



## Mr. Donald M. Milinazzo

August 23, 1952 - July 2, 2020

Donald “Fachi” Milinazzo

Lowell Firefighter

Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother

CHELMSFORD----Donald “Fachi” Milinazzo, 67, of Chelmsford, MA, died unexpectedly on Thursday, July 2, 2020. Beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, Don served the city of Lowell as a firefighter for 32 years.

Son of the late Dominic and Eileen (Richardson) Milinazzo, Don was born in Lowell, MA on August 23, 1952. He was raised and educated in Lowell where he continued to live for over 30 years. Don’s whole life centered on his family and the Fire Department, where he began his career on Engine 4 in 1988. He was assigned to various stations throughout the city over the years but spent the majority of his tenure downtown at the Civic Center on Ladder 3, “the big stick,” where he started as tiller driver until taking over as driver in 2003—a role he would continue until retiring in 2015.

Honored with the department’s “Medal of Valor” in 2011 for his heroic efforts and expert ladder maneuvering through live power lines to rescue residents from a 4-alarm fire, Don would never discuss the recognition without crediting his fellow firefighters’ for their valor that night. He was a good, proud firefighter and the brotherhood meant everything to him.

With a love of adventure and laughs, Don spent winters on skies and

summers on his motorcycle--often alongside his in-laws and fellow LFD brothers---and all the time in between with his family and two granddaughters. Beloved husband to Brenda (Lamarre) Milinazzo with whom he shared a loving, dedicated marriage for over 48 years, and dad to son, Jeffrey Milinazzo and daughter, Amy Milinazzo and her husband James Brophy--his favorite title was "Grampa," which he was adoringly called by his two granddaughters, Sydney Jane and Coby Jane Brophy, of Lowell. Don played daytime caretaker to his granddaughters from the day each was born; they were 'three peas in a pod,' and loved each other dearly.

Though not the oldest of his 11 siblings, Don often played "big brother" to his brothers and sisters, Linda Milinazzo (Goyette) of Lowell, Lawrence Milinazzo and wife Jeanne of Tewksbury; Luann Fitzpatrick and husband Charles of Lowell; Cindy Barnes of Derry, NH; Susan Borrelli of Lowell; Dominic Milinazzo and wife Karen of Pepperell; Daniel Milinazzo and his wife Brenda of Dracut; and Lisa Milinazzo of Dracut, whom all survive him. Don was predeceased by his brothers David and Robert "Dino" Milinazzo and sister, Joann Milinazzo.

"Uncle Donnie" also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

Don created a lifetime of memories with those he loved and his time with them was cut far too short. He will be forever missed.

Due to Covid restrictions, Don's wake and Funeral Mass will be private; those attending will be required to wear masks and socially distance. Extended friends, family and firefighters are invited to attend a short service graveside at Lowell Cemetery on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 11:45 AM; attendees are required to wear masks.

ARRANGEMENTS BY THE  
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# Cemetery Details

## Lowell Cemetery

Lawrence Street  
Lowell, MA 01852  
<http://www.lowellcemetery.com>

# Previous Events

## Cemetery Committal Prayers and Lowell Fire Department Honors

JUL 13. 11:45 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Donald M. Milinazzo*

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January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Donny's passing our condolences to his family.  
We went to school together  
Gary & Diana Gagnon*

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**Gary Gagnon** - July 17, 2020 at 06:35 PM



“ *Donnie,*

*I Miss you  
I Love you...Always did, Always will  
My Big Brother  
The Firefighter  
The Family Rock, The Hero  
That makes us PROUD.*

*Love you ,Forever  
Cindy💔💔*

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**Cindy** - July 12, 2020 at 05:31 PM

JM

“ *Brenda and family,  
Sorry to hear that my favorite firefighter and  
cousin past away so suddenly. I guess God  
need his best firefighter and awesome person  
by his side. I will miss him. My thoughts and  
hugs are with you all.*  
*Joan (Parrington) Marais*



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**Joan Marais** - July 12, 2020 at 02:53 PM

TC

“ *Tanya Cruz lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Donald M. Milinazzo*



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**Tanya Cruz** - July 12, 2020 at 12:27 PM

TC

“ *To the Milinazzo Family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. May all the special memories you have  
keep your hearts full. What a great man and what a beautiful family  
he has. God Bless you all during this difficult time.*

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**Tanya Cruz** - July 12, 2020 at 12:27 PM

AP

“ *Dear Brenda, Shocking to hear of Donnies sudden passing. Hope  
you and your family's doing well. With condolences, Al Parrington*

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**Albert Parrington** - July 12, 2020 at 11:01 AM

JC

“ *JoAnn Anderson Calhoun lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald M. Milinazzo*



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**JoAnn Anderson Calhoun** - July 10, 2020 at 07:37 PM

JC

*To the Milinazzo Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Don and my brother were good friends and worked on the fire department together. My thoughts and prayers are with you may God give your family the strength to get through this difficult time. Heaven gained another special angel. Don may you rest in peace God bless.*

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**JoAnn Anderson Calhoun** - July 10, 2020 at 07:45 PM

DB

“ *Don was a great guy and wonderful neighbor. He will definitely be missed by many of us in the area. Our deepest condolences to Brenda and the rest of the family.*

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**Dorothy Boisvert** - July 10, 2020 at 10:13 AM

WJ

“ *Donnie was like a brother to me and he was the best Grampa to Sydney and Coby. They always lit up when he entered the room and I'm sure they will miss him forever. He had 2 great kids and an awesome wife, he was a very blessed man. Although the pain is deep now, I pray the family finds comfort in the memories. I will never again hear a motorcycle pass by my house without thinking of Donnie and the Lamarre Christmas carol will feel sad this year without the first of the "three guys named Donnie". Hugs and kisses to you from us Donnie, I know you can feel the love.*

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**Wanda & Don Jackson** - July 10, 2020 at 09:52 AM

JN

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to Brenda and her family. I'm so sorry for your loss.

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**Jeanne Norton** - July 10, 2020 at 08:58 AM

JE

“ Brenda, Jeff, Amy, Sydney, Coby, and Siblings, My heartfelt condolences to all. Donnie served his family and community in a very strong manner, he will be sorely missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Our world would be a much better place if we had more Don Milinazzo's in it. RIP Donnie knowing you were loved by all who had the pleasure of knowing you. John Eacrett.

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**John Eacrett** - July 10, 2020 at 08:22 AM

LH

“ We are so sorry for your family's loss hold on to your precious memories hold them close to your heart for memories can never be taken away Lisa Ann Richard Hamel Derry New Hampshire

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**Lisa and Richard Hamel** - July 10, 2020 at 06:05 AM

DL

“ So sorry to here of your loss, always enjoyed talking motorcycles with donnie. My condolenses to all the family. David lindof

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**David lindof** - July 09, 2020 at 08:47 PM

SR

“ Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Donald M. Milinazzo



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Sean & Erin Rourke - July 09, 2020 at 06:59 PM

SM

*Brenda and family, and cousins, the sadness is immense because of Donnie's death and we grieve with you. Donnie is gone from us, but he will not be forgotten. He touched and influenced so many lives along his path and we have been blessed to have known him. He was a standup guy, ever present in the community and at Milinazzo family gatherings. He will be greatly missed. Our heartfelt Condolences Sharon n Ken Moge and family.*

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sharon moge - July 15, 2020 at 06:14 AM