



## Philip Forlenza

January 26, 1955 - June 2, 2022

Philip Forlenza, 67 of Middletown, New Jersey and formerly of Staten Island, NY, passed away peacefully on Thursday June 2, 2022, at Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank.

Philip graduated from Susan E. Wagner high school in 1973 and received an Associate Degree from Devry Institute of Technology.

Philip enjoyed being surrounded by his large loving family and friends. An avid sports fan of the Yankees, Giants, Rangers, and Knicks. In his younger years, Phil excelled in basketball, baseball and softball and was considered one of the premier shortstops of the men's softball league of Staten Island.

Phil had a successful 30-year career at MCI and Verizon, where he finished his career as a senior manager of technical services.

During the 9/11 tragedy, he headed the technical services team that restored phone services to the underwater cable system.

Philip is survived by his beloved wife and best friend Elaine Forlenza (nee Loo), his precious sons Philip and Matthew, his sisters Mary Ann Pinto (Anthony) Kathleen Rodriguez, his brother William Forlenza (Kathryn) and many nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his mother Felicia and father William Forlenza.

Eternally remembered by the many friends who loved him like family.

In lieu of flowers donations to a charity of your choice in Phil's memory are appreciated.



# Cemetery Details

## **Monmouth Memorial Park**

4201 Hwy 33  
Tinton Falls, NJ

# Tribute Wall

AN

“ Philip was one of my patients and he left an impression on my heart. He was kind and will never be forgotten.

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**Anonymous** - June 16, 2022 at 10:24 PM

BH

“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Philip Forlenza



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**Bongarzone Funeral Home** - June 06, 2022 at 07:33 PM



“ *A very special, beautiful person. A gentle, passionate soul. Best shortstop on the planet.*

*Gone way too soon. RIP Phil.*

*There too many memories to pick one as we go back as 15 year old kids hanging at Clove Lakes park, playing pick up softball games, then going on to be part of one of the most competitive girls softball teams of our young lives. He was part of fantastic coaching team that helped a group of rag tag girls from the park play some pretty good ball! A lifelong friend, a coach, a fierce competitor a crazy Yankee fan, and part of a very spirited and fun family on Constant Ave.*

*I do have one memory, of Phil and his family, that always stayed with me through the years. My Mom was working and being Phil, he invited me to Sunday dinner with his fam, saving me from frozen mac n cheese. I can still see Mr. F. coming out of his kitchen, dishtowel slung over his shoulder, a mountain of simmering pots on the stove behind him, in the kitchen, everyone talking about different things, passing plates around, and him placing a tray of veal francese on the table. It was the absolute, bestest food I ever had! Phil made me feel like I was part of his family and Ill always remember his outgoing, open personality. He was an inspiration for all us given his unrelenting competitiveness in all he did, and the way he fought and conquered some of the toughest struggles of his way too short life. He will be missed dearly. Love ya Phil.*

*My deepest, heartfelt condolences to all of the Forlenza family.*

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**Dawn Haeflinger-Orazem** - June 04, 2022 at 09:28 PM

PL

*RIP Phil  
We loved you very much*

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**Pat Linn** - June 05, 2022 at 11:33 AM

MM

*I will miss my friend friend so many good times and great memories  
RIP ❤️*

**Margaret Morio** - June 05, 2022 at 06:25 PM

BF

*Such nice thoughts Dawn*

**Bill Forlenza** - June 05, 2022 at 07:36 PM

DK

*I will always remember you as a funny larger than life guy. Rest In  
Peace*

**darlene Kase** - June 07, 2022 at 11:16 AM