



## Thomas R. Banas

December 30, 1948 - May 20, 2020

Thomas R. Banas, age 71 of King of Prussia, died on Wednesday, May 20, 2020. He was born in Norristown on Thursday December 30, 1948 son of the late Joseph Stanley and Rosemary (Hasson) Banas. He was the beloved husband of Claire (Aman) Banas for 49 years.

Tom was raised on Wilson Street in West Conshohocken, where he attended St. Gertrude Church and grade school. He was a 1967 graduate of Upper Merion High School. He courageously enlisted in the United States Army to fight and defend his country in the Vietnam War and was ever proud of his service as a combat veteran. He was employed as a laborer in Local Union 135 for twenty-seven years. A jack-of-all trades; he was always willing to help family and friends alike. He enjoyed taking trips with his lovely bride, watching the ponies, gambling, fishing, hunting, going to the gun range, working on cars with his grandsons and tackling any project that needed to be completed. Above all else; he was a family man who loved all things to do with his family.

Besides his wife, Claire, he is survived by: four daughters, Kelly Bereda, Joelle Newell, Terri Kim (Yong) and Andrea Banas (Damian Owen); a brother, John "Jack" (Joyce); a sister, Patricia Lubenetski (Gene); nine grandchildren, Thomas, Jessie, Jourey, Aidan, Kaylie, Mark, Nick, Lukas, and Jaxon; many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the graveside service with full military honors on Thursday, July 30th, 2020 at 12:45PM at Washington Crossing National Cemetery in Newtown, PA. Proper attire for such an event is business casual.

Memorial donations may be made to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) or 1-800-805-5856.

# Cemetery

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## Washington Crossing National Cemetery

830 Highland Rd  
Newtown, PA,

# Events

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**JUL 30** **Graveside Service** 12:45PM

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Washington Crossing National Cemetery  
830 Highland Rd, Newtown, PA, US

# Comments

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“ Hello Tommy. Went to Washington Crossing on Sunday. Been having so much snow it's crazy. Today's pretty sunny and Bob's been outback several times. Think of you always and Love you like you Loved me. Had a Mass on Saturday . I think of all the things we did during our 50 years together. U til we are together again all my Love



claire Banas - February 24 at 12:12 PM

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“ Tommy. Happy Valentines Day sweetie. Missing you and always think about you. Love you with all my heart always. Hugs!!



claire Banas - February 14 at 08:27 PM

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“ Well honey it's my Birthday and you not being here with me is tough to say the least. Our love was always strong you were such a wonderful husband father and pop pop. Every day was a blessing with you. All my love.



claire Banas - February 12 at 11:01 AM

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“ Tommy well we had our 50th Anniversary and of course with you not here physically but I know you were with me. I could feel your presence even more. We had a lifetime of wonderful memories because you were the best and from day 1 I knew I was in love with you. All my Love.



**claire Banas** - February 08 at 03:15 PM

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“ Missing you Dad and thinking what you would be saying about the world's current conditions. I miss listening to stories and you teasing me. Miss you so much every day. Jaxon really misses you.

**Andrea Banas** - February 03 at 04:03 PM

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“ Tommy getting close to our 50 th Anniversary. Best decision I ever made marrying you. Love you with all my heart.



**claire Banas** - January 25 at 10:28 PM

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“ Tommy you are always on my mind and in my heart. Listen to songs and reminds me of us. Our life was like a dream come true. Thomas will be 28 soon and so hard to believe that. A great Grandson on its way  
And as he gets older will hear all about you. We all think about you and pray and know that you are watching over all of us. Jaxon talks about you. Was funny how he tried to hide the remote from you. Love you honey.



claire Banas - January 17 at 04:48 PM

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“ Missing you Dad, think of you often and smile when I remember funny stuff you used to do. I will always carry you in my heart. Rest easy

Andrea Banas - January 13 at 01:44 PM

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“ This date 51 years ago was our first date. How blessed was I. You were special from our first date and such a good genuine person. I love you with all my heart we were lucky having 4 daughters and 9 Grands and can't ask for more than that. There's never enough time but God has a plan . I'm lucky that A is here with me and can't say enough about our Pup Bob. He is a trip. Until we are together again all my Love.



claire Banas - January 10 at 09:53 AM

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“ Hey Honey. Think of you always and praying. New Years Eve Jourey and Aidan Joelle and I had dinner together. Joelle spent the nights. Was remembering all the past New Years & last year at Joureys and you were having fun playing cards. Love you Tommy . 2021 is here and pray it's better than 2020 with all this Corona . Until we are together again. . All my Love.



**claire Banas** - January 01 at 09:27 AM

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“ Hi Dad, yesterday Ter and I came to visit the cemetery. It's a beautiful spot. I miss you so much, it hurts my heart. I am so thankful you are not in pain though. I hope you had a happy heavenly birthday. Today is Nye, we will be thinking of and missing you. Love always, Ann

**Andrea Banas** - December 31, 2020 at 06:34 AM

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“ Happy Heavenly Christmas Tommy. Love you so much and pray for you all the time. You were the best husband Dad and Pop Pop. We had such great times and memories. Until we are together again all my Love.

**claire Banas** - December 25, 2020 at 09:24 PM

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“ Tommy. You are always on my mind and in my heart. Love you so much. Prayers for you and the rest of the family. We were blessed . Until we are together. All my love. Love



**claire Banas** - December 20, 2020 at 07:16 AM



“ Kelly Bereda lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Banas



**Kelly Bereda** - December 20, 2020 at 04:21 AM

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“ Hey Dad, Christmas approaching and thinking about you a lot. Missing you every day. I hope you are at peace. Will never stop thinking of you. Love always

**Andrea Banas** - December 19, 2020 at 08:54 AM

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“ Tommy. Thinking about you as usual. Watched mass this morning the channel we always watched. Amy and Andrea stopping by tomorrow . Loving you so much like you loved me. Prayers everyday.



**claure Banas** - December 07, 2020 at 11:34 AM

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“ Happy Heavenly Thanksgiving! We all miss you so much and love you , It was a strange day you not being here. I love you with all my . Being with you was the best thing that ever happened to me. I was blessed to have such a great husband as you. Love you always and forever!



**claire banas** - November 26, 2020 at 08:24 PM

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“ Tommy. Constantly on my mind. Love you always and forever. Aidan will be home soon and Bob is getting big. Think about all the things we did together and all the places we have gone. Such great memories. Four years ago this week we were in Biloxi and looked at pictures from there the other day. Guess one of our best trips was first time to the Bahamas and always great times in Vegas with all the shows we saw and just being together. We all miss you so much because you were such a special loving person with that smile that melted my heart.



**claire banas** - November 23, 2020 at 02:10 PM

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“ Thinking of you and missing your presence. We had seafood earlier and you would have enjoyed it. Stay cool Pop. Love you forever

**Andrea Banas** - November 21, 2020 at 07:43 PM

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“ Thanks for. your service on Vetrans Day. I’m so happy we started dating six months after you came home. Best thing that ever happened to me. All my Love!!



claire Banas - November 11, 2020 at 06:09 PM

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“ Claire Banas lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Banas



claire Banas - November 03, 2020 at 06:02 PM

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“ Tommy. Thinking about you always. We had such a great life together and wonderful memories .I don’t know how the years slipped by so quickly. Approaching six months and it seems so much longer r. Bob is getting big snd mouthy. You always said Spike was the best and how true Bob is loveable I’m working on putting manners on him. I’m sure you crack up when he bugs me. You were always great and I love you so much. I just don’t know how I was so blessed to be with you all those years. I wish it could have been longer but didn’t want you suffering any more and now God is looking after you. Always and Forever I’ll love you.

claire Banas - November 03, 2020 at 06:01 PM

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“ Dad I miss you so much, I listen to voice messages to not forget how you sound. What a great laugh you had. I wish I could just sit with you. Your presence is sorely missed, daily by all of us. Mom is being so strong. Jaxon talks about you a lot, he wishes he had more time with you. I know you are watching over us. Love you always

**Andrea E Banas** - November 02, 2020 at 03:02 PM

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“ Andrea E Banas lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Banas



**Andrea E Banas** - November 02, 2020 at 03:00 PM

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“ Tommy thinking about all the great years we had together. Our daughters grandchildren. All the vacations we enjoyed . Your smile and voice were magic for me. Love you with all my heart. You were such a good man that's what makes it so difficult that you are not here in person with Me. Love you sweetie and praying every day until we are together again.



**claire Banas** - October 29, 2020 at 07:49 AM

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“ Missing you today Dad, so many questions to ask you with this house of Jessie’s. You were our go to with everything because you knew about everything or would figure out possibilities that could work. Thinking about the upcoming Halloween gathering and how funny you were with Mom last year in your “Coneheads”. Gone from us, but never ever forgotten.

**Kelly Bereda** - October 28, 2020 at 05:32 AM

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“ Tommy it’s been five months since God has taken. You. Thank God you are not suffering. I talk to you daily and remember all the wonderful years we had together. You were the best. Love you with all my heart until we are together again. Love



**claire Banas** - October 20, 2020 at 07:09 AM

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“ Timmy this time last year we were celebrating Aidan’s birthday that he couldn’t make. Tough month your Mom mine and my Grandmother. I know they’r all watching you along with your dad and mine. I don’t know how I was so blessed to have you in my life for so long but never long enough. I think of you all the time and you’re in my heart until we get together again.

**claire Banas** - October 05, 2020 at 10:50 AM



“ Can’t even type correctly calling u Timmy.

**claire Banas** - October 05, 2020 at 10:52 AM



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**Kelly** - October 09, 2020 at 05:51 PM

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“ I can't express how much I miss you, my heart hurts. Keep looking after all of us, we love you always. Never forgotten, Dad. Love, Bud



**Andrea Banas** - October 04, 2020 at 11:28 PM

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“ Missing you Baby. Watching basketball and listening to songs Our wedding Song with the righteous brothers . Look after all of us and I'm praying for you every day. Your pup Bob is keeping me busy . He was looking at your Army picture the other day laying in front of it. Love you Tommy.



**claire Banas** - September 25, 2020 at 10:58 PM

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“ Missing you Tommy. It was 50 years Sept 18 1970 you surprised me with my beautiful diamond. Remember none of our Family was home early that night for me to show it off. So many years ago. We had many great memories .Love you so much.



**claire Banas** - September 21, 2020 at 08:10 AM



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**Kelly** - September 23, 2020 at 01:51 PM

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“ Dad we miss you so much. Please continue to watch over us, especially Mom. Love always



**Andrea Banas** - September 17, 2020 at 08:23 PM

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“ Tommy Miss you so much. You not being here at my side is just not the same. Praying and thinking of you constantly. Loved so much.



**claire Banas** - September 14, 2020 at 08:22 AM

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“ Tommy. First Labor Day with you not with all of us. Will never be the same. Thank God for the years we had together. You were the best and could light up a room with the best smile. Love you so much.



**claire Banas** - September 07, 2020 at 02:14 PM

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“ Miss you here with all of us. Life is just not the same. I know you are at peace so I'm thankful but wish I could talk to you. Rest easy Dad



**Andrea Banas** - September 04, 2020 at 07:16 AM

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“ Tommy watching the Kentucky Derby will never be the same with you not with me. I miss you so much and my heart is broken with you not here. Love You so much. Praying every day.



**claire Banas** - September 03, 2020 at 08:11 AM

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“ Tommy  
I miss your voice your smile your hugs your jokes.  
I miss how you made me feel.  
I love you with all my



**claire Banas** - August 25, 2020 at 12:46 PM

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“ Missing you so much Dad



**Andrea Banas** - August 23, 2020 at 08:47 AM

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“ Today we can lay you to rest properly Dad, just like you deserve. I know it will be a beautiful service and you will be there with us all. Gone to a better place but never forgotten. Love you beyond measure and miss you every day. Rest in Paradise.

**Andrea Banas** - July 30, 2020 at 07:03 AM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas R. Banas.



July 29, 2020 at 07:05 AM

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“ Still can't believe you're not here, we'll take care of your girl and your baby boy Bob.  
Love you always Dad



**Kelly Bereda** - July 25, 2020 at 11:17 PM



“ Hugs

**Andrea Banas** - July 29, 2020 at 08:22 AM

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“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas R. Banas.



July 23, 2020 at 06:48 PM

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“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Thomas R. Banas.



July 14, 2020 at 01:27 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas R. Banas.



July 09, 2020 at 07:23 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas R. Banas.



July 08, 2020 at 07:17 PM

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“ Thinking of you and missing you Dad. Rest in Paradise, Love you



**Andrea Banas** - July 06, 2020 at 09:32 PM

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“ Oldie and a goodie. Love you Dad

Miss you always



**Andrea Banas** - June 17, 2020 at 04:54 PM



“ Crawford Hill. Lots of great times.

**claire Banas** - June 18, 2020 at 07:09 AM



“ Sorry I did not get to know you better on a personal basis; however, I know what an awesome, devoted, loving husband, father, grandfather and uncle you were. Your legacy is long and beautiful. You will be missed by all but your love and spirit remains. Rest easy, Tom Banas.

**Donna** - July 28, 2020 at 05:04 PM

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“ Missing you Dad



**Andrea Banas** - June 08, 2020 at 06:53 PM

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“ Awesome guy. Was a huge influence in my life in the short time I new him. He taught me so many things and treated me like a son. Sorry to the whole family for your loss.

chrismelnick - June 07, 2020 at 06:04 AM



“ Thank you Chris.

claire Banas - June 07, 2020 at 07:21 PM



“ Wow, beautiful post. Hope you are well Chris. He will be truly missed

Andrea Banas - June 07, 2020 at 07:31 PM



“ Thanks for the kind words Chris. Much appreciated.

Joelle - June 07, 2020 at 07:46 PM



“ Thanks Chris!!

Kelly - June 29, 2020 at 03:51 PM



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Andrea Banas - June 02, 2020 at 07:25 AM



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Some more great memories with our best guy Love and miss you every day



Andrea Banas - June 01, 2020 at 03:16 PM



“ Great guy right here! Treated me like a son! RIP! Tom you will be truly missed!



**Damian Owen** - May 28, 2020 at 10:15 AM



“ He sure did love you like a son :)

**Andrea E Banas** - May 28, 2020 at 02:15 PM



“ D was a favorite for sure!

**Kelly** - May 30, 2020 at 08:46 PM

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“ Always a good time with this guy. Lots of great memories. Tom, you will truly be missed! We love you and the entire Banas family. Forever in our hearts!



**Phyllis Dean** - May 26, 2020 at 05:45 PM

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**Andrea Banas** - May 25, 2020 at 11:53 PM

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“ Many beautiful memories, always a proud family man who could do it all.



**Andrea Banas** - May 25, 2020 at 11:48 PM



“ So sorry to hear about you lost I know to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord!

**deborah hazel** - May 27, 2020 at 09:52 PM

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“ Andrea Banas lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Banas



**Andrea Banas** - May 25, 2020 at 11:46 PM

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“ Dad you were always the best, there won't be a day I won't think of you. You were always there no matter what. You always had a smile on and those beautiful green eyes, I will hold you in my heart forever until we meet again. Rest in Paradise, Love your Bud

**Andrea Banas** - May 25, 2020 at 11:45 PM

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“ Going to miss my brother I did get to work together with him for about 13 yrs at CMC Eng I really enjoyed it and all the Saturday dinners at our house when he had his mountain house I knew when the truck got backed in we were going to have a couple and when the boys can over Texas holdin was coming out Tom you are going to be missed you were a great family man

**Jack Banas** - May 25, 2020 at 05:20 PM



“ Lots of great memories!

**claire Banas** - May 26, 2020 at 06:04 AM



“ A very friendly man who made you feel like you were one of the family the minute you met him.

**Brandon Thomas** - May 27, 2020 at 06:04 AM

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“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



**Pat Lubenetski** - May 25, 2020 at 02:30 PM

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“ Tom was always happiest when surrounded by his family. We were lucky enough to be included at some of the family events. He also didn't mind a good game of LCR with a few dollars being passed his way. Much love from the Millers.



**The Millers** - May 24, 2020 at 09:18 PM

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“ Love you Poppy



Kaylie Bereda - May 24, 2020 at 11:40 AM

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“ My dad always loved all the dogs. This was always a favorite picture.



Terri Kim - May 24, 2020 at 07:08 AM



“ Over Thomas house on the porch with Claire and Dunkin!

claire Banas - August 30, 2020 at 10:27 AM

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“ Family Over Everything.



Lukas Kim - May 23, 2020 at 11:08 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tom Banas - May 23, 2020 at 09:06 PM

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“ Great day with my two favorite people.



Tom Banas - May 23, 2020 at 09:01 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Kelly Bereda - May 23, 2020 at 07:07 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Kelly Bereda** - May 23, 2020 at 12:23 PM



“ Mark Bradley's surprise 70 th Birthday. So happy we were there. Mark a friend of Tom's forever and our former neighbor on Crawford Hill.

**claire Banas** - June 16, 2020 at 08:07 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss.

**Bob Heitzman** - May 23, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ Thanks Bob.

**claire Banas** - May 30, 2020 at 09:25 PM

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“ Had the best weekends with Tom and Claire at their mountain home and Connecticut playing bingo. The world is forever changed

**Mary Ragan** - May 23, 2020 at 10:40 AM

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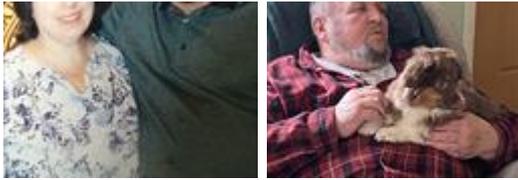
“ So Sorry for your Loss

**Donna** - May 23, 2020 at 09:27 AM

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**Kelly Bereda** - May 23, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ Dad with his love of his life Mom and Sad with his newest addition Bob.

**Kelly** - May 23, 2020 at 09:14 AM



“ Dad, not sad (damn auto correct)

**Kelly** - May 23, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss. My prayers are with everyone.

**Bette & Bob Pasquarello** - May 23, 2020 at 01:10 PM



“ Claire so sorry for your loss my prayers are with you and your family

**Irene Wilson** - May 23, 2020 at 02:36 PM



“ Claire so sorry for your loss!

**cathy caniglia** - May 24, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ Claire, my heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family. I hope you find comfort in your many years of beautiful memories. May he rest in eternal peace.

**Duane Lobb Menago** - July 08, 2020 at 04:09 PM