



## Ronald S. Handwerk

May 3, 2025

Ronald S. Handwerk

Ronald S. Handwerk, 80, of Salisbury Twp., passed away peacefully on May 3, 2025 at Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown. He was the husband of Pamela S. (Jones) Handwerk. They would have celebrated their 45th anniversary on May 10th . Ron worked in International Operations & Sales at Mack Trucks in Allentown from 1966 until retiring in 2004. Born in Northampton, he was the son of the late Stanley F. and Mildred L. (Kleckner) Handwerk. He was a graduate of Whitehall High School and Lehigh County Community College and proudly served his country in the Army Reserves.

Ron was a gentle soul with a big heart and he deeply loved his family. His wife, Pam, was the center of his world, and they shared a profound and abiding love for each other. He took great pride in his three children and celebrated all of their achievements and milestones. He was an active participant in the lives of all six of his grandchildren, traveling all over the mid-Atlantic region to cheer them on at countless sporting events. He was particularly thrilled to welcome his first great grandson in 2024.

Ron was an avid boater all of his adult life and spent many happy years boating on the Chesapeake Bay. Snowmobiling in Canada was his favorite winter activity, and world travel was a regular event, visiting 6 continents, 80

countries, and all 50 states. He also was passionate about all things related to trains in the US. He volunteered in his community and was happy when he was in the driver's seat of his classic car. He loved to build things in his basement workshop and looked for any excuse to operate heavy machinery, especially when he could do so in helping his family through all of the major milestones and transitions they experienced.

Survivors: Wife, Children: Jonathan C. Handwerk and his wife Dina of Hockessin, DE, Jennifer S. Zinn and her husband, Christopher of Bridgewater, NJ, and Christopher S. Handwerk and his wife Ashley of Baltimore, MD, Sister: Linda L. Schock of Allentown, Brother: Gary L. Handwerk and his wife Lynne of Richmond, TX, Grandchildren: Leah R. Nulty (husband Jay), Megan E. Howell, (husband Justin), Jason C. Handwerk, Loren A. Zinn, Samantha K. Handwerk, and Ronald Keller Handwerk, Great-Grandson: Joey Nulty. Ron was predeceased by two sisters: Doris J. Reitz and Eleanor M. "Skip" Greenamoyer.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2025 at 11 A.M. at the J. S. Burkholder Funeral Home, 16 th and Hamilton Sts. Allentown. A calling hour will be held on Saturday, from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M. in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, Ron's wish was to honor his father by designating that any contributions be made to the American Heart Association.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Calling Hours

**MAY 31.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

J S Burkholder Funeral Home Inc  
1601 W Hamilton Street  
Allentown, PA 18102  
(610) 433-5161  
info@jsburkholder.com  
<https://jsburkholder.com>

### Memorial Service

**MAY 31.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home, Inc.  
1601 Hamilton St.  
Allentown, PA 18102

# Tribute Wall



“ *J S Burkholder Funeral Home Inc created a Webcast in memory of Ronald S. Handwerk*



**J S Burkholder Funeral Home Inc** - May 31, 2025 at 06:31 AM



“ *Kilgallon Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ronald S. Handwerk.*



**Kilgallon Family** - May 30, 2025 at 01:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald S. Handwerk.*



May 29, 2025 at 09:21 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald S. Handwerk.*



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May 27, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald S. Handwerk.

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May 27, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ *Pam and Family - Sending my sincere condolences on the passing of your loved one. Harriet M. Herb*

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**Harriet M. Herb** - May 19, 2025 at 04:18 PM