



Charles D. Kulesa

December 16, 1955 - January 13, 2023

Charles D. Kulesa, of Bellmawr, passed away on Friday, January 13, 2023 at Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia. He was 67. Born in Camden, the son of the late Charles F. and Helen (nee Ryan) Kulesa.

Chuck was born in 1955 in Camden, New Jersey. Growing up in a family of Philadelphia sports fans, he spent his childhood playing football and baseball. In the neighborhood, he served as an altar boy and a paperboy. Chuck attended St. Joseph's High School and graduated in the class of 1973. A product of the great 60's and 70's, Chuck developed a fantastic ear for music as well as an artistic eye. He expressed this through drafting, photography and singing very loudly in the car.

Chuck and his former spouse welcomed their first child in 1976 and their second shortly after. It was around this time that he began his career at Amtrak. The son of a railroad man, Chuck too developed a passion for the rails. Working at Amtrak fueled his passion and trains became the centerpiece of a lot of his art. Chuck worked on the tracks for over 30 years. Once retired, he turned his focus on enjoying life and giving back. He was a regular at Eagles, Phillies, Flyers and Sixers games. He was co-administrator for train groups on social media. He took photos and videos of trains almost every day. Chuck took up boating and had big plans to travel across country by RV. He donated to a variety of charities and would bring food to the homeless regularly.

Chuck battled colon cancer on and off for over 10 years. His love for life, adventure and his dogs gave him the drive he needed to keep going. He made an impression on every person he met. His kindness and heart will truly be missed by those who loved him.

He is survived by his children, Kimberly and Justin (Kyla) Kulesa; former spouse, Bonnie Kulesa; sisters, Charleen (Robert) Orzechowski and Diane Kulesa; numerous nieces and nephews; and his beloved dogs, Angel and Junior.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his viewing on Friday, January 20 from 10-12 PM at Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mt. Holly. Funeral services will be held at 12 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Charles' memory to the Colon Cancer Coalition (<https://coloncancercoalition.org/donate/>) and the ASPCA (www.asPCA.org)

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 20. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels
438 High St.
Mount Holly, NJ 08060
(609) 267-0399

Funeral Service

JAN 20. 12:00 PM (ET)

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438 High Street
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060
(609) 267-0399
info@perinchief.com
<http://www.perinchief.com>

Tribute Wall

AJ

“ My most deepest heartfelt condolences go out to the Whole Kulesa Family in this big time of loss, 🙏. May He Forever-R.I.P. 🙏.

Anthony Jennetta - January 20, 2023 at 02:23 AM

VD

“ My gregarious, loving, and loyal Cousin these are just a few words to describe you. All who loved you you will miss you so. Kim and Justin, may the sweet memories of your Dad bring you comfort and a smile.

Sincerely, Cousin Ginger

Virginia (Ginger) DiGialleonardo - January 19, 2023 at 11:37 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles D. Kulesa.



January 18, 2023 at 09:28 PM

EF

“ Cousin "Chuckie"...So many memories. Sincerest sympathy to the Kulesa family.

Eileen Froeder and family

Eileen Froeder - January 18, 2023 at 05:02 PM

BS

“ *Such a great RR Pal ! Shared and helped us all to understand his love of the P-RSL..... Bill Strassner*

Bill Strassner - January 17, 2023 at 07:23 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Charles D. Kulesa.*



January 17, 2023 at 11:48 AM

JP

“ *Chuck.....mans man, professional railroader.....R.I.P. Peters Family*

john peters - January 16, 2023 at 08:36 PM

JS

I only met Chuck in person one time. It was so nice to talk with a friend I'd only known online, if only briefly. He was a living textbook of PRSL history for so many of us and I so enjoyed his contributions to the discussions which only railfans could fully appreciate. Rest in peace brother.

John D. Stone - January 19, 2023 at 09:36 PM