



Sean M. Felkins

October 10, 1964 - April 22, 2022

Sean M. Felkins – 57, of Burlington Township, NJ ended his courageous 5-year battle with kidney cancer and passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side on Friday, April 22, 2022. Sean was born October 10, 1964 in Northridge, California. He grew up in Browns Mills, NJ and was a 1982 graduate of Pemberton Township High School.

Sean was fortunate to spend the last 30+ years doing what he truly loved – all things wrestling. A highly respected referee, he officiated at every level of competition. He was especially proud of being a 5-time State Finals Official. Sean also served as president, secretary and most recently cadet supervisor for the NJWOA – Southern Chapter. He spent countless hours in support of the Grapevine League and its annual tournament. His dedication and passion for the sport is unsurpassed. He is a legend in the wrestling community and will be remembered and missed by so many. He loved being on the mat with Brandon this past season and teaching him to carry on #523.

He also coached Burlington Township youth football for several years and followed those players through their high school careers. He rarely missed a BTHS football game and enjoyed spending time with his friends at the games.

Sean will be remembered by those who knew him for his generosity and sense of humor. He was always willing to help his friends and never hesitated

to stop and help a stranger too. Sean was a die-hard Raiders fan and also rooted for the Cincinnati Reds. He enjoyed fishing and boating. He had a talent for landscaping and helped maintain many yards in the neighborhood. Sean loved Christmas. He was well known for his light display and was all too happy to hang the lights for many of his neighbors. Sean had treats for all his favorite dogs in the neighborhood and accidentally trained them to stop at the house even if he was not home. To those who knew and loved Sean - "All Good".

Sean will be forever loved and missed by his adoring family which includes his wife of 26 years, Deborah (nee Smith) and two children, Brandon and Danielle; Dad Tom Shinn; sisters Wendy Blakeslee (Bruce) and Amy Merrill (Dean); mother-in-law Evelyn Smith, sister-in-law Michelle Smith (Anthony Semonella), brother-in-law Martin Smith (Karen), several nieces, nephews, cousins and countless friends. He was predeceased by his mother Marsha Shinn, father-in-law Bud Smith and beloved dog Chase.

Friends and relatives are invited to visit with Sean's family on Tuesday, April 26 from 4-8pm at Perinchief Chapels 438 High Street Mount Holly NJ, 08060. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 27 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Church 223 E. Union Street Burlington, NJ 08016. Interment at Laurel Hill Cemetery will follow the Mass. Please visit the funeral home website to leave an online condolence. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Fox Chase Cancer Center, online at: <https://www.foxchase.org/giving/ways-give/donate-now> or the Burlington County Animal Shelter, online at https://burlingtoncountynj.formstack.com/forms/animal_shelter_donations

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/5FXZH9ZY8F9YYH3P>

Previous Events

Viewing

APR **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

APR **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's RC Church
223 East Union Street
Burlington, NJ

Tribute Wall



“ Sean M. Felkins

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ Sean M. Felkins

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ NJWOA-Shore Chapter Wrestling Officials purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sean M. Felkins.



NJWOA-Shore Chapter Wrestling Officials - April 26, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sean M. Felkins.



April 25, 2022 at 10:47 PM

CA

“ Deb, Kellie told me about your loss. I am so sorry to hear about Sean. Even though I never met him, it sounds like he was truly a light to all who met him. Sending you hugs and strength going forward. Please know I am thinking of you all the way from MN❤️ - Cathy (Rugarber) Carr TSC/ASA

Cathy - April 25, 2022 at 10:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sean M. Felkins.



April 25, 2022 at 08:40 PM

CW

“ Coach Moody & Collingswood Wrestling purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sean M. Felkins.



Coach Moody & Collingswood Wrestling - April 25, 2022 at 08:38 PM

CM

“ Sean was one of our favorite refs to see on the mat. He was always professional, full of energy & caring towards all our kids. He will be deeply missed by the Collingswood Wrestling Family. RIP buddy.

Coach Moody - April 25, 2022 at 08:35 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Sean M. Felkins.*



April 25, 2022 at 06:08 PM



“ *Words can not explain what a wonderful man and advocate to the sport of wrestling you were. You have been an inspiration to the little ones as well as one to the coaches and communities who look after them. You will be greatly missed. Matches will never be the same without your smiling face being on the mat.*

Maple Shade Youth Wrestling - April 25, 2022 at 05:28 PM



“ *All Around Great Person. RIP My Friend.*

Benny - April 25, 2022 at 01:46 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Sean M. Felkins.*



April 25, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sean M. Felkins.*



April 25, 2022 at 09:06 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Sean M. Felkins.*



April 24, 2022 at 03:46 PM



“ *Sean, there are no words that could adequately express the void I feel since you left us. Your kindness and willingness to do anything for friend and stranger will be sorely missed. Your sense of humor, smile and positive attitude will greatly missed. You were a fixture in our neighborhood, in our community and in our hearts! Our hearts are broken! Lilo misses her Uncle Sean. She misses his attention, scratches and how much he spoiled her with too many milk bones! You will be in my prayers and in my heart forever. I'll make sure Debbie, Brandon and Danielle are cared for. There are so many people who loved you and will be there to care for your family. I'm not saying goodbye. It's just a "Until we meet again". Rest easy my friend. 💕*

Kellie Macrae - April 24, 2022 at 02:40 PM



“ *Red Rose Reverence Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Sean M. Felkins.*



April 24, 2022 at 12:51 PM



“ *The mayor of Santa Fe neighborhood. Impossible not to smile when around him. Thank you for always encouraging me. A man who prided himself on lifting others up. Blessed to have known you Sean. Thinking of the Felkins family during this incredibly difficult time.*

taylor arney - April 24, 2022 at 12:45 PM



“ *Way more than a wrestling official, Sean was an educator and champion for our sport. It seemed like Sean was at every match or tournament we would attend. He helped young children learn and get comfortable on the mat as beginners and he gave teens a fair chance to mature on the mat in front of large crowds. Always respectful, no setting was too large for his charisma, personality and professionalism. I'll miss seeing him at competitions but will never forget him. Prayers to his family and friends.*

Blayne Adams - April 24, 2022 at 10:51 AM

PP

“ *My favorite official! I am saddened to hear of your passing. You always had that smile when you saw me and always had positive words. As a coach it was always a blessing to have you officiate our matches. I knew you were fair and always gave your best. I even enjoyed confronting you when I did not agree with a call, we would both laugh and you would give me that great smile and shake your head. A great man that will truly be missed. You have left a great impact on many lives. I appreciated you being you when we would meet at wrestling events. You were a real one. A great person who truly cared about the kids. Prayers my friend for you and your family. You will be missed greatly.*

Pete Di Pol

Pete Di Pol - April 24, 2022 at 10:07 AM

JR

“ *Good bye my friend for now , your were one of a kind in a special sport of Rasslin , which can be full of not so special people (at times) but not by yourself . A true Warrior and didn't matter if you were reffing my son at 5 years old or my Team in the SJ Finals , you were always the same guy , so special !!! The world lost a Great Person way too soon . We shall meet again my friend . Love Rut , RIP Seanny Boy*

Jim Rutter - April 23, 2022 at 11:28 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sean M. Felkins.*



April 23, 2022 at 07:53 PM



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“ *Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Sean O'Brien - April 23, 2022 at 05:35 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sean M. Felkins.*



April 23, 2022 at 05:17 PM

JL

“ He was very nice guy. Spent many Saturday mornings with him at Burl Twp Grapevine Wrestling back in the late 90’s and early 2000’s when my son wrestled. Sending condolences to his family and friends. May he RIP.

Jill Lucas - April 23, 2022 at 05:14 PM

BM

“ Sean, you were one of the strongest most genuine, dog loving people we knew. The Millers sure will miss you. Thank you for all of your positive words of wisdom for Gage. We will always remember your strength. 🖤👍💛

bobbi Miller - April 23, 2022 at 02:30 PM

FL

Felk my good friend from the Southern Chapter, You welcomed me down South brother and I've made life long friends through you, all my fellow officials will miss you in AC, War @ the Shore,Etc...Always had fun and laughed whenever we worked together,Prayers to the Felkins Family,RIP #523
Frank Leitner,President NJWOA

frank leitner - April 25, 2022 at 03:45 PM