



Russell C. Rhine

January 8, 2026

Russell C. Rhine, 78, of Lancaster, PA, passed away on Thursday, January 8, 2026. Born in Lancaster, he was the son of the late Merton Rhine and Anna (Harnish) Rhine.

Rusty graduated from J.P. McCaskey High School and later served in the Marine Reserves. After his service, he joined the workforce and spent more than 40 years as an equipment operator with PPL.

Rusty was an accomplished woodcarver, known for crafting decoys and custom cornhole sets. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed bowhunting and fishing. Rusty spent many enjoyable hours on his pontoon boat at Tuckahoe Acres in Delaware.

He was deeply involved in his community, coaching Little League baseball and football. He took great pride in maintaining his yard. He also loved playing cornhole and was a devoted dog lover, sharing a special bond with the many dogs he had throughout his life. He was a member of Millersville Manor VFW.

In addition to his beloved wife of 57 years, Sherilyn R. Rhine, Russell is survived by his daughter, Rebecca A. (David) Rorabaugh of Melbourne, FL; his son, Bradley R. (Jennifer) Rhine of Columbia, PA; four grandchildren, Christopher (Alexandra) Rorabaugh, Grace (Madison) Morgan, Benjamin (Gabrielle) Rorabaugh, and Jonathan Rhine; and three siblings, Sandra

Gilbert, William Rhine, and Andrew Rhine. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Russell's memory may be made to the Pennsylvania SPCA, 848 S. Prince Street, Lancaster, PA 17603.

A Celebration of Life will be held at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603, on Sunday, January 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. A visitation will take place from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ Sandy, Christopher and Brian purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Russell C. Rhine.



Sandy, Christopher and Brian - January 15 at 04:47 AM

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“ Sandy, Christopher and Brian planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Russell C. Rhine.

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“ Worked with Rusty the last 10 years or so of his PPL career. Hard worker and good leader. Learned quite a bit from him installing Underground Residential Development systems. May God grace your Family with comfort and Peace! 🙏
Shane Bleacher

Shane Bleacher - January 14 at 04:48 PM

LF

“ Rusty was my equipment operator when we worked for PPL in the early 70's up in Mount Pocono for about 6 months. He was very nice young man and well liked by the men he worked with. So sorry for your families loss. God Bless.

Lester Farmer - January 11 at 10:15 AM

SK

“ Rusty was a wonderful neighbor, friend and outstanding craftsman. He and his smile will be greatly missed. Condolences to Sheri and family. Susan Kauffman

Susan Kauffman - January 10 at 04:11 PM



So sorry to hear about Rusty, may your memories bring you comfort.

Charlene Stevens - January 10 at 04:55 PM

LW

Sheri, So sorry to hear about this!! Seems just like yesterday we were working at WGAL and now . . . life goes quickly. Please know that you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Fondly, Linda Walton

Linda Walton - January 10 at 05:27 PM

BS

Sheri, I am sorry for your lose. You and Rusty were a team. I'm sure you you shared many good memories.

Benjamin Stigelman

Benjamin Stigelman - January 13 at 09:04 PM

SG

Sheri so sorry for your loss, I loved him too. Sandy

Sandra Gilbert - January 15 at 04:56 AM