



Russell A. Franks

October 10, 1947 - April 7, 2025

Russell A. Franks, of Browns Mills, passed away on Monday, April 7, 2025 at Virtua Memorial Hospital, Mt. Holly. He was 77. Born in Philadelphia, PA; the son of the late Bruce R. and Eleanor (Krebs) Franks.

Russell served in the US Air Force for several years. He was a longtime supervisor at Mount Laurel MUA. He was a member of American Legion Eden-Stanley Post 294 in Pemberton.

He is survived by his sisters, Deborah Paul (Alan) and Stephanie Feeney (Thomas); niece, Christine Smiley (Tom); nephews, Ryan Feeney (Sherri), Craig Feeney (Elisa), Matthew Paul (Ana), and Mark Williams (Melissa); great-nieces, Emma, Caitlyn, Ava, and Ariana; great-nephews, Kyle, Bryce, Conor, Aiden, Logan, and Mason. He is predeceased by his longtime partner, Jeffrey Williams.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his visitation on Wednesday, April 23rd from 10-11 AM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 910 Marne Hwy., Hainesport, NJ 08036. A memorial service will be held at 11 AM at the church. Interment to follow at St. Paul's Cemetery's Memorial Garden. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Cemetery Details

St. Paul's Cemetery

910 Marne Highway
Hainesport, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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Memorial Service

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“ I first met Russ in the USAF in Biloxi, MS, in Tech School in September of 1968. As a fellow New Jerseyan (Irvington, Essex County) we formed a trio of trouble with yet a 3rd New Jersey guy, K.C. Kunze from Wayne, NJ. The 3 of us went to the Philippines together and then we were all sent to Crete for our final tour of duty. I moved to South Jersey and began teaching at Lenape High School. Somehow, I wound up as Russ's neighbor in Edgewater Park and for a couple of years we were on the same bowling team. After the bowling match we would go back to the Iron Gate apartments, drink some beers and watch "Barney Miller" and "Soap." Years after that I ran into him when he was working for Mt. Laurel. I've tried to reach out to him, but I couldn't find him. Rest easy, "Herman," you were a good friend at a time in our lives when friendships got us through a lot of long days chasing Morse Code. To his sisters: we were on the same "shift" in the P.I. and our barracks were "open bay." He proudly displayed each of his 2 sisters in separate photos for all the world to see. Before we left for the P.I., I had to drive down to McGuire AFB to get inoculated and I stopped by Suburban Blvd. for a visit. First time I was even in Burlington County, where I wound up living (mostly in Westampton) for the next 40 years. Now in Philadelphia. Arthur (Artie) Sharon arsharon67@gmail.com. May we all treasure his memory.

Arthur Sharon - September 23, 2025 at 09:12 AM