



Mr. Anthony "Tony" W. Lison

October 16, 1946 - June 27, 2021

The world became a little quieter on 27 June 2021 with the passing of Tony W. Lison. Tony earned the nickname "Talking Tony" as he always had a story, a joke, or advice to offer. Tony was born on 16 October 1946 to the late Donald and Myrtle (Van Den Langenberg) Lison. Tony and his three brothers, Don, Mike, and Andy grew up in Duck Creek, WI doing what boys do best, terrorizing their mom with regular injuries, becoming entrepreneurs by purchasing and raising chicks, biking, and fishing. Tony spent his middle school years in seminary at the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Belleville, IL. Tony would share stories of how he was sent to the lake to contemplate, how he helped defend the campus from rioters, and his adept skills around crafting rosaries. Tony determined that the seminary was not for him and returned home until his next life adventure, joining the Air Force. Tony wanted to escape the cold and volunteered to train as a dog handler in hopes of being sent to Viet Nam as the climate suited him better. He got his wish! After leaving the Air Force, Tony went on to several different jobs until he settled with the Green Bay Fire Department. Tony served as a firefighter, paramedic, and fire inspector. Tony had found his calling and his true gifts really shone through. There were calls that were harrowing, life-giving, and the experiences so varied. He would tell you he could stick an IV anywhere, any time! Tony oversaw the Lambeau Field renovation, worked with the ATF, Secret Service, and investigated countless fires. Upon retirement in 2005 he spent time developing his personal chef business, Ciao! and he also paired wine and food for Festival Foods. He volunteered with Catholic Charities as a chef for those assisting with the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. Tony's greatest passion was to travel and he visited cities and countries and he golfed throughout the world. Tony was preceded in death by his beloved son Aaron and is survived by his seven children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Tony's passing leaves a huge emptiness for those he left behind. He will always be loved and hold a special place in our hearts.

"Remember me with smiles and laughter, for that is how I will remember you all. If you can only remember me with tears, then don't remember me at all."

In accordance with Tony's wishes Private Services will be held for the immediate family.

Comments



“ Tony was a great guy. Always a kind word.

Keith Selissen - July 08 at 10:50 AM



“ Thanks Keith. Tony loved his time with GBFD and being with his fellow firefighters.

Bobbie - July 14 at 10:18 PM



“ Tony was a special person with a big heart and a great sense of humor. WE served together in Viet Nam, he was a great friend. I'm so glad we were able to reunite at the VDHA reunion in Branson. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.
Peace,
John VanSande

John VanSande - July 07 at 12:03 PM



“ Thank you John. Time spent with you and Kathy bring back many happy memories.

Bobbie - July 14 at 10:18 PM



“ Always loved seeing Tony for our Monday noons! I'm honored to have been able to share a few moments with him

Al K. - July 06 at 06:29 PM



“ Thanks Al. Tony always spoke very highly of you.

Bobbie - July 14 at 10:19 PM



“ Farewell my friend! Best Wishes to the Lison family! Tim Siebers

Tim Siebers - July 06 at 05:44 PM



“ Thanks Tim.

Bobbie - July 14 at 10:19 PM



“ Tony will be missed. He diverted a lot of attention away from me just by being himself. We had such a fun crew at Station 6 when he was there. He also made quite a speech at my wedding that we still talk about today. Thanks for the memories Tony.....

April Kocken Retired GBFD

April M Kocken - July 06 at 11:55 AM



“ Thanks April. Tony always spoke highly of you.

Bobbie - July 14 at 10:20 PM



“ Condolences from all the retired Green Bay Fire Fighters. He was a memorable guy, with many stories. Many , many stories!!! Pete Sponholtz

Pete Sponholtz - July 06 at 09:47 AM



“ Thank you Pete. Truly a story teller until the end.

Bobbie - July 14 at 10:21 PM



“ I am Tony’s youngest brother, we weren’t to close, but never shared a bitter word for each other, or hung out together. We both tried at times but it wasn’t to be. I always respected his service for our Country and like myself, his many trials and triumphs in his life. He helped many people through numerous volunteer activities that he did and took nor wanted any credit for. I am sorry to say I heard of Tony being in the nursing home indirectly which I am just as much to blame for. I know he was thankful that I visited him and when I asked if I should visit again He said yes. Although we we not close, I will miss knowing he is on this earth, but I also know he is with God, family and friends in heaven
God Bless brother and R.I.P.
I know he made the earth a better place while he was here.

Andrew Lison - July 05 at 04:03 PM



“ What a great guy. It was a pleasure and honor to serve with him in VietNam as dog handlers

Tom Barber

Tom Barber - July 04 at 10:52 AM



“ Thanks Tom. Tony always spoke highly of you.

Bobbie - July 14 at 10:29 PM



“ It was an honor to serve with Tony in Vietnam. K9 handlers are an interesting breed, and to say Tony was interesting is a major understatement. He was always there when we needed him most. We met when we thought we were young and invincible, We say farewell to our brother knowing that we are better men because we knew him. He may have departed this earth, but he will never leave our hearts.

Carl Adams - July 03 at 07:37 PM



“ Thank you, Carl. Your words are touching and mean much to Tony’s family.
Rachel Schmidt (Tony’s daughter)

Rachel Schmidt - July 05 at 01:36 PM



“ Carl: please know how much Tony loved you and Linda. You were incredibly important in his life. Thank you for your gifts of friendship, care, and concern.

Bobbie - July 14 at 10:31 PM



“ Tony and I served in Vietnam together as sentry dog handlers. He certainly was one of a kind. his wit and sense of humor kept everyone's spirits up and there was never a dull moment with him around. We will miss him at our reunions for sure. RIP, Brother.

Ken (Snakeman) Eggleston

Ken Eggleston - July 03 at 03:33 PM



“ Thank you, Ken. My siblings and I appreciate the kind sentiments.

Rachel Schmidt

Rachel Schmidt - July 05 at 01:37 PM



“ Ken, so many memories and so many stories. You were truly an important part of Tony's life. Thank you.

Bobbie - July 14 at 10:32 PM



“ Tony was one of a kind. I met him at the National Fire Academy 22 years ago, since then he stood up with me at my wedding in 2004, he and Bobbi went to Hawaii with us, and he, his brother and I went to North Carolina on a fishing trip, amongst other visits at our homes. With our sincere condolences Bob and Paula Dunn

Bob Dunn - July 03 at 12:14 PM



“ As Tony would say, Ghandi my son... please know how much Tony loved you and Paula and how much we valued your friendship. So many happy memories and wonderful experiences. We are eternally grateful.

Bobbie - July 14 at 10:34 PM



“ Sue and I send our sincere condolences over the passing of a good friend. Our thoughts are with Bobbi and his family.
Larry & Sue Wilson

Larry Wilson - July 01 at 11:37 AM



“ Larry and Sue, thank you for always being there. You truly are family and the love and care you shared will never be forgotten. Many thanks...

Bobbie - July 14 at 10:36 PM



“ Condolences to Bobbie & the rest of Tony's family. Prayers & Best Wishes on your healing journey!

Tim Siebers - June 30 at 12:07 PM



“ With gratitude for your support and advice over the difficult years. You were truly admired and will always hold a special place in both Tony and my hearts.

Bobbie - July 06 at 07:46 PM



“ Bobbie and family... so very sorry for your loss... from a fellow “nooner” ...
Theresa D.

Theresa D. - July 07 at 11:46 AM



“ Thank you Theresa.

Bobbie - July 14 at 10:16 PM