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Obituary for Charles R. Forsman



Charles R. Forsman 84, of Sewell went peacefully on Friday, February 7, 2020. Charles was affectionately known to his neighbors, friends and colleagues as Chuck, was born on March 18, 1935 to Clara and Charles Forsman of National Park, NJ. Forsman, 84 lived in Wenonah and Sewell for 50 years with his loving wife Lorrie (Dolores Eggert) of Westville.

Chuck, who retired in 1993 as Senior Technical Supervisor at Mobile Research and Development in Paulsboro, and who holds nine patents, lectured and provided training at company facilities throughout Europe. During an 18-month stint in Germany, England, Austria, France, Sweden and Italy, he taught himself German so that he could be able to teach his European counterparts in their native language.

After his retirement from Mobil he went on to work in land development, affordable housing and resource management. As Vice President of the American Affordable Housing group (AAH) he handled investment development opportunities and public relations activities. With more than 40 years diversified development engineering and management experience to his credit, Forsman's expertise in the field was an invaluable asset to AAH.

Over the last 20 years, Chuck volunteered his talent to help solve environmental and infrastructure problems in Wenonah and the surrounding area. In his town of Wenonah, he was chairman of the Planning Board, Site Planning and Architectural Review, various waste recycling committees, as well as Wenonah's Environmental Commission. He always kept the emphasis on lakes, streams and well water quality. In Gloucester County he was active in community affairs as an advisory member to Gloucester County College's Human Resource and Economic Development Center and a member of the Tri-County Water Quality Management Board assisting with the technical information for the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and Department of Environmental Protection.

Much of his passion was dedicated to the environment and quality of life in his community. He took great pride in volunteering especially in his beloved Wenonah Woods where his efforts will always be present in his design for

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dam for the lake in the conservation area, his re-build of the famous teahouse and his creation and restoration of countless trails. The historic train station refurbishment was yet another project of his! Chuck worked with attorneys and local officials to obtain permanent ownership for the Borough of Wenonah of conservation lands that make up the "Ring of Green" that surrounds the town.

In 2010 Chuck pioneered the campaign to preserve the old and abandoned golf course aside of Wenonah from its conversion into a housing development. As "The Friends of Maple Ridge" they assembled a coalition of government and private entities to secure what is now Gloucester County's first state preserve - Tall Pines State Reserve.

Chuck's most recent memorable event was becoming the Wenonah Hometown Legend which recognizes a current or former resident who "inspires legends, instills pride, and serves as a role model for the people of Wenonah".

It goes without saying ... everyone will miss his endless energy, his quick wit, and his deep love and loyalty to family and friends. If you didn't catch him as Chuckles Chuck the Clown for 30 years at the Wenonah July 4th Parade, you might find him fishing, skiing, dancing with Lorrie, playing bocce ball, driving fast cars, and of course, wearing his signature cowboy hat.

Charles Forsman is survived by his wife Lorrie, his brother, John W. Forsman (Anna), his children Jody Leigh McQuade, Mark Charles Forsman (Lynne) and Kurt Bradley Forsman (Lisa), his grandchildren, Ryan McQuade (Lauren), Sean McQuade, Morgan McQuade Moore (Joshua), Rachael Forsman, Christy Forsman Andronaco (Anthony) and Alexa Forsman and his great grandchildren, Jett Moore, Jaxx Moore and Rayce McQuade.

Family and Friends are invited to visit from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Monday, February 10, 2020 at Smith Funeral Home 47 Main Street Mantua, NJ 08051. Memorial Service will be held at 8:00 pm on Monday, February 10, 2020 at Smith Funeral Home.

Donations in Lieu of flowers can be made to DAV 20 Washington Place Newark, NJ 07101 or to Parkinson's Disease Foundation 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509 New York, NY 10018.

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