friend! Just today, Mom and I were at Sam's Club and two door attendants asked where Dad was. When we told them Dad had passed, they were visibly shaken and wished God's blessings and prayers to the family. This is just a very SMALL example of how many people Dad touched throughout his life! Dad was iconic in all ways and was my inspiration. Dad was the ultimate definition of a soldier, a patriot and was the most ethical and honest man I have ever encountered....Dad was a true blessing and a wonderful gift from God. To the end, Dad was there for all of us. Dad will be my guiding star throughout the rest of my life and the never ending bar to strive for! I love you, Dad!*

Your Son, Michael

Michael Tesi - October 26, 2015 at 10:10 PM

DK

“ I was so sorry to hear of Guido's passing. He was one of the finest men I have ever known. He worked hard, served his country well, and was a wonderful husband and father. I was honored to know him.

I enjoyed Guido's stories about his adventures. My favorite story was the one about how he had to tell his superiors that although he could fly planes, he did not have a driver's lincense and had never driven a car!

Margaret and family - God has His arms wrapped around you right now in this very difficult time.

Love, Denise Kilwein

Denise Kilwein - October 26, 2015 at 09:26 AM

JF

“ *John, Brett, & Robert Eichkorn & Families purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Maj. Guido Tesi (Ret.).*



John, Brett, & Robert Eichkorn & Families - October 25, 2015
at 08:14 PM

DA

“ *Margaret and family,*

Guido was a wonderful caring person and a great neighbor. He was like a second father to Don and I. We will never forget him and will keep his family in our thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss. We love you Guido.

Don and Dee Anderson

Don & Dee Anderson - October 25, 2015 at 09:39 AM

CF

“ *Carol Tesi Merrell and family purchased the With Distinction for the family of Maj. Guido Tesi (Ret.).*



Carol Tesi Merrell and family - October 25, 2015 at 09:28 AM

JO

“ *Grandpa was the best. He was an excellent example of a kind and generous human being. He was an outstanding man, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, and American. His historical stories will never be forgotten. Grandpa will be missed greatly. We all know you are with God now, starting the next chapter - eternal life. Love you Grandpa! John, Heidi, Matt and Carlie Eichkorn*



John - October 24, 2015 at 06:36 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Maj. Guido Tesi (Ret.).*



October 24, 2015 at 11:56 AM