



Charles A. Verenna Sr.

September 1, 1943 - February 3, 2017

Charles A. Verenna Sr., “Charlie”, age 73 of Wayne, died on Friday February 3, 2017. He was born in Easton, PA on September 1, 1943 son of the late Samuel and Gladys (Bevaqua) Verenna. He was the beloved husband of Ruth (Schenck) Verenna for 25 years.

Charlie was raised in Warren Glenn, NJ graduating from Phillipsburg High School Class of 1961. He served his country honorably in the United States Navy aboard the U.S.S. Wallace Lind (DD-703). He was the owner/operator of Verenna Buick-Oldsmobile in Quakertown. He was also employed at Tri-State Auto Auction. As a young boy Charlie’s father would take him to see the Christmas train display at Macy’s in New York, which was the beginning of his lifelong passion for model railroading. He turned his hobby into a business opening Trains R Fun in Frazer, PA. Trains R Fun was much more than a business: it served as a social hub for many of Charlie’s friends in the hobby forging many lasting friendships; it also promoted “the greatest hobby in the world” to the community allowing many fathers to share their first train set with their children on Christmas much like Charlie’s father did with him. Walking into the store you could immediately smell the aroma of model train smoke and Charlie’s cigar smoke followed by a warm welcome from Charlie himself and his beloved dog “Marcy”.

He is survived by: 3 children, Charles A. Verenna Jr., Jennifer Schutt, and Valerie Baur; 2 step children, Nicole Lyons and Todd Solomon; a brother-in-law, Tony D’Angelo; 8 grandchildren, 5 step grandchildren and 1 great step

grandchild. He was predeceased by His sister, Nancy D'Angelo.

Relatives and friends may pay respects on Saturday morning, February 11th, from 9:30-11am at the William A. Moore Funeral Home, 708 Fayette Street, Conshohocken. A service will commence in the funeral home at 11am officiated by Reverend Bradley Lacey. Interment is private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Charlie's memory may be made to: Montgomery County SPCA, 19 E. Ridge Pike, Conshohocken, PA 19428.

Previous Events

Morning Visitation

FEB 11. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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708 Fayette Street
Conshohocken, PA 19428
(610) 828-4006
<https://www.williamamoore.com/>

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Tribute Wall



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Charles A. Verenna Sr..*



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“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles A. Verenna Sr..*



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“ To the Verenna family, more than a friend, he was family. Working with Charlie for more than 15 years will miss spending time with him at the Train shop, most people don't know how special of a place it was to him. Favorite things, twice a year meeting at the York for the TCA Train meet. No one ever beat Charlie out of a Deal, he could see it across isles in a show hall long before anyone knew it was there. Happy times: returning from a meet just like a Kid at Christmas couldn't wait to open up and display new treasures for the store. He enjoyed Tinsplate Trains from bygone era, always saying going to keep this set for myself but ended up helping out someone who really wanted one many limited run sets he acquired over many years. Recognized by collectors and the community with his passion for the hobby he will be missed. Will be thinking of you anytime Standard Gauge Trains will be running on the rails. Chris Bogus

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