



Verna L. Demel

March 29, 1963 - August 2, 2023

Obituary for Rick and Verna

With cherished memories of Richard and Verna, we memorialize them. Rick and Verna had a great love that spanned 35 years. Unfortunately, complexities of our environment, perhaps, or some other sinister thing, came to take their lives in the form of cancer. Just three years apart, we lost them.

Their lives together began in June of 1984 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. When Richard's work took him to Somerville, New Jersey in 1985, he asked Verna to go there with him.

Richard T. Moses, 58, passed away at his NJ home on Monday, February 17, 2020, following a five year battle with colon cancer. Rick was born June 5, 1961 to Eleanor and Thomas Moses. He spent his early life in Bethel Park, PA. Rick graduated from Bethel Park High School, then later from Penn State University. Upon graduation, Rick was recruited by AT&T and moved to NJ. While at AT&T Rick received his Master's Degree in Information Technology Development. Thereafter, Rick worked with other leaders in the world of IT. Rick is survived by his mother, Eleanor and brother Brad. His father, Tom, preceded him in death in January 2016.

Verna L. Demel, 60, passed away on August 02, 2023 in Pittsburgh, PA.

Verna was born in Pittsburgh March 29, 1963 to Dorothy J. and Stephen A. Demel. She was their 13th child and eighth daughter. Verna spent her early life in Pittsburgh, graduating from Carlynton Senior High School. Verna's career took the form of retail work at Hills Department Store prior to her move to NJ. In NJ, she worked for Woolworth's, eventually becoming assistant manager. Upon the store's closing, Verna went on to work at another department store before retiring at 40. Verna developed Type I diabetes at 31, and, in subsequent years, this disease had a negative impact on her health. Verna's death was due to heart failure with complications caused by chronic metabolic diabetes. She is survived by sisters Janet DeDeritis, Christie Krebs, Cindy Cavanaugh (Pat) and Darla Eisel (Mark Cholewski) and brothers Timothy and Michael in addition to many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings Donna Self, Frederick Demel, Charlene Demel, Charles Demel, Terri "Tres" Firewicz and Stephen Demel.

Throughout their lives both Verna and Rick were avid readers. Both proved to be quick wits, crossword puzzle gurus, and trivia game wizards. Verna also displayed a keen artistic creativity including as a writer of poetry. Rick was both a music and sports aficionado and hosted a well-read sports blog.

We miss them both enormously and look forward to seeing them again on the other side. Until then, may they fly high doing God's good work.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, October 25th, Noon-4:00 p.m. at the Eagles Club #76, Curtiss Hall, 853 Boggs Avenue, Pittsburgh 15211. We invite you to join us. Please RSVP your attendance to 412-341-4486.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to American Diabetes Association or the American Cancer Society.

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Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **25**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

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