

Pennsylvania State Police Trooper Francis M. Tessitore E.O.W. 8/5/1960

Trooper Francis M. Tessitore made the ultimate sacrifice on August 5th, 1960. On the morning of August 5th, Trooper Tessitore was on patrol and stopped a vehicle on the Turnpike in Chester County. Trooper Tessitore was standing at the rear of the vehicle, in the process of arresting the operator for speeding, when a truck ran off the roadway. It struck both Trooper Tessitore and the stopped motorist, killing both instantly. The truck was operated by a seventeen year old boy who had fallen asleep at the wheel. He pleaded guilty to the charge of involuntary manslaughter.

Prior to enlisting in the Pennsylvania State Police, Trooper Tessitore served in the US Navy from June 21st, 1949 to March 26th, 1953. He enlisted in the Pennsylvania State Police from Nesquehoning on October 2nd, 1953, and was assigned to Troop B-2, Turnpike Patrol. Trooper Tessitore was twenty-eight years old when he made his sacrifice. He had been with the agency for nearly seven years and was survived by his wife Mrs. Louise M. Tessitore, two daughters, parents, and two brothers. Trooper Tessitore is buried in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Cemetery, New Columbia, Nesquehoning. He was survived by his wife, Mrs. Louise M. Tessitore, of New Columbus, Nesquehoning, two daughters, parents and two brothers.