



## Alfio Joseph Grasso

June 1, 2020

Alfio Joseph Grasso was born on March 8, 1927 to Concetta and Rosario Grasso in Philadelphia, PA. Fred is the eldest of four brothers Rosario (Joseph), Salvatore (Sam), and Frank who are all predeceased.

Fred grew up in South Philly and was inducted in the US Army in June 1945. Following basic training, he was deployed to Belgium as part of the piece keeping forces. Upon returning to civilian life, Fred worked as rigger for the operating engineers. Fred later joined union as a laborer and was part of major construction projects that included redecking the Walt Whitman Bridge and the Vine Street extension project.

Fred raised his family in Woodstown New Jersey where he spent most of this life on Hunt St. He has two daughters Concetta Grasso and Janeen Buirch (Bill), and two grandsons Andrew and Nicholas Buirch. You could always find a tear in his eye when it came to his grandsons.

Fred spent his free time on family trips in the truck camper, hunting elk and moose in Canada, duck hunting locally, and racing homing pigeons.

After retiring, Fred spend much of his time raising and racing pigeons. The family remembers the pigeon hospital, mating areas and dorms. He was a member of the South Jersey Racing Pigeon Club.

In his late years he carved wooden duck with his brother Sam. His grandsons would visit and find him watching old western reruns very loudly.

In February 2019, Fred suffered from heart failure and was place on HOSPICE at the VA in Philadelphia. The care and support were so

outstanding, that he thrived and continued to live with only 10% of his heart functioning.

A private service will be held on Friday, June 5, 2020, at Adams Funeral Home and interred at the St. Joseph's RC Church. In leu of flowers, please send donations in memory of Alfred J. Grasso to The VA Hospice Unit, 3461 Civic Center Blvd, Philadelphia PA, 19104.

# Cemetery Details

**Private Interment**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dear Janeen and family, We are so sorry to hear of you dad's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. With deep sympathy.*  
*RA and HA Moore*

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**Ruthann and Harry Moore** - June 03, 2020 at 02:02 PM