



Obituary

Born: Tuesday, January 8, 1924

Died: Saturday, February 6, 2021

Charles (Sebastino) Joseph Volpe, 97, affectionally known as Charlie, formerly of Phillipsburg, N.J., passed away peacefully at JFK Hartwyck at Cedarbrook in Plainfield, N.J. on February 6, 2021 where he was in the care of Hackensack Meridian Health Haven Hospice.

Born at his home in Phillipsburg January 8, 1924, he was the son of the late Joseph and Rose (LaVecchio) Volpe.

Charlie graduated from Phillipsburg High school in 1942 and lived in town with his family until 2018. He and his late wife, "Katie" could be seen at every home and away P'burg football game and wrestling match until 2016.

He enrolled as a member of the United States Maritime Service with the grade of Seaman Second Class in New York, N.Y. on February 13, 1943. Charlie proudly served his country until his retirement on September 4, 1945.

He was a member of St. Philip and St. James Roman Catholic Church in Phillipsburg.

Charlie retired as a supervisor from Elizabethtown Gas Company, New Village, N.J. in 1986 after a lifelong career. Upon his retirement he could be found almost daily at Oak Hill Golf Course in Milford, N.J. playing a friendly round with his buddies.

Having always been very civic-minded, Charlie was honored by the Warren County Board of Chose Freeholders as the 2001 Outstanding Senior Citizen. He was cited as "a champion of many innovations and initiatives in Warren County which benefited citizens of all ages". He was involved in the Blue Light emergency response program, the RSVP reading program, and served on the Office of Aging Advisory Council, Tri-County and Quad Legislative Committees, where he served as a delegate to the statewide planning committee.

Charlie was a founding member and legislative chairman of the Philipsburg Chapter of American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

Service Summary

Mass of Christian Burial

10:00 AM Fri Feb 12, 2021

Ss. Philip & St. James Catholic Church

426 S Main St
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Charlie served on the board of the Phillipsburg Senior Center for many years, in addition to being an active community servant on the Phillipsburg Town Council and the Phillipsburg School Board.

His wife, the former Catherine Talotta died October 16, 2018.

Surviving are a daughter, Marianne and her husband, Charles Decker, Jr. of South Plainfield, N.J. and a daughter Charlotte Rose Mertz and her daughter Autumn and son Ryan. He loved spending time with his two grandsons, Charles III (Joanna DeLauro) of Fanwood, N.J. and Cody John of Georgetown, DE. Charlie was pre-deceased by his three sisters, Catherine Reilly, Mary Yarsinsky and Josephine Wilson. We will miss you "Pop Volpe" and always carry your memory in our hearts.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Friday, Feb. 12, 2021 in St. Philip and St. James Roman Catholic Church's Mercy Hall, 430 South Main St, Phillipsburg, N.J. Burial will be in the parish cemetery in Greenwich Township, N.J.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Noto-Wynkoop Funeral Home, 289 South Main St, Phillipsburg, NJ. www.noto-wynkoop.com.

Any tributes in Charlie's memory can be made to the Alzheimer's Association <https://alzfdn.org>