



Stephen M. Verica

Obituary

Stephen M. Verica, of Marlton, New Jersey, passed away peacefully with his wife Maryann by his side on April 4, 2025, at the age of 82.

Beloved husband of Maryann (nee Simon) of 46 years. Loving father of Kimberly Colando (Chris), Christopher Verica (Kathy), and Courtney Hurford (Andrew). Stepfather of Martin Rusch (Lisa) and the late Steven Rusch (Angelique). Devoted grandfather of CJ & Nicholas Colando, Skylar, Violet, & Jake Verica, Lucas and Ruby Hurford, Steven, Jessica, & Jillian Rusch, and the late Andrew Rusch. Dear great grandfather of Emeligh. He is also survived by his brother in law Robert Kelly and sister in law Diane Kelly.

Born October 9th, 1942 in Philadelphia to Michael and Violet Verica, Steve attended night school and graduated from St. Joseph's University while working his way up through Philadelphia's food distribution industry eventually starting his own USDA processing and distribution company, Kissin Fresh Meats Inc. in 1994. He would soon be joined by his son and two son in laws whom he would mentor and work alongside with for many years.

Steve was a longtime fixture in Cape May, New Jersey where he

made and maintained many friendships. He was a prolific reader as well as a lover of history and thoroughbred horse racing. His love of helping others was well known and his philanthropy supported many local and national charitable causes.

Family and friends are invited to a viewing on Thursday morning, April 10 at Holy Child Parish, St. Teresa Church in Runnemede from 10:30am to 11:45am. Funeral Mass to follow at 12noon in the Church. Interment will be held privately at the request of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Steve's memory to AJ Foundation for Autism, www.ajfoundation.org; Voorhees Rotary Dinner Club, 41 Chestnut Ave., Berlin, NJ 08009; or to a charity/church of your choice.

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