



## Russell H. Boucher

April 1, 1956 - June 1, 2024

Russell Howard Boucher, 68, of Deptford, passed away unexpectedly on June 1, 2024. He is survived by his wife Loretta, children Eric (Olivia) Boucher, Danielle (Daniel) Certa, and Stephen (Kristie) Wright; grandchildren Juliana, Christian, Charlie, Leo, and Avery; brother Thomas (Peggy) Boucher, and nephew Thomas Boucher. He was predeceased by his father Ralph, his mother Mary, and brothers Ralph and Mark.

Russ recently retired in November of 2023 after a three-decade career with Penn Medicine's Information Services. In the early days of his career, Russ used to bring home MRI images of brains for Danielle to peruse.

Russ was a proud father and grandfather. He was particularly proud of his son Eric's military service as a Marine and civil service as a police officer. He never missed a grandchild's birthday and was notorious for buying out their entire Amazon wish lists, forcing their parents to scramble for more holiday gift ideas. Russ enjoyed detailing his car, going to the racetrack, playing cards, stockpiling cigarettes, sugar, and coffee pods, voicing his reluctance in nearly every situation, making spreadsheets, and spoiling his cat with treats. Russ was known for his frequent strolls through Walmart and Wawa, where he purchased coffee to bring to his wife every Saturday morning. He never missed a Saturday, even though he knew that his wife's dementia would mean she wouldn't remember his visit.

We will miss Russ's quiet, grumpy presence, his dry and irreverent sense of humor, his goofy laugh, and his love for his family.

To honor Russ's wishes, Services will be Private.

Arrangements by BOUCHER FUNERAL HOME, Deptford.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project by accessing <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>.

While we wish Russ had been given more time to enjoy his retirement, we know he is now resting in peace.

For condolences, please visit [www.boucherfuneralhome.com](http://www.boucherfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

NR

“ Incredibly sad news. A reminder to how fragile life really is. Russ's presence filled the room immediately upon him entering with guaranteed jokes and laughs. My condolences to the family. Russ was loved deeply by his Penn Medicine colleagues. He will be missed 😞

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**Natalie Rosado** - June 07, 2024 at 12:56 PM

CK

“ Russ touched so many of our lives, and truly had a positive impact on the Radiology department and beyond.

*Deeply saddened to learn of his passing.*

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**Chuck Kahn** - June 06, 2024 at 01:55 PM

AN

“ In 2008, while I was a radiology resident abroad, I visited the department as a visiting scholar and needed PACS access. On my first day, Russ went out of his way to find me in the reading room to make sure I had everything I needed. Russ's dedication and kindness will always be remembered.

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**Ali Nabavizadeh** - June 06, 2024 at 01:53 PM

BD

“ So sad. Russ was my go-to IT guy in the radiology department at Penn. I have interacted with him many times over the years, and I really liked him.

*He will be missed.*

*Benoit Desjardins*

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**Benoit Desjardins** - June 06, 2024 at 01:50 PM

BF

“ Russ was already working in MRI in 1984 when I started in MRI at HUP. Russ was a hard working, loyal, dedicated employee. Every position he moved up in, he gave his all. Russ always went above and beyond both on the job and with the people around him. Condolences to his family.



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**BEVERLY FARRAR** - June 06, 2024 at 01:13 PM

ST

“ Russ was a longtime colleague of mine here at Penn, the most reliable IT person we had by a large margin. He was always friendly and so incredibly effective at what he did. We became good friends over our many years here together and I am truly saddened at his loss. My heartfelt condolences to his family.

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**Scott Trerotola** - June 05, 2024 at 11:53 AM

OT

“ Okaloosa County Special Response Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Russell H. Boucher.



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**Okaloosa County Special Response Team** - June 05, 2024 at 09:14 AM

EM

“ Russ was one of the most generous people I knew. If two people asked him for a kidney, he'd want to give them each one. I will miss him so much.

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**Eric Mercer** - June 04, 2024 at 06:59 PM

SL

“ I am just devastated Our Russ was so wonderful. Always at any family event generous and a very kind man. Will miss his shy smile and great hugs. Rest in peace Russ Love Sharon

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**Sharon Lehner** - June 03, 2024 at 08:43 PM

AC

I am so sad at this news of our Russ. One of the unsung hero's of HUP Radiology. Russ was completely dedicated and readily available for any need. He was a blessing to us for many years. We/I were also grateful for his friendship. He really cared about the department and our team.  
Bless you Russ.

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**Ann Costello** - June 06, 2024 at 08:55 AM