



## James L. Tessman

July 10, 1946 - December 12, 2014

James L. Tessman, 68, of Berlin, passed away Friday December 12, 2014 at St. Mary Hospital in Waterbury. Born in New Britain, son of Jean Szymanski Tessman of Berlin and the late Alfred A. Tessman, Jim was a graduate of Cromwell High School class of 1964 and had been a Berlin resident since 1973. He was employed at the former Deephouse Equipment, the former Eastern Equipment, Dwight Foote Company and later worked as a bookkeeper at St. Vincent's Church in Naugatuck. Jim served his country proudly in the US Air Force during the Vietnam Conflict. He was a member of St. Paul Church in Kensington and was a former Eucharistic minister of the church. James was a life member and Past Commander of the Bolton-Kasica-Patterson American Legion Post 68 in Berlin. He was also affiliated with St. Vincent's Church in Naugatuck.

Besides his mother Jean, a Gold Star Mother, for losing her son Richard during the Vietnam Conflict, Jim is survived by a sister, Diane Zanelli and her husband David of Newington; an aunt, Bernice Brousseau and her husband Norman of North Ft. Myers, FL; a nephew, Albert Tessman Jr. and his wife Christine of Berlin; a niece, Tara Tessman of Newington; a grandniece, Allie Tessman; several cousins; as well as his partner of 7 years, James Mills of West Haven. Jim was predeceased by two brothers, Richard C. Tessman who died during the Vietnam Conflict serving in the US Navy and Albert A. Tessman Sr.

Funeral services are Wednesday 9 AM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial 10 AM at St. Paul Church, Alling Street, Kensington. Burial with military honors will be in Fairview Cemetery. Calling hours are Tuesday 5 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project, PO Box 758517 Topeka, Kansas 66675. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "Send Condolences" at the bottom of this page.

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ *I am sorry to hear about Jim's passing. I worked with him for 10 yrs. at Eastern. Great guy.*

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**Marie Arce** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Dear Mrs. Tessman & Diane,*

*My deepest condolences on the passing of Jimmie. May your family find peace in the loving memories you hold in your hearts. God Bless.*

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**Marilyn Allen** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *So sad to find out Jim had passed. Lots of good memories of Jim in high school. Please accept my deepest condolences.*

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**Rodger Stevens** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ *Each time we embrace a memory, we meet again with those we love for the heart never forgets. With our love and condolences.*

*I will LOVE you forever Jimmy, cousin Nancy*

*&#147;Jesus said to her, &#147;I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.&#148;  
John 11:25*

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**Nancy Tessman & Bob Novack** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Jim and I were classmates at CHS Class of 1964 - I was saddened to learn of his passing. My sincere condolences.

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**Jeannine Janicke Sweet** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I'm sorry to hear about Jimmy. He was always nice to me growing up. The last time I saw him was 1967 or 1968 when my buddy and I were hitchhiking from Middletown to Cromwell. Jimmy stopped to pick us up and I think he had a GTO. He wouldn't let us smoke in it, but he went out of his way and took us to where we needed to go. With deepest sympathy,  
David Miller- a friend of Richie

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**David Miller** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ We will miss you Uncle Jimmy! Allie had so much fun with you and Grandma Jean last summer when you were kind enough to babysit her for us.. she enjoyed all the computer games you played with her and the gifts you gave her.. she will treasure them forever. She also enjoyed all the stories you shared with her about family members she hadn't met yet, cousins and fun times. And then she shared them with me and we had a good laugh.. You were a good storyteller and a great friend to everyone. Your gentle way and kind heart will be cherished and missed. Love Albert, Christine & Allie

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**Albert, Christine & Allie Tessman** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Jim was a special person and a good friend ,we had many good laughs together, so sorry for the loss

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**ron didonato/jimstranges** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ My deepest sympathies to the family.I am forever grateful to Jim.He helped me up at one of the lowest points of my life .He was truly a "GOOD GUY".If you want the definition of friend,look up James Tessman.I will miss you my friend.

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**Donald Dixon** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Being a member of St Vincent Ferrer Church - I had the pleasure to get to know Jim. I know he will be greatly missed by all especially his 'little one' C.J. & his good friend Father Forsyth - My deepest symphathies to all.

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**Christina Scappini** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ With Deepest Sympathy for your loss. Jimmy was a great guy. I have fond memories of him while growing up. He will be missed...Pam Lavigne-Vail

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**Pamela Lavigne** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ Jim was my close friend, confidant, and our parish bookkeeper. When I was uncertain when presented with an opportunity to adopt Dakota, my cocker spaniel, Jim said, "If you don't adopt him, I will." Adopting Dakota was one of the best decisions I made in my live. Jim loved Dakota and he and I loved Jim. I will miss Jim until I see him again, in our "Father's house." Rest in peace, my friend. I entrust you to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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**Father Kevin Forsyth** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Jimmy was not only my 1st cousin, but my friend. I shared life with Jimmy during some of his best, and more challenging times. He came to Hawaii to visit me during the loss of Michael our cousin. I know they are together once again! I loved Jimmy and will miss him always!

*Jimmy, I love you man! May God bless you my friend!*

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**Mark A. Brousseau** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Sorry for the loss of Jimmy - We have known him for many years and he has served his country well.

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**Madeline Kowalski** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM