Gloucester City News Obituaries
October 2020

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Donna A. Kovalevich (Oct. 1st)

Donna A. Kovalevich (nee Deen), 74, of Oaklyn passed away suddenly on September 21, 2020, after a valiant fight due to complications from surgery.

She was born November 13, 1945 in Wilmington, DE, the daughter to Sarah and John Deen, and grew up in Haddon Township as the eldest of four siblings: Jack Deen (Carol), Elizabeth "Betty" Lieber (Martin) and David Deen (Carla). The loving wife to F. Joseph Kovalevich for 51 years, mother to Keith Kovalevich (Lindsay) and Denise Kovalevich (Brian Quinn), and aunt of many nieces and nephews, her biggest joy was her three grandsons Jack, Kane, and Hayes – as well as her grand kitty Zimmy.

Donna devoted her life to helping others, particularly the senior citizens of South Jersey. She not only founded Senior Citizens United Community Services (SCUCS) but grew it to become one of the largest non-profit organizations providing health, transportation, and in-home services to the elder community.

Prior to forming SCUCS, Donna was an editor at The Suburban/Courier Post newspaper in Cherry Hill, and spent several years as an independent publicist and consultant in the NJ and Philadelphia areas. She was a graduate of Rutgers University South Jersey and Camden Catholic High School, where she excelled at English and writing and served on the school newspapers.

Donna's dedication to her community was admired by all. She was endlessly volunteering with both of her children's athletic teams, including the Oaklyn Swim Team and Oaklyn Soccer and Little League Teams and, in her later years, was an advocate for preserving the Oaklyn Memorial Library by helping to organize countless fundraisers and auctions.

Donna led a passion-filled, purposeful life, especially when it came to her Philadelphia Phillies. Win or lose, Donna was their biggest fan (2008 and 1980 were her greatest years!). She also enjoyed time with her family at their Sea Isle City shore house, reading her favorite books, and most of all just being "Grandmom."

A Memorial Mass was celebrated Friday morning at St. Aloysius Church, Oaklyn.

As an expression of sympathy and in lieu of flowers, the family has requested contributions be made to SCUCS 537 Nicholson Rd Audubon, NJ 08106, www.SCUCS.org or The American Cancer Society 1851 Old Cuthbert Blvd. Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 www.cancer.org.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Creran Celebration, Etherington & Creran Funeral Home, 700 Powell St., Gloucester City.

Frederick W. Lassby (Oct. 1st)

There's no place like home, there's no place like home…

Home is where your treasure is. There, your heart is also. The secret to happiness is a good sense of humor, a better sense of life and a bad memory. Frederick W. Lassby was unassuming. He kept to himself, but was a "clown" of sorts who found warmth and enjoyed the simple pleasures of being at home.

The most lost day in life is the day we don't laugh. So innocent were Fred's days. Filled with good memories. Wednesday, September 23, 2020 was Mr. Lassby's last day. After 74 years we lost our day and our love at Virtua-Lourdes Hospital in Camden.

Mr. Lassby was born in Philadelphia and had been a long time Oaklyn resident. His home had contributed to the manpower of our great nation upholding the ideals of our American freedoms in the U.S. Army.

During his early years, Fred had served as an usher at St. Aloysius Church in Oaklyn. He made his career as a machinist at Aluminum Shapes in Delair and had been a member of the Oaklyn-Bettlewood American Legion Post 84.

Fred was a jokester and will fondly be remembered for his charismatic sense of humor at family get-togethers.

Mr. Lassby is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Janet (nee Harkins) Lassby; his nieces and nephews, Joseph Daniels, Mary Ann Catalano, Cathay Kernan, Betty Harding, James Daniels, Kelly Daniels and the late Patrick Daniels; and his sister-in-law Joanne Marris. He is also survived and will be sadly missed by his feline companion "Buddy."

Relatives, friends and neighbors are invited to gather with the Lassby family and share your heartfelt stories on Wednesday morning, Sept. 30, between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. at Creran Celebration Etherington & Creran Funeral Homes, 400 White Horse Pike, Oaklyn. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. in St. Aloysius Church 37 W. Haddon Ave. Oaklyn.

Interment and a United States Army military honors ceremony will follow at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Arneytown.

Geraldine E. Donley (Oct. 1st)

Geraldine E. "Gerry" Donley (nee Feby), 79, of Glendora, formerly of South Philadelphia, passed away on September 22, 2020.

Beloved companion of Bernard Wilson Sr. Devoted mother of Angela DellaPia (Anthony Sr.), Frank Montone and Joseph Montone. Loving grandmother of four and great grandmother of six. Dear sister of Anna Marie Feby. Dear friend of Tom and Noel Cusano and Sam and Carol Harris. Also survived by her canine companion, Mason. Gerry worked for Acme in Runnemede. She was a member of Holy Child Parish.

Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Teresa Church, Runnemede. Interment was at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Chews Landing.

Family requests in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Gerry's memory to Tunnels for Towers, 2361 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede.

John Garity (Oct. 1st)

John "Mick" Garity, 68, of Bellmawr, passed away on September 17, 2020.

Beloved husband of Janette (nee Ring). Loving father of Jennifer Evans (Jeffrey), Rebecca Watkins (Eric), and the late Mike Garity. Devoted grandfather of Jillian, Jason, Julia and Alli. Dear brother of Colleen and Maureen.

Funeral services and interment were private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, Attn: Terry Diamond, 3551 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19140.

Loretta Rose Valora (Oct. 1st)

Loretta Rose Valora (nee Pendeline), 80, of Deptford, formerly of Williamstown, surrounded by her loving and caring family, passed peacefully at home on September 22, 2020.

Predeceased by her husband, Norman Valora. Loving mother of Marco Anthony and his wife, Kimberly, and Joseph Anthony Jr. Cherished grandmother of Marco Jr., Michael and Janina Anthony. Also survived by her loving friend and caregiver, Mary Blackiston.

Loretta will be forever remembered for her Sunday pasta dinners and baking cookies. She always looked forward to her shopping trips with Kim and Mary.

Loretta's family would like to give a special thanks to Holy Redeemer Hospice, especially nurse Joanne and all the devoted aides.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated as St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City.

Entombment was at Locustwood Memorial Park, Cherry Hill.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Holy Redeemer Hospice, 160 E. 9th Ave, Runnemede, NJ 08078 or to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude's Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Please memo, Loretta Rose Valora.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

Roy R. Rever Sr. (Oct. 1st)

Roy R. Rever Sr., 90, of Glendora passed away on September 22, 2020.

Beloved husband of the late Laura. Devoted father of Roy Rever Jr. (Darleen) and James Rever (Mary Jo). Loving grandfather of James Rever Jr. Dear brother of the late Emery Rever and Clarence Rever. Loved by many nieces and nephews. Stepfather of Joyce and Debbie.

Roy proudly served in the US Navy on the USS Hamul repair ship for destroyers. He was a member of Stetser Lamartine American Legion Post 281, where he served on the Honor Guard.

The Graveside Service was held in the Erial Cemetery, Gloucester Township.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Roy's memory to American Legion Post 281, 2101 Chews Landing Rd., Blackwood, NJ 08012.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede.

Barbara B. Aupperle (Oct. 8th)

Barbara B. Aupperle (nee Atkins), 88, of Runnemede passed away on September 26, 2020.

Beloved wife of the late Joseph F. Aupperle. Devoted mother of Barbara Jo Pippin (the late Milton) and Joe Aupperle (Dianne). Loving Mom-Mom of Buddy, Barbara Lynn (David), Darren, and Emma and great Mom-Mom of Trevor, Gunner, Damien, Colt, and Cora.

Dear sister of Sandy Sheleski and the late Carol Grimes. Also survived by many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Barbara was a member of the Audubon High School Class of 1950, where she was awarded Best Female Athlete. She also served on the Reunion Committee. She retired from Runnemede Schools in 1998.

Barbara was very active in the local community: member of Audubon Bon-Bons Drum & Bugle Corps., Girl Scout troop leader, Runnemede Girls Softball team mother for three championship teams, past treasurer of RYAA Ladies Auxiliary, member of several area bowling leagues, parishioner and food pantry volunteer at Trinity Lutheran Church, and member of the Black Horse Camping Club.

The Funeral Service was at Trinity Lutheran Church, Runnemede. Interment was in Locustwood Memorial Park, Cherry Hill.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Barbara's memory to the charity of the donor's choice
Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede.

John Francis Barton (Oct. 8th)

John Francis Barton, 78, of Fairview passed away on September 23, 2020.

Predeceased by his parents, John Pershing Barton and Cecelia Mary Barton (nee Zebrowski), as well as his sister, Bernadette Mary Barton. Survived by his brother, Robert Barton, and his wife, Linda, as well as many loving cousins who have cared for him over the years.

John attended Camden Catholic High School and proudly served our country in the U.S. Marine Corps. He worked many years in the banking industry at Provident National Bank in Philadelphia.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joan of Arc Church, Camden. Interment followed in Calvary Cemetery, Cherry Hill.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to Sacred Heart Parish, 1739 Ferry Avenue, Camden, NJ 08104. Please write in memo, John Francis Barton.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

Joseph R. Castrataro Sr. (Oct. 8th)

Joseph R. Castrataro Sr., 66, of Fort Myers, FL, formerly of Bellmawr, passed away on September 7, 2020.

Beloved fiancé of Patti Miles. Devoted father of Joseph Castrataro, Anthony Castrataro (Cara), Jimmy Boone (Francine), Santa Castrataro, and Jason Freeland (Jessica). Loving grandfather of 13. Dear brother of Michael Castrataro, John Castrataro, and Lisa Liquori (James).

Preceded in death by his parents, Michael and Nancy Castrataro.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated at Mary Mother of The Church, Bellmawr.

Kathleen Koc (Oct. 8th)

Kathleen Koc (nee Quinton), 65, of Gloucester City passed away on September 27, 2020.
Beloved wife of Cemel "John" Koc. Loving mother of Elizabeth (Michael) Kazmar and Kathleen (Michael) Crim. Cherished grandmother of Julia, Michael, Gavin and Andrew. Loving daughter of the late Anna May Quinton and Frank Quinton, Jr. Dear sister of Anna (James) Summers, Frank (Joan) Quinton III, Virginia (late William) James, Joseph (Deanna) Quinton, Barbara (Jeffrey) Creato, Judith Arthur and Carolyn Monteleone. Predeceased by her sisters, Janice Nichols and Patricia Underwood. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Kathleen loved spending time with her two daughters, watching movies and loved shopping. She also loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City Interment was private in New Saint Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Samaritan Hospice, 3906 Church Road, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054. Please memo, Kathleen Koc.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

Marguerite Helen Hartmann (Oct. 8th)

Marguerite Helen Hartmann, 94, of Mt. Ephraim, passed away on September 22, 2020.

She was born in Miami, FL to the late James and Helen (nee Poponi) Curry. Marguerite was dedicated to supporting and nurturing her natural environment, creating a refuge for birds and other animals in her yard. She was also involved in the Trap, Neuter and Release rescue effort.

Marguerite's biggest impact was in the hearing impaired community. She dedicated years of her life helping those who needed her most communicate with others by teaching the skill of lip reading. She loved her family and spending time with them. She had a special attachment and connection to her first cousins on her mother, Helen's, side of the family. Marguerite will be deeply missed by all the neighbors, relatives and friends who she loved.

She is survived by her sister, Joan Buenzle (the late Raymond); nephew, Mark Buenzle; niece, Desiree Buenzle; and great niece, Sarah Carbonaro.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Rose of Lima Church, Haddon Heights. Interment followed at New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

Memorial donations can be made to the National Audubon Society by visiting www.audubon.org.

Margaret Sweeney (Oct. 8th)

Margaret "Reta" C. Sweeney (nee Magoun), 81, of Deptford, formerly of Woodbury and Cape May, passed away peacefully on September 20, 2020, surrounded by her loving family.

Loving wife of 20 years to the late Edward J. Sweeney Sr. Cherished daughter of the late Thatcher Magoun V and Mary "Molly" Stewart. Loving mother of Craig Hartman (Donna), Mark Pinero, Thomas Pinero (Janette), Jeffrey Pinero (Kelly), Terri Netz (Bruce), Kellie Blymer, Daniel Sweeney and Sean Sweeney.

Predeceased by her son Luis David Pinero (surviving Sam) and step-son, Edward J. Sweeney, Jr. (surviving Sarah). Beloved sister of Thatcher Magoun VI (Nina). Cherished grandmother of Gwen Foerster (Tim), Craig Hartman (Natalie), Alexandra Pinero de Rivera (Steve), Veronica Pinero, Chloe Pinero, Julia Money (Anthony), Kari McElduff, Kyle McElduff (Crystal), Sarah Adams, Jason Adams, Jenai Gonzalez, Olivia Blymer, Riley Blymer, Jason Netz (Lyndsey), Jesse Netz (Nicole) and Brandon Sweeney.

Reta received her bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from Thomas Edison State College and was a graduate of the last class of Philadelphia General Hospital School of Nursing. She retired as Nursing Supervisor at Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia. Reta was the former president of the Cape May County Art League.

Funeral Services are being planned for a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to The Amedisys Foundation, 3854 American Way, Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70816 or online at www.amedisys.com/about/foundation/. Please write in the memo: Margaret C. Sweeney.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

Rose R. Barbarito (Oct. 15th)

Rose R. Barbarito (nee Coppola), 101, of Bellmawr passed away on October 5, 2020.

Beloved wife of the late Daniel N. Barbarito. Devoted mother of Daniel J. Barbarito (Michele) and the late Rita M. Rose Saponare. Mother-in-law of Anthony Saponare. Loving grandmom of Laura Damm (Edward) and Joseph Saponare (Tammy) and great grandmom of Kierstin, Erica, and Kacey. Preceded in death by three siblings. Also survived by loving nieces and nephews and friends.

Rose was an avid Bingo player, baker, and cook.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated at Annunciation BVM Church, Bellmawr. Interment was private.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rose's memory to St. Joachim Parish, 501 W. Browning Road, Bellmawr, NJ 08031.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede.

Doris L. Cerrone (Oct. 15th)

Doris L. Cerrone (nee Sprague), 88, of Brooklawn, passed away peacefully at her home on October 6, 2020, surrounded by her family.

Beloved mother, grandmother (Mammom), Aunt, and friend. She was a resident of the Brooklawn community for 70 years. She ran a sweet shop on Broadway with her late husband, Joseph Cerrone, then together took ownership of a town fixture, Westbrook Bowling Lanes.

Doris was an avid golfer, bowler, and shopper. She was never afraid to be the first one on the dance floor. She had the kindest heart and would do anything for her loved ones, friends, and anyone in need.
Anyone who knew her, knew family meant the world to her. For the past 70 years, Doris hosted the family's Thanksgiving at her home in Brooklawn. As the family grew, the tradition continued on at Westbrook Lanes.
She is survived by her two daughters, Daria (Jim) Giles and Joanne (Mike) Franco, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

At the family's request, interment was private at New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to CHA Foundation, c/o Lighthouse Hospice, 200 Lake Drive East, Suite 205, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002. Please memo, Doris L. Cerrone.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

Steven J. Buete (Oct. 15th)

Steven "Stevie" J. Buete, 59, of Mount Ephraim passed away on September 27, 2020.

Steven was born to Leslie D. and Sarah E. (née Beebe) Buete on June 26, 1961.

He is survived by: his mother, Sarah E. Buete; brother, Leslie T. Buete; aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.
The Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Joachim Parish, Bellmawr.

Walter Schemelia (Oct. 15th)

Unlike a drop of water which loses its identity when it joins the ocean, man does not lose his being in the society in which he lives. Man's life is independent. He is born not for the development of the society alone, but for the development of himself. Independence is the key to a vigorous life.

A man must look inward to find his own answers. Walter "Bud" Schemelia Jr. was an independent man. He lived a strong life until he passed away at the age of 71.

Bud was the son of the late Walter & Ella Schemelia (nee Griffith), and graduated from Triton High School in 1967.

Walter was a man of strong faith; his faith and religion was very important to him. Bud carried this faith with him when he contributed to the manpower of our great nation in the Vietnam War, serving in the U.S. Navy from 1968 to 1972.

In his later years, Bud was a collector. He collected many model cars and baseball cards.
He is survived by and will be missed by his brothers, Steve, John and Ken Schemelia, as well as his nieces and nephews.
The Funeral Service was held at Creran Celebration Etherington Creran Funeral Homes, 700 Powell St., Gloucester City.

In honor of those who have sacrificed, in tribute to those who have fallen and in gratitude to those now serving, the United States Navy conducted a military commemoration at the funeral home following the service.

Barbara R. Houghton (Oct. 15th)

Barbara R. Houghton (nee Whitlow), 96, of Glendora, formerly of New Bedford, MA, passed away on October 1, 2020.

Beloved wife of the late Christopher S. Houghton. Devoted mother of Nancy Houghton and the late Sandy Houghton Bernstein (Lenny). Loving grandmom of Michelle Houghton, John Berstein (Claire), and Jimmy Bernstein (Taylor) and great grandmother of Gabriel and Everett. Preceded in death by her two brothers, Samuel and Charles Whitlow.

Barbara was a parishioner of St. John's Episcopal Church and a member of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW). A private graveside memorial service will be held in the Spring in New Bedford, MA.

Family requests in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Mrs. Houghton's memory to the South Jersey Food Bank, 1501 John Tipton Blvd., Pennsauken, NJ 08110.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede.

Elizabeth C. Riding (Oct. 22nd)

Elizabeth C. "Bette" Riding (nee Krug), 93, of Gloucester City passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on October 15, 2020.

Loving wife of the late Harry J. Riding. Loving mother of Holly Otey (Duane), Harry Riding, Jr. (Nancy), Rick Riding (Lois) and Corrine Klotz. Cherished grandmother of Derek, Amber, Ryan, Alexis, Matthew, Samantha and Chaley, and great-grandmother of five. Predeceased by her siblings, Jim, Bob, Herb, Mary and Irene.

Relatives and friends are invited to her graveside service on Wednesday, October 21, at 11 a.m.in Woodbury Memorial Park, 879 Kings Hwy, West Deptford.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to the American Cancer Society, 1851 Old Cuthbert Rd, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034. Please memo: Elizabeth C. Riding.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

Frances A. O'Shea (Oct. 22nd)

Frances A. "Fran" O'Shea (nee Shaw), 76, of Mays Landing, formerly of Gloucester City, passed away on October 12, 2020.

Born in Woodbury, she was the daughter of the late Chester and Mary (Mongcose) Maryak. Beloved wife of David E. O'Shea. Loving mother of Ralph R. Smith, III (Rosemary). Cherished grandmother of Jaqueline and Alexander Smith. Beloved sister-in-law of, Thomas O'Shea (Ken Doyle), Dennis Henderson (Stefi) and Lorraine Henderson and many family and friends. Fran was also predeceased by her brother, Michael Shaw.

Mass of Christian Burial was be celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City. Interment followed in New Saint Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Msrg. Lucitt's Children's Christmas Fund, P.O. Box, Gloucester City, NJ 08030, Saint Jude's Children's, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38150. www.stjude.org Please memo, Frances O'Shea.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

James E. Seybold (Oct. 22nd)

James E. Seybold, 76, of Haddon Heights, formerly of Shamong, passed away at home on October 10, 2020, surrounded by his loving family.

Loving and devoted husband of 46 years to Kathleen A. "Kathy" Seybold. Loving father of Aimee Reilly and her husband, Michael J. Reilly. Cherished Pop-Pop of Patrick and James Reilly. Beloved brother of Ralph Seybold (late Joan), Paul Seybold (Theresa) and the late Donald Seybold (surviving Kathleen). Cherished son of the late Ralph and Virginia Seybold (nee Clark).

Jimmy was a graduate of Collingswood High School Class of 1964. He had a successful career in the telecommunications industry retiring as a systems engineer for Northern Telecom. Jimmy had a passion for fishing, boating and being on the water. He was able to turn that hobby into a second career working at Waterfront Marine in Somers Point.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Holy Savior Church, Haddon Township. Interment was in New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to the American Brain Foundation online at americanbrainfoundation.org. Please note as a tribute gift in memory of James E. Seybold.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

Karen English (Oct. 22nd)

Friendship is the golden thread that ties our hearts together and hugs fix everything. They say that girls are made of sugar, spice and everything nice. Karen English (nee Barkoff) was loving and sweet. An old fashioned grandma with her pot of tea. She was the best mom. Supportive, caring and never judged. The glory of life surmounts the fear of death. Good Christians fear hellfire, so, to avoid it they're kind. The Liturgy for the dead is an Easter Liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we too, shall be raised high. Karen held her faith dear and heaven had lit her way. After 76 years, on Saturday October 10, 2020, her soul rose like incense and we were left with infinite love.

Karen was born in Camden and had spent her formative years in the Erlton section of Cherry Hill. She had worked as a bookkeeper for many years and had retired after a few years working at Pride of The Sea in Shamong. She had been a longtime resident and raised her family in Mantua. Karen was a parishioner of Church of The Incarnation Parish and a member of the Red Hat Society. At home she enjoyed her family; her grandchildren, crafting, baking and tea.

Karen is the widow of her late husband Philip B., and is survived by her daughter Patricia Mossop of Mantua. She is the proud grandmother of Alex Mossop, Krystal and her husband Brad Taft, and great grandmother of Kyle and Emily Taft.

Relatives, friends, neighbors and Red Hatters remembered Karen with a spot of tea and fixed everything with a hug at the Creran Celebration Etherington & Creran Funeral Homes, Oaklyn.

Liturgy of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Church of The Incarnation Parish, Mantua. Love's reunion and the time-honored tradition of reuniting those we love with nature was held privately.

As an expression of sympathy and in lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society 1851 Old Cuthbert Rd. Cherry HIll, NJ 08034 or at www.cancer.org.

Msgr. Joseph Pokusa Jr. (Oct. 22nd)

Msgr. Joseph William Pokusa, Jr., 76, of Runnemede, passed away on October 9, 2020.

Msgr. Pokusa was born on June 18, 1944 in Newark. He prepared for the priesthood at Mount Saint Paul Seminary in Wisconsin, obtained a Bachelor's Degree from Marquette University, and a Master's and Doctorate of Canon Law from Catholic University.

He was ordained on May 23, 1970 in Camden by Bishop George H. Guilfoyle. He served at Holy Savior in Westmont; Christ the King in Haddonfield; St. Jude in Blackwood; St. Teresa in Runnemede; St. Pius X in Cherry Hill; St. Peter Celestine in Cherry Hill; St. Gregory in Magnolia. He also served at the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington, DC from 2005-2015.

Msgr. Pokusa was appointed Protonotary Apostolic by Pope Benedict XVI and Missionary of Mercy by Pope Francis. He was most recently in residence at Holy Child Parish in Runnemede.

Beloved son of the late Joseph W. Sr. and Elizabeth Theresa (nee McNulty) Pokusa. Devoted brother of Florence J. O'Keefe, Robert E. Pokusa (Margaret), James J. Pokusa (Mary Elizabeth), and the late Christine M Coryell. Brother-in-law of Donald Coryell. Loving uncle of Jeff, Sean, Meagan, Patricia, Katie, Gregory, Julie, Kara, Don, Michael, Kerrie, Danielle, and Shannon.

Reception of the body was at St. Agnes Church, 701 Blackwood. Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial was at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Berlin.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Teresa Regional School, 27 E. Evesham Road, Runnemede, NJ 08078.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede.

Randell "Bennie" Paul (Oct. 22nd)

Randell "Bennie" Paul, 52, of Gloucester City passed away on October 9, 2020.

Known by his closest family and friends as "Bennie," he was a graduate of Gloucester City High School Class of 1986. Bennie was a volunteer member of Gloucester Heights Fire Department and rose to the rank of Battalion Chief before retiring.

On the tragic night of July 4, 2002, Bennie bravely saved a number of brother firefighters who were trapped in a dwelling fire that took the lives of three firemen and three children. He was later presented with a Medal of Valor for his brave act.

Bennie worked as a Golf Cart Mechanic for Golf Cart Specialties for many years. Away from work, Bennie will be remembered as the "life of the party" and a loyal friend.

He played darts three to four nights a week and was a member of Gloucester City Invitational English Dart League and Summer Mummers Dart League to name a few. Bennie was also a huge Philadelphia Sports fan – faithfully cheering the Eagles and Phillies through the good and bad years. He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved this special guy.

Beloved son of Edward F. Paul Jr. and the late Diana (nee Hampton) Loving brother of Edward F. Paul III (Suzanne) and Shawn H. Paul (Anjanette); cherished uncle of Justin, Zackary, Jon, Brett and Alex; and grand uncle to Mason. Bennie also leaves to mourn his passing James and Margaret McQuaid, who held a very special place in Bennie's heart.

The Funeral Ceremony was held at the McGuinness Funeral Home, Woodbury. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in Bennie's memory may be made to the Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund, 175 White Horse Pike, #C, Berlin, NJ 08009.

Robert S. Sliwa Sr. (Oct. 22nd)

Robert S. Sliwa Sr., 86, of Brooklawn, passed away on October 15, 2020.

Relatives and friends are invited to his vitiation on Saturday, Oct. 24, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Brooklawn United Methodist Church, 213 Maude Ave, where his funeral service will be celebrated at 1 PM. Interment will be private. Robert was the loving and devoted husband of 65 years to Yvonne “Bonny” Sliwa. Loving father of Robert S. Sliwa Jr. and his wife, Lisa. Cherished grandfather of Hayden Sliwa. Beloved brother of Edward Sliwa, Rita Dzomba and the late Marie DelaCour. Also survived by his sister-in-law, Hazel Brothers as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

Robert was born in Camden to the late Stanley and Mary Sliwa. He was a graduate of St. Joseph’s High School in Camden and attended LaSalle and Temple universities before proudly serving our country in the U.S. Army. Robert had a successful 37-year career at Campbell Soup Company, retiring as an accounting manager.

He was a Brooklawn councilman for many years, a volunteer fireman for Brooklawn Fire Company and a proud member of the Polish American Citizens Club in Camden/Runnemede.

His passion was everything sports. He spent many years volunteering as a coach in Brooklawn and umpiring for South Jersey baseball and softball, as well as a basketball referee for NJSIAA. His hobbies included bowling, boating, golfing, skiing, completing puzzles and watching television.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to the Brooklawn United Methodist Church, at the above church address. Please memo: Robert S. Sliwa Sr.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

Ronald N. DiMarco Jr (Oct. 22nd)

Ronald N. DiMarco Jr., 55, of Bellmawr sadly passed away on Sunday, October 4, 2020.

He was the beloved son of Ronald N. DiMarco and Maryeileen DiMarco.

Ronald is survived by his beloved son, Ronald N. DiMarco III; his sister, Marybeth DiMarco; and his beloved brother and best friend, Kenneth C. DiMarco of Egg Harbor Township. Ronald is also survived by his nephew, Thomas C. Weaver; very dear friend, Joyce Iannetta; loving Aunt Jean and Uncle Danny Ross, Sr.; and many loving cousins.

Burial was private.

Charlotte E. Klein (Oct. 29th)

Charlotte E. Klein, 95, of Gloucester City passed away on October 18, 2020.

Predeceased by her husband, Francis A. Klein. Survived by her beloved daughter, Diane Stout, and her husband, Lew Stout. Beloved daughter of the late Herman and Esther Schlosberg.

Her graveside services was held in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Gloucester City.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

Helen Sarah Brown (Oct. 29th)

Helen Sarah Brown (nee Barr), 89, of Brooklawn passed away on October 20, 2020.

Born in Vineland, she was the daughter of the late Robert C. And Sarah (Weller) Barr. Loving mother of Harry C. Brown (Carolyn), Robert J. Brown (Michele), Karen A. Clayton (Joseph) and Philip C. Brown (Gabriella). Cherished grandmother of Melissa Creighton (Raymond), Kevin Brown, Stephanie Brown, Harrison Brown, Sarah Clayton and Philip Brown. Great grandmother of Liliana Creighton and Beckham Reed.

Sister of Donald Barr (Maryanna), and sister-in-law of Jacqueline. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Helen was predeceased by her husband of 58 years, Harry S. Brown on January 13, 2009, and by her grandson Andrew Weygand, and her brother Robert Barr.

Helen grew up on a farm in Vineland and moved to Brooklawn at the age of 12. She attended Gloucester City High School, where she met the love of her life, Harry. Helen and Harry enjoyed Friday night dances and date nights in Camden.

Helen was a Co-Captain of the GHS Cheerleading Squad and graduated in 1949. Helen enjoyed raising her children, going on vacation in Wildwood and sitting by the pool with Harry and spur of the moment trips to Cape May to the Lobster House for happy hours and sunsets.

Helen was a farmer at heart. She could be found barefoot tending to her garden, with her pinned up hair. She will be greatly missed by all that knew her.

Relatives and friends are invited to her viewing on Thursday morning, October 29, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary's R.C. Church, 426 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:45 a.m. Interment will follow in Eglington Cemetery, Clarksboro.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

Joseph N. Mancini (Oct. 29th)

Joseph N. Mancini, 91, of Ocean City, formerly a longtime resident of Haddon Heights, passed away surrounded by his family on October 15, 2020.

Loving and devoted husband of 49 years to the late Alfreda I. Mancini (nee Farina). Loving father of Joseph Mancini and his wife, Loretta, Louise Schmidt and her husband, Larry, and Joann Auletto and her husband, Jeffrey. Cherished grandfather of Lawrence (Amber), April Lynn (Travis), Jason, Renee (Jake), Elena (Anthony), Gabrielle and T.J. Cherished great-grandfather of Jaydon, Ava Rae, Jude, Anthony, Lincoln, and Sonny. Predeceased by his sister Yolanda Costantino. Also survived by his dear friend, Marie and his "buddy" Charlie misses him greatly.

Joseph was a skilled craftsman of many trades and retired after a long and successful career at PRC. He was a devout Catholic and spiritual man. Joseph always enjoyed times spent with his family, who he loved dearly.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Holy Eucharist Church, Cherry Hill. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to the American Cancer Society, 1851 Old Cuthbert Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 or American Heart Association, 1 Union Street, Suite 301, Robbinsville, NJ 08691 or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38150. Please memo, Joseph N. Mancini.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

Lillian V. Stone (Oct. 29th)

Lillian V. “Zoni” Stone (nee Parker), 71, of Brooklawn passed away on October 23, 2020.

Beloved wife of William M. Stone, Sr. for 42 years. Devoted mother of Tom Stone (Rochelle), Joy Stone (Hal), William M. Stone III, and the late Holli, Tommy, Jr., and Little Bill Jr. Loving grandmother of Tommy, Sean, Alexis, Aiden, Rowan, Bentley, and Bella. Dear sister of the late Harvey “Herky” Parker. Loving daughter-in-law of Joan L. (nee Harvey) Stone. Devoted daughter of the late Harvey and Lillian (nee Young) Parker. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Lillian was a graduate of the Gloucester City High School Class of 1968. In her spare time she loved doing arts and crafts with her children and grandchildren.

The Funeral Service was held at the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede. Interment was private at the request of the family.

Lindajean Rothwell (Oct. 29th)

Lindajean Rothwell, 67, of Woolwich Township, passed away on October 17, 2020.

Born in Camden, she was the daughter of Florence (Green) Flood and the late Harry Cutler. Lindajean is survived by her loving sisters, Florence “Flossi” Logan (Edward), Barbara Gendaszek, Helen Wurst (Scott); brother, Ernest Nelson (Sue); nephews, Ryan Joshi, John Michael Christopher (Michael); and nieces, Julia Joshi (Rajen), Natasha Spears (Melanie) and Erin Joshi.

Lindajean worked for over 10 years as a senior state filing analyst with Martin and Company in Newtown Square, PA.

Funeral services were celebrated in the McCann- Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City. Burial followed at the Eglington Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contribution in memory of Lindajean may be made to St. Francis Veterinary Center South Jersey, 392 Kings Hwy., Woolwich Twp., NJ 08085 or Gloucester County Animal Shelter, 1200 N. Delsea Drive, Clayton, NJ 08312.

Lisa Marie Nevius (Oct. 29th)

Lisa Marie Nevius, 29 of Sicklerville, formerly of Gloucester City, passed away on October 18, 2020.

Loving mother of Donald W. Avant, III and Jasmine Marie Havers. Also survived by her mother, Florence Tofani-Nevius; father Daniel E. Nevius and step-mother Carmella Branca; brother Daniel “D.J.” Nevius, Jr.; twin sister Desiree Ann Nevius; sister Crystal Oswald and step-sister Angellina Crago; and many loving nieces and nephews.

The Funeral Service was celebrated at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City. Interment was private.

Mary A. Pierman (Oct. 29th)

Mary A. Pierman, 74, of Woodstown, formerly of Gloucester City, passed away on October 21, 2020, surrounded by her loving family.

Daughter of the late Charles and Mary Anna Harris (nee Peterson). Survived by her children, Samuel Pierman (Helen), Scott Pierman, Mary Ann McPherson (Mark) and Wendy Chapman (Mark). Beloved sister of Flossie Kammauf, Walter Harris, Ruth Mueser, Dawn Rebstock, Charles Harris and Kimberly Quinlan.
Also survived by her many loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

At her request, services were private.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

Ronald G. England (Oct. 29th)

Ronald G. "Jerry" England, 68, of Haddon Township passed away on October 17, 2020.

Beloved husband of Linda (nee Johnson) and devoted father of Brian (Meghan), Joseph (Erin), and Robin. Preceded in death by his cherished children Erica (Tim), Timothy, and daughter-in-law Meredith, brothers David and Jefferies, and parents Jefferies and Elizabeth "Ginny" England.

Loving grandfather of April, Kira, Caralynne, Josephine, Tyler and Jaxon. His passing leaves behind an enormous number of extended family members, including mother-in-law Regina "Jean" Johnson, and friends.
Jerry was a life-long resident of Haddon Township, Class of 1970, and known to many for his kind heart. He served as a police officer in Camden City until 1984 after which he turned his passion as a motor head into a career by creating his own, family-operated business, now known as Jerry's Mobile Truck Repair.

Jerry never left a friend in need, lived each day doing what he loved, and will be deeply missed by those who had the good fortune to cross paths with him.

Relatives, friends and neighbors gathered with the England family and shared heartfelt stories at the Creran Celebration Etherington & Creran Funeral Homes, 400 White Horse Pike, Oaklyn. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Aloysius Church, Oaklyn.

The U.S. Army military honors and commemoration ceremony was at the Camden County Veterans Cemetery in Harleigh Cemetery, Camden.

As an expression of sympathy and In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the Magnolia American Legion Post 370 Warwick Rd. Magnolia, NJ 08049 or the Raw-Tait VFW Post 7334 10 Kennedy Blvd. Somerdale, NJ 08083.