



Paul J. Vaverchak

December 28, 1935 - May 24, 2014

Paul Vaverchak, 78, born Dec. 28, 1935, in Archibald, passed peacefully at Berwick Retirement Village in Berwick, Pa on Sat, May 24th. He was the loving son of the late John and Mary Vaverchak of Upper Powderly St. in Carbondale, brother of Alice Stine, uncle to Diane and Larry Stine, of Peru, Indiana, and loving father of Adele Vaverchak of Berwick, Pa.

He was a graduate of Archibald High School, where he was a member of the business club in 1955. Young and ambitious, he was eager to start his life. He married Rita M. Rogowski of Sloan St. in Scranton in June of 1957, and worked for The Holland Furnace Co. of Scranton. He then joined the 2nd Battalion of the 109th infantry of the National Guard on Nov. 29th of that year, where he became a mortar squad leader, qualified marksman and sharpshooter. In 1958, he won a small bore rifle competition with his 2nd Battalion team. After his Honorable discharge he became a collector of guns and ammo, amassing the largest collection in the US. He went on to collect and own several businesses in antiques, coins, US Railroad locks and keys, and finally antique telephones. He had the largest collection of Railroad keys in the US. He was a self taught locksmith and received a lifetime achievement award from the Lock Collectors Association in July 2010 at the Lancaster, Pa lock show.

Memorial to be held at James Reed Funeral Home 137 Market St. Pillow, Pa.

on Sat. June 7th at 5:00 pm.

In Lieu of flowers, please make a donation in his name to the Pennsylvania SPCA at PSPCA 350 E. Erie Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19134 or www.pspca.org

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 7. 5:00 PM (ET)

James A. Reed Funeral Home
137 Market Street
PO Box 8
Pillow, PA 17080
(570) 758-4294
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Tribute Wall



“ *best friend and mentor one could have had the privilege to know. - anon*

ct - May 30, 2015 at 05:25 PM



“ *I remember Paul from years back at the Lock Collectors show in Terryville. He did such Paul a great job as an auctioneer when this annual event was held years ago. He was always so easy to talk to and a great source of information when I first became interested in this hobby - almost 40 years ago. I will miss him and I send my condolences to all those near and dear to him. Joe Przyjemski*

Loco Joe - August 12, 2014 at 02:30 PM



“ *We would like to express our sincere condolences to the family of Paul Vaverchak. Paul was an important part of our family for over 20 years. During those years he was a devoted companion to my mother, Mary, a loving grandfather to our two daughters, Tiffany and Megan and a very special friend to my husband, Kim and myself. We enjoyed many Holidays, vacations and family visits with Paul. He was a very special person in our lives and will be truly missed. Christy, Kim, Tiffany and Megan Zerby*

Christy Zerby - June 02, 2014 at 11:27 AM

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“ *Adele lit a candle in memory of Paul J. Vaverchak*



Adele - June 01, 2014 at 01:42 AM

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“ *We would like to offer our sincere condolences to the friends and family of Paul Vaverchak. Paul was a kind man that shared many family memories with us. He will be remembered fondly. May his soul rest in peace.*

Bill & Kim Troutman - May 28, 2014 at 09:57 PM