## Stephen A. Tomasetti(1952 - 2017)

QUINCY – Stephen A. Tomasetti, age 65, of Quincy, brother of John Tomasetti of Shutesbury, passed away July 15, 2017, at his home in North Quincy.

Steve and his twin brother Paul were the first twins born in Boston, Jan. 1, 1952, at the New England Hospital for Women and Children. Steve attended the Quincy public schools and graduated from North Quincy High School. He loved sports and played both baseball and football for North Quincy.

Steve excelled in baseball and at age 17 was informed by the then world champion Oakland Athletics that he would be selected in their next draft. Also at age 17, Steve's twin brother Paul won his first body building title becoming Mr. New England of 1969.

Steve's dream of being drafted by a major league baseball team came true when the Oakland Athletics took Steve in the free agent draft of 1970. Steve was signed by Jack Valley, an Oakland scout. He was assigned to play for the Athletics baseball club in the North West League, Coos Bay, Oregon. After his first season, Steve was severely injured in a motorcycle accident, suffering a traumatic brain injury, losing sight in one eye, and ending his dream of becoming a major league baseball player. Steve's greatest thrill in baseball was facing Oakland's great pitcher Vida Blue in an intrasquad practice game with the major league team. After striking out on three pitches, Steve then hit a home run off of Blue in his second at bat.

After his accident, Steve returned home and lived with his parents. He was hired by the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company working at their facility in Stoughton. After his parents death, Steve was able to live independently until his death at age 65.

In June 2016, Steve was inducted into the North Quincy High School Baseball Hall of Fame.

He was predeceased by his twin brother Paul and his parents Arthur and Viola Tomasetti. Surviving are two brothers, John Tomasetti of Shustesbury and Arthur Tomasetti Jr., last known residence Boston.

Donations may be made to the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts, 30 Lyman St. Suite 10, Westborough, MA 01581.

As requested by Steve, there will be no service and private burial arrangements are handled by Keohone Funeral Home, Quincy.

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