



***Samuel J Verello, Sr.***

September 11, 1938 - February 9, 2017

Resided in Columbus, NJ

## Obituary

Samuel J. Verello Sr., 78, of Columbus, NJ died on Thursday, February 9, 2017 in Naples, FL.

He was born in Brooklyn, NY. He had lived in Edison for 35 years before moving to Columbus in 2016.

He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps and worked for the US Postal Service for 34 years, retiring as Superintendent of Transportation Services for New York City.

Following his retirement, he was a founding member of with the Heart to Heart group at St. Michael's Hospital in Newark, volunteering for 20 years and eventually serving as the group's president. They provided comfort, levity, and at times comedic relief to men and women who faced open heart surgery.

An avid sports fan, he played softball competitively with the Middlesex County Senior league until his formal retirement at the end of the 2016 season. Much to the chagrin of his wife and children, he continued to attempt to slide and break up double plays until the end of the 2015 season.

He loved hunting, fishing, and traveling, especially visiting Italy for its rich history, culture, and far more importantly, food.

In the later years of his life he escaped the bitter northeast winds and spent his winters in sunny Naples, FL.

He is predeceased by his mother Grace Repole Verello, sister Dolores Verello, brothers Frank and Thomas Verello, and his loving in-laws Martin and Frances O'Brien

He is survived by his wife of 38 years Maureen O'Brien Verello, daughter Grace France (husband Daniel), sons Vincent (wife Helen), Samuel Jr. (wife Aida), Richard, and Daniel, grandchildren Danielle, Danny Boy, Alexandra, Jessica and Anthony, sister Amelia Coletti, brother-in-law Leo Coletti, and sister-in-law Mickey Verello.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 5-9 pm at the Costello-Runyon Funeral Home located at 568 Middlesex Ave. (RT 27) in Metuchen. A funeral Service will take place on Saturday at 10 am at the funeral home, followed by interment at St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation in Sam's name to the Marine Corps Heritage Fund or a charity of your choice.