



## **Stephen Ruggiero Obituary**

Stephen M. Ruggiero, Jr., 85, a longtime resident of Verona, N.J. passed away on Monday, July 8, 2024. Born in Newark, N.J., he was a resident of Verona for 54 years.

A proud veteran, Stephen served his country in the United States Navy aboard the USS Boston CAG-1.

He was an avid traveler, loved playing bocce ball and driving his Shelby Mustang. He was also an active parishioner of Our Lady of the Lake Church in Verona, N.J. Prior to retiring, he was the owner/operator of Ruggiero Landscaping in Verona for 40 years after holding the position of VP of Finance for First Fidelity in Montclair, NJ.

Beloved husband of the late Patricia Ruggiero (Dodds). Cherished father of Stephen M. Ruggiero, III and wife Anne Marie, Susan Monroe and husband Thomas and Christopher Ruggiero and wife Danielle. Loving and devoted grandfather of Dylan, Matthew, Colby, Tommy, Madison, Ryan, Max and Brett. Dear brother of Anthony Ruggiero and wife Mary, Robert Ruggiero and wife Diana and the late Michael Ruggiero and Mildred Boccardi. Survivors include many doting nieces and nephews.

The family will receive relatives and friends on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, from 4 – 8 p.m. at Shook's Cedar Grove Funeral Home, 486 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, N.J. 07009. A Funeral Mass is planned for Wednesday, July 17, 2024, 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of the Lake Church, 22 Lakeside Avenue, Verona, N.J. 07044. Interment will follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover, N.J.