



Russell R. Shemelia

October 10, 1946 - October 26, 2018

Russell R. Shemelia, of Pemberton, passed away on Friday, October 26, 2018 at Deborah Heart and Lung Center in Browns Mills surrounded by his family. He was 72. He was born in Mount Holly; the son of the late John and Doris Shemelia.

Russell was a lifetime member of the Goodwill Fire Company and the President of the Firemen's Relief Association. In addition to family, some of his greatest LOVES were of the Washington Redskins and cruising with his favorite music in his 1963 Chevy Impala. He always enjoyed donating time to play Santa since the holidays were so special to him. He enjoyed camping and campfires in Lancaster and surf fishing at Island Beach Park.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Bonnie (nee Bozarth); daughter, Denise Shemelia; son, Pete (Michelle) Shemelia; grandchildren, Desiree Macey, John Macey, Anthony Shemelia, and Andrew Shemelia; 5 sisters and 1 brother. He is predeceased by a brother and sister.

To honor him we will celebrate his life this Friday, November 2, 2018 from 5-7 PM at the Goodwill Fire Department, 200 Hanover St., Pemberton, NJ 08068.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to the Russell Shemelia Scholarship Fund.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Goodwill Fire Department
200 Hanover Street
Pemberton, NJ 08086

Tribute Wall



“ *Russell R. Shemelia*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Russell R. Shemelia*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Mike Toohey lit a candle in memory of Russell R. Shemelia*



Mike toohey - November 02, 2018 at 02:03 PM



“ *So to hear about Russel u will be in are prayers*

Mike toohey - November 02, 2018 at 12:20 PM

KW

“ I can't express how shocked and saddened I was when I heard about Russell. I met Russ 50 years ago, and became friends, he and Bonnie were a major part of my life. A lot of the most important parts of my life they were a huge influence in. Some of the best times I had were with the two of them. My life was made better by their friendship, I am blessed to have had Russell in my life!! Rest in peace my friend, I will never forget you buddy !!

Ken, and Jeanne Worrell

Ken Worrell - October 30, 2018 at 09:11 PM

TC

“ Trudy Atkinson Cotton lit a candle in memory of Russell R. Shemelia



Trudy Atkinson cotton - October 30, 2018 at 12:07 PM

TC

I am sad to hear this about Russ. My thoughts and prayers are with your Family at this very difficult time. Nothing but great memories of you and your Family. Rest in Paradise my friend! Love Trudy Atkinson cotton and the Atkinson Family ❤️

Trudy Atkinson cotton - October 30, 2018 at 12:11 PM

PJ

The sudden unexpected death of my brother in law has made me feel lost. Three family members-wife, daughter and myself have all battled cancer while Russ kept getting in his truck and doing what he needed to do to make a living for his family. Getting Pete involved in the business recently may have been telling of his knowledge that time was catching up. I'm sure he suffered silently while his wife and daughter fought their battles with many ups and downs. He was a man with his own passions - rebuilding his car, then rebuilding it again, weekends away from the crowds spending time in his "cabin in the woods " with Bonnie and their camping friends and the love he had for his family. I have 52 years of memories and I only think of the good ones which makes it a bit easier but my heart goes out to my sister, niece, nephew and their children that have a hole in their life that will take time to fill. I wish them peace of mind, fond memories and knowing that the history of their relationship with this man helps to accept the things we can not change. Love to the man and all those he loved. Xoxo

P. J. - November 02, 2018 at 07:27 PM