

EMANUEL ANTHONY TASSO



Emanuel Anthony Tasso, 92, of Callahan, was called to God June 16, 2024, surrounded by his family. He was born February 22, 1932 in Paterson, New Jersey and moved to Jacksonville, with his family when he was 11 years old. In 1953, Emanuel married the love of his life, Edda Capparelli, and settled down in Callahan, where he lived for over 70 years. Emanuel graduated from Robert E. Lee High School, enlisted in the United States Navy Reserve, and was mobilized to active duty in 1952. During the period of the Korean War, he served on the Haskell-Class Amphibious Attack Transport Ship, USS Rockbridge (APA-228) which was assigned to the Amphibious Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

Following his honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy in 1953, he spent the next nine years married with children, working full time, and attending Jacksonville University, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting (Magna Cum Laude). His accounting career began at the American Oil Company, later with the U.S. Rubber Company, and then continued at Harry Evarts, CPA. Next, Emanuel joined the Internal Revenue Service as an Agent. After 25 years of commendable service, Emanuel retired from the Department of the Treasury where he served as the International Examination Group Manager in the southeast region. He was highly regarded by his subordinates, fellow International Group Managers, and the Office of the Assistant Commissioner (International) for his hard work ethic, expertise, and knowledge of both domestic income tax law and international tax law and was recognized as an expert in these areas by the service and Department of Justice. Known throughout the district as “Mr. International,” Emanuel was awarded both the Albert Gallatin Award and the District Director’s Award for his performance, commitment, and dedication to the mission of the Department of the Treasury.

Emanuel was a wonderful, strong, loving, and devoted father and husband. He was always supportive to his family and friends during the many accomplishments and difficulties in their lives. Throughout his life, he cherished his family above all else. Even with all the tremendous things he achieved in his professional career, he felt like his biggest accomplishments were his five children and seven grandchildren. His priorities were his Catholic faith, his wife, children, grandchildren, other family members, friends, and helping those at his church, and in the community.

One of Emanuel’s greatest passions was music, and he had a wonderful singing voice. He always loved singing at church, with family, and with friends. He found great enjoyment in working outdoors. While employed full time, going to college and raising his five children, he felt great pride that he and his father-in-law (Benny Capparelli) simultaneously designed and built the family home by hand from the ground up. Emanuel and his wife Edda were founding members of Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church in Callahan, and served the parish for over 57 years. He served the church as the President of the Parish Council, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and Catechist. Always an active part of the Parish Council, he assisted numerous pastors over the years in planning and organizing church activities. Emanuel was preceded in death by his wife Edda (Capparelli) Tasso (64 years of marriage); mother Lucy (Guarino) Giardino; stepfather Angelo Giardino; and father Carlo Tasso.

He is survived by his five children: Lucy Tonette (Charlie) Carroll, Bernadette (David) Luce, Ben Tasso (Margaret deceased), Angela (Joe) Hoff and Anthony (Natalie) Tasso; seven grandchildren Angela Marie Schaefer Nightengale, Marissa (Biniam) Carroll, Sophia Hoff, Shafer (Phylisha) Tasso, Andrew Tasso, Emily Catherine Tasso and Mitchell Tasso; sisters Theresa McGonagle (Joe deceased) and Lucy (Mario) Cortese and brother Angelo (Michelle) Giardino.

The family will receive friends Monday, June 24 from 5-7 p.m. at Jacksonville Memory Gardens, 111 Blanding Boulevard, Orange Park. The funeral mass service will be held Tuesday, June 25 at 10 a.m. at St. Matthews Catholic Church, 1773 Blanding Boulevard, Jacksonville.

While flowers are appreciated, those who wish to express their love through memorial donations, may contribute to Community Hospice & Palliative Care, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257, or give online at support.communityhospice.com.