

BRIAN RAYMOND TARASI



Honorary Trooper Joshua N. Bourassa, 20, of New Milford, PA, completed his duty on earth, and was called home to be with the Lord on September 4, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Josh is the beloved son of Nicholas and Rebecca Bourassa. Besides his parents, Joshua is survived by his siblings, Alyssa (Colvin) and Stanley (lonely because Josh stole my ladies); claimed siblings, Austin Orr, Matthew

and Delaney Branham; maternal grandparents, Stanley and Lisa Wojtkowski; paternal grandparents, Roger and Romona Bourassa; great-grandmother, Doris Phillips; numerous cousins, aunts, and uncles; including Rachel Wojtkowski, Stanley (Missy) Wojtkowski, and Kevin Jacobs. Josh leaves behind his "Beautiful Abby" Smith, his fiancée and the love of his life ("sorry ladies"). He was predeceased by a brother, Nicholas Bourassa Jr.; and his great-grandfather, John Phillips.

Joshua graduated from Blue Ridge High School in 2022. He enjoyed Uno, Monopoly, Disney Cars, tea parties, movie nights, singing country and gospel music, and dancing. Josh had a passion for law enforcement. He wanted to become a motorcycle police officer. He often served his family members tickets, which they paid. Josh took pleasure in catching a person red handed, and seeing officers working hard at taking criminals off the streets. He was surrounded by the law enforcement community and appreciated their constant support, both at home, and in Pittsburgh at the children's hospital. No doctor or nurse treating him was exempt from ticketing or arrest.

Josh dreamed of being a devoted husband and father. Josh was selfless, and truly loved others. He carried a Heavenly light with him. His ready smile, sense of humor, and laughter drew others to him. Josh lived his life in gratitude, and looked at the beauty, joy, and the blessing of being alive. He cared more about comforting and caring for others than anything else. He left an impact on everyone who had the privilege of meeting him. His story is not over. This is not the end. Trooper Joshua N. Bourassa, your tour on earth may have ended, however, your duty in Heaven has just begun. "We'll take it from here."

The memorial service will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 15, 2024, at the Blue Ridge School District Auditorium. Friends may greet the family at the school prior to the service from 1-4 p.m. Memorial contributions in his memory may be sent to Trooper Josh's Fund c/o. Peoples Security Bank and Trust, 25109 SR 11, Hallstead, PA 18822 or via Venmo: @Trooper Joshs-Fund.

"Rest easy, we will take it from here Trooper Josh."

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