



Arthur Michael Teolis

August 1, 2020

ARTHUR MICHAEL TEOLIS, 78, passed away peacefully August 1, 2020, in his Palm Beach Gardens home after battling with ALS. He is survived by his wife of more than four decades, Joan Williams Teolis; a son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren; and a brother and two sisters.

Beginning in the 1970s, Mr. Teolis earned a national reputation as an organizer and contract negotiator for members of the airline industry, for whom he gained unprecedented benefits that reversed years of wage gaps and discrimination. Members of Silver Wings International, an organization of retired airline employees, remember him as a visionary who was not afraid to push the envelope for equality and fairness. Later in his career, he drew upon this experience to represent working people in several other industries.

Born in Providence, Rhode Island, Mr. Teolis treasured his Italian heritage and was an enthusiastic traveler who conversed easily in English, Italian, and French. He often referred to his good fortune in getting to know and help all kinds of people all over the world. After retiring in Florida, he turned his attention and ready smile to local friends and neighbors, who included members of his French class and children whom he tutored through a volunteer literacy program.

Contributions in honor of Mr. Teolis would be welcomed by the Multilingual Language Cultural Society, 550 Okeechobee Boulevard, #121, West Palm Beach, FL 33401; and Furry Friends, 100 Capital Street, Jupiter, FL 33458.

Tribute Wall



“ Arthur Michael Teolis

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ He looks exactly like a guy named Arturo Teolis in France in 1964 - 1965 when he was in the Army and I was in the Air Force. We were both stationed in Orleans, France. Arturo was fluent in Italian and French and used to visit relatives in Sicily and worked on their farm during service leaves. If this was him or his brother, please let me know. I really appreciated his friendship. Thanks Lou Fianza, 216-978-6726, fidanza2001@yahoo.com.

Lou Fianza - March 27, 2023 at 08:26 PM



I am Arthur's son Dino. I'm pretty sure that was my Dad. My Dad was in the Army and met my Mom in France. I was born in 1967. Thanks for sharing your memory. We all miss him very much.

Dino Teolis - December 17, 2023 at 04:27 PM



“ My heartfelt sympathy Joan , Dino and family, Jessie and family, Rose and family, Donnie and family. my thoughts are with you all. I know that you know how special he was to me, I will miss him terribly and love him always, ❤️❤️ cousin Patty

Patty teolis mcgrath - August 12, 2020 at 05:14 PM



“ Art was an amazing organizer and I'm honored to have the photo with him at the SWI Convention.

Mary Lou Mets-Phipps - August 10, 2020 at 10:22 AM

CL

“ *He was a fearless and successful leader during our time of need.*

Cindy Houtz Landry - August 08, 2020 at 12:07 AM

DM

“ *Brilliant negotiator, good leader and representative of our work force. Rest in peace.*

Dee M.



Dee Malmo - August 07, 2020 at 09:10 PM

ER

“ *Art was such an incredible man as he so fought for all of us at TWA - he has left us with such a legacy and will always be remembered by his TWA family. To Joan and his family I send my condolences at their loss. It was so wonderful seeing him at the Silver Wings Convention in New York . May he RIP*

e!Erica Ruitenbach Richardson - August 07, 2020 at 10:14 AM

NK

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Natacha K - August 06, 2020 at 10:45 PM

NK

“ Art, you will be missed by so many people, people who were lucky enough to meet you and to get to know you !!! Always smiling, always ready to help, always making people feel comfortable, always with a bottle of wine or prosecco in hands:) always Art !!! Our world just got smaller without You being there. all I can say, on behalf of all your French classmates and myself , is that our weekly classes will Never be same anymore, we miss you badly ...



Natacha K - August 06, 2020 at 10:43 PM

SG

Thank you for your skillful negotiations which forever elevated Flight Attendant work rules but mostly for your support, humor and friendship. Deepest Condolences to Joan, family & friends. Gone but never forgotten. Soar with our TWA Angels 🛩️🛩️🛩️❤️

Shari Graves - August 12, 2020 at 07:53 AM

DF

Thank You Art for your endless work making F/A's have a more secure and safe life in the skies. You are a figure of TWA I will never forget. You are etched in TWA history. Yes, always a friendly smile and a willingness to listen. It was a pleasure to know you. Enjoyed seeing you at the SWI Convention this past Oct. What a better place to see us all but at the TWA terminal. RIP my friend.
Diane Freeman

Diane Freeman - August 12, 2020 at 12:16 PM

DA

“ I will always remember seeing you come into carmines, you will be missed by so many. Rest in peace " Arturo" my deepest condolences to the family.

Dana - August 06, 2020 at 06:44 PM

JE

“ *Jewel lit a candle in memory of Arthur Michael Teolis*



Jewel - August 06, 2020 at 05:04 PM

JC

“ *He will be missed...he was sort of a hero to many of us. Rest In Peace Art. Condolences to his family. ❤️*

julie cundiff - August 06, 2020 at 04:49 PM

JW

“ *Art taught me to stand for fairness and fight with supervisors, managers, at the grievance hearings and eventually as a member of the System Board of Arbitration on behalf of accused and / or fired flight attendants. He awakened that social justice gene we all have and I have not been the same since. For that I am profoundly grateful. I won't forget you Art...friend and teacher. Jean Harris Wall*

JEAN HARRIS WALL - August 06, 2020 at 03:41 PM

JI

R I P ART CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS 🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸

john izzo - August 06, 2020 at 09:37 PM

PM

Certainly and simply..one of a kind. 😭

Paulette McMahon - August 06, 2020 at 10:48 PM

RV

Well what can I say.... but he took a boy of the line and made a man out of me GOD bless you brother and give him my regards

roberto e veitia - August 07, 2020 at 05:34 PM

BP

“ *Art was a great fighter for us, Fly with the angels.*

Betty Priddy - August 06, 2020 at 03:25 PM

RV

“ *A great leader, a great teacher, and a wonderful friend enjoy your well earned rest.*

May God have you in his glory

Roberto Veitia - August 06, 2020 at 02:03 PM



He was one of the biggest parts of my TWA history and such a genuinely nice guy. He will always be saluted with fond and great stories of the wonderful times we all had.

Nancee Meyer - August 07, 2020 at 04:17 PM

KB

*Rest in peace You will be missed.
Cousin Kevin*

Kevin Bell - August 07, 2020 at 09:10 PM

LF

Rest in peace cousin Butch. So sorry for your loss Joan and family.

Lori Leonardi and family - August 09, 2020 at 08:25 AM

AR

Joan, please accept our condolences on "Butch's" passing. He was like a celebrity to the Imbriaco family. We always enjoyed his easy-going manner. He was always fun to be with. I have many fond memories of him and you at your wedding and during your visits to RI.

Cousin Allen Romano & wife Lori

Allen Romano - August 10, 2020 at 04:19 PM