



Eric Dervinis

December 15, 1955 - April 27, 2025

Eric Dervinis, 69, of Downingtown, PA, passed away at Chester County Hospital, West Chester, PA, on Sunday, April 27, 2025.

Born in Philadelphia, he was a longtime Chester County resident. The son of the late Alphonse and Marion (Stocker) Dervinis, he is survived by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Elise Dervinis and Scott Murphy, their son Gregory Dervinis, and a host of good friends.

Eric earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Ursinus College (1978). He enjoyed a long, industrious career in sales, working for Maybelline / Garnier / L'Oreal. Starting as a Salesman, he moved up to District Sales Manager, followed by Regional Account Manager, then Regional Manager, finally retiring as a National Account Manager at L'Oreal. His passion was trains in any form; he was an avid Model Railroader and Railfan.

Eric was a member of the Erie Lackawanna Historical Society, the Delaware Lackawanna & Western Historical Society, the Anthracite Railroads Historical Society, and the Philadelphia chapter of NRHS (National Rail Historical Society). He's also held leadership roles in many of his groups. A former President of the Gatsme Model Railroad Club, he helped the group as it searched for and purchased a building in Rockledge, where they eventually founded the Rockledge Model Railroad Museum, and built an entirely new

model railroad. In the NMRA (National Model Railroad Association), he was involved at the divisional, regional, and national level. A member of the Philadelphia division, he was often seen at the NJ division meetings as well. A Life Member of the organization, he's been on the National Board of Directors of the NMRA as a Trustee, served as Clerk of the local division, and as the Convention Chair of the Mideast Region of the NMRA. He ran the NMRA Valley Forge Express Convention in 1993. A member of the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, he would direct unofficial tours for his family, with a ready answer to every question they asked.

When he had a few spare moments, he enjoyed travel, cooking, reading, and visiting historical sites. He enjoyed many fun vacations with Elise, Scott, and Gregory.

Relatives, friends, and friends of the family are invited to attend his funeral service on Monday, May 5, at 11:00 AM at the Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ, 532 Main St., Collegeville, PA. Officiating will be Rev. Suzanne Schwarz-Green. Visitation/Viewing is 10-11:00 AM. Burial will follow in the Trinity Reformed UCC cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Gatsme Model Railroad Club Inc. Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Trinity UCC Cemetery Collegeville

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ
532 East Main Street
Collegeville, PA 19426

Funeral Service

MAY 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

WW

“ Eric was a steadfast friend, exceptional operator on the Lehigh Northern model railroad, and just plain ol' good company. My wife, Susan, and I will miss him. Bill Wallace.

william wallace - May 05, 2025 at 03:27 PM

IM

“ Thank you for your kindness, happiness and enthusiasm...janice, Vicky & I raised a glass together in your name this week❤️

ian Murphy - May 03, 2025 at 12:25 PM

JY

“ I've known Eric many years from the model railroad community. Great guy with a wealth of knowledge. My deepest sympathy to Eric's family, friends and fellow model railroaders. He will be missed.

John M Young - May 02, 2025 at 05:18 PM

DV

“ A total class act, decent human being, grace under fire, wicked smart. Worked with him while at Maybelline-Garnier and was always impressed by him. The world was a better place because he was in it. Rest in peace, my friend.

Dan Villarroel - May 02, 2025 at 12:00 PM

DC

“ I only knew Eric a short time, but I came to respect his knowledge of railroads, particularly the DL&W "Bloom" branch and his model railroading expertise. He was quick to share his knowledge on both, as well as on a host of other topics both railroad-related and otherwise. He was a pillar of a weekly Zoom call that a group of us model railroaders started during the pandemic. He will be greatly missed. "The strife is over the battle done, now is the Victory of Life won."

Dan Capwell - May 02, 2025 at 08:55 AM

AS

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Eric. I regret not knowing him earlier in life. He did visit me and my husband once when he was in Scranton and it was so enjoyable talking to him. Rest in peace dear Eric

Annette Dervinis Smerdon - May 02, 2025 at 07:34 AM

TM

“ the Rockledge Model Railroad Museum purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Eric Dervinis.



the Rockledge Model Railroad Museum - May 02, 2025 at 07:29 AM

JM

“ Thanks to Eric for the many years of service he gave Maybelline where I met and worked with him. He was highly thought of and very generous with his time, help and energy. Our thoughts go to his family.

Jaci Muzamel - May 01, 2025 at 11:40 PM

RD

Eric was a wonderful man and a true friend from our Monday night model railroad group. His passing is a great loss, but he will never be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers go out for him and his family. May he rest in peace.

Reggie Day - May 02, 2025 at 09:57 AM