



Paul "Bucky" Erhardt III

December 27, 1939 - September 24, 2022

Paul Erhardt III, age 82, of Pike Creek, DE, passed away at home on September 24, 2022

Born in Salem, NJ on December 27, 1939, he was the son of the late Paul and Alice (Peterson) Erhardt, Jr. He grew up in Elsinboro (Salem) on the Delaware River. He lived within walking distance of Salem Country Club where, at the age of 9, his father introduced him to the game of golf. The sport would play a major role throughout his life and introduce him to a world of wonderful friends in the field of competitive amateur golf. His amateur career started in 1954 at the South Jersey Junior Championship at the age of 14 to continue through 2016 when health issues retired him from the sport. His achievements in the field of golf are too numerous to list, however; the pinnacle of his career was in 1990 when at the age of 50 he qualified to play in the PGA U.S. Senior Open at Ridgewood Country Club in Paramus, NJ. He was one of only 5 amateurs nationwide to qualify to play in the final rounds of the tournament. He always likened it to being on Fantasy Island. It seemed so surreal. Check out "YouTube" (Paul Erhardt) to listen to his 2011 Golf Association of Philadelphia interview.

Paul graduated from Pennington Prep School, Pennington, NJ in 1957 and went on to attend the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill that fall where he qualified for one of the coveted spots on the golf team as a walk-on. He left

UNC after his third year to become an Assistant Pro at Saucon Valley Country Club, Bethlehem, PA for a year only to return home to join the family business in Salem, NJ. A few years later he branched out on his own and started South Jersey Warehouse which he would eventually relocate to South Market Street in Wilmington, DE. He retired from South Jersey Warehouse in June 2000. Once retired, he revamped the original family storefront in Salem to create Market Street Treasures Antiques & Collectibles. October 2022 will mark its 22nd year in business.

Paul is survived by his loving wife of 37 years Cheryl (nee: Tomkinson), his children Paul Erhardt IV of Exeter, NH and Elizabeth T. Erhardt, Esq. of San Francisco, CA, his stepdaughter Tracey (Chris) Stegemeier and his two grandsons Jonathan and Matthew Stegemeier all of Hockessin, DE as well as his former wife Betsy (nee: Brausa) Erhardt of Stockton, CA.

Family and friends are invited to attend a visitation from 10 to 11 am followed by a Memorial Service at 11 am on Monday, October 10, 2022, at Ashcraft Funeral Homes, 740 S Broadway Pennsville, NJ 08070. Burial will be private at Salem Baptist Cemetery, York Street, Salem, NJ.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Salem Baptist Cemetery

York Street
Salem, NJ 08079

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ashcraft Funeral Home (PV)
740 S. Broadway
Pennsville, NJ 08070
(856) 299-3366
ashcraftfuneralhomes@gmail.com

Memorial Service

OCT **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We will miss and love you forever, Buck. You were a special part of our family and the most loving husband of our sister, Cheryl.

Nancy Johns - October 03, 2022 at 03:15 PM

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“ Nancy Johns and Family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Paul "Bucky" Erhardt III.



Nancy Johns and Family - October 03, 2022 at 03:01 PM

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“ Bucky was such a cool guy - with the cigar, knowledge of sports and his awesome golf game. I remember a shot he hit on the second hole of the Columbia Country Club - “Wow, he’s really good!”.

Bill McGuinness - October 01, 2022 at 08:35 PM

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“ Cheryl and Family;
My deepest condolences and sympathies.
Whenever I visited the store, I could be assured of 2 things - Bucky talking about the business climate in Salem and a story about his family. How fortunate I was to have known him and to have played a small part in his business life. May your memories comfort you and your family.

Kevin Danna

Kevin Danna - October 01, 2022 at 07:50 AM