Gloucester City News Obituaries
February 2021

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Andrew P. Noon (Feb 4th)

On January 23, 2021, at the young age of 29, Andrew P. Noon of Mount Ephraim passed away after a six-week battle following a stroke.

He was the beloved and cherished son of Jennifer Noon (Kevin Rodenbeck) and the late Stephen Dollarton. Beloved grandson of Patricia Noon (Chalie Shorten), Dennis Noon Sr. (Bettyann), Kathleen Dollarton and the late Phillip Dollarton, and Connie Rodenbeck. Beloved step-brother of Kevin and Gary. Cherished nephew of Dennis Noon, Jr. (Traci), Michael Noon (Shannon), Jillian, and Ryan. Beloved uncle of Savannah and Sophia. Cousin of Dennis III, Ella, Rylee, Lila, Avary. Also survived by many great aunts, uncles, family, and friends

Andrew was a graduate of Haddon Township High School Class of 2009. He went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree from Rider University in Lawrenceville in 2014.

Andrew was a competitive baseball player for both Haddon Township and Haddon Heights Legion. He was a true Philadelphia sports fan, loving the Eagles, Phillies, Flyers, and Sixers. He loved taking trips to the Jersey shore and Walt Disney World.

Relatives and friends attended his viewing at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, followed by a private Funeral Service. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, please make a blood donation to American Red Cross or monetary donation to Shriners Hospital or online at www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/shc/donate.

Dorothy Ann Mason (Feb 4th)

Dorothy Ann Mason (nee Downs), 91, of Bellmawr passed away on January 23, 2021.

Beloved wife of the late G. Harry Mason. She was the devoted mother of George H. Mason II (Donna), and William E. Mason (Patricia). Loving sister of John Downs (Bonnie). Cherished grandmother of Lisa Marie Mason, Bryan William Mason, Bethany Ann Mitchell, (Jordan), and Stephanie Lynn Mason. Also survived by four great grandchildren, Ryan, Brielle, James A. Mitchell and Naomi K. Harvey; and her sister-in-law Betty Mason.
Mrs. Mason was a professional seamstress for many dry cleaners in the area, and also for J.C. Penney's in Audubon. She was a member of the Mt. Ephraim Baptist Church, where she and her late husband were married.

The Funeral Service was celebrated in the DuBois Funeral Home. Interment was is in Locustwood Memorial Park, Cherry Hill.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, National Processing Center, PO Box 96011, Washington DC 60090-6011.

James J. Pierman (Feb 4th)

James J. Pierman, 67, of Gloucester City, passed away on January 28, 2021.

Loving and devoted husband of 40 years to Kathleen L. Pierman (nee Loope). Loving father of John Pierman. Cherished son of the late Samuel Pierman and Mary Torpey Pierman. Also predeceased by his step-mother, Maryann McQuiad Pierman. Beloved brother of Samuel Pierman, Thomas Pierman (Barbara), Michael McQuaid and Patricia Daly (Carl) and brother-in-law of Anna Mary Loope. Beloved uncle of Samuel Pierman (Helen), Tom Pierman (Robyn), Wendy Chapman (Mark), Maryann McPherson (Mark), Scott Pierman and Nicole Smalley (Josh Knorovsky). Also survived by lots of great nephews and great nieces.

James graduated from Gloucester City High School in 1971, Gloucester County Technical School, and was a certified inspector thru NAESA International, National Association of Elevator Safety Authorities. He was a Federal Elevator Inspector and Electrical Engineer at the Philadelphia Naval Yard for 37 years and was set to retire this year. James was an original member of the Junk Yard Band in Gloucester. He played guitar at a very early age, and was phenomenal at playing! James (Gloucester) and Harry Boulden (Brooklawn) started a band called "Thin Sole Shoes." James played guitar, the band played such events as Gloucester Day, and at all local establishments between Gloucester and Brooklawn. They lasted together up until Harry passed. They loved playing rock n' roll.

James started working a second job as backstage security supervisor at the BB&T Pavilion in Camden, to continue being around the love of Rock n' Roll shows. His son, John, is the Head of Audio for Live Nation Concerts at the BB&T Pavilion (All because the love he had for his dad and music) You can say his son John followed in his Dad's footsteps loving music, but James and his son John, loved seeing each other every day at work in Camden. It was a blessing to see a father and son so close to one another, they were able to spend so much time together in a place they both loved dearly, a rock n' roll venue!

When he wasn't working, he was spending time at home with his wife, working on his favorite Disney character voices and hanging with his best bud, his dog, Mr. Murph! James was an avid hunter along with his brothers, Sam and Tom, and is a member of the South Jersey Roamers.

James loved his family, his immediate friends and his work friends very much! He was the most selfless, giving and caring individual Gloucester City has ever had. All he did was help others when in need. Anyone who knows him, knows he was there for everyone, every day of his life.

Relatives and friends are invited to his viewing Friday, February 5, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross, 11 Wilkins Station Road, Medford, NJ, 08055. Funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. in the church. All

are welcome to attend. All guests in attendance must wear a mask or facial covering and follow social distancing guidelines while in the church. Services will follow at Eglington Cemetery, Clarksboro, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to his church, Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross, P.O Box 805, Medford NJ 08055. Please memo, James J. Pierman

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

Joan E. Villanova (Feb 4th)

Joan E. Villanova, 86, of Gloucester City, passed away on January 7, 2021.

Services were private, under the direction of the Farnelli Funeral Home, Williamstown.

Kenneth J. Murray (Feb 4th)

Kenneth Joseph Murray, 70, of Glendora, formerly of Runnemede, went home to be with the Lord on January 21, 2021.

Beloved son of the late John J. Murray and Elizabeth L. Murray (nee Gray). He is survived by five sisters, Marilynn Matone of Old Forge, PA, Linda White of Somerdale, Robin Biello of Runnemede, and Doris Kralle and Barbara Murray of Punta Gorda, FL. He is also survived by brothers David F. Murray of Las Vegas, NV, the late John F. Murray, formerly of Bellmawr, Donald P. Murray, formerly of Blackwood, and the late Fredrick P. Murray of Runnemede.

Kenny had a deep love for his family. He loved cars from the 50s and 60s era, music (The Beach Boys), riding his bike, and landscaping. Kenny would always offer a helping hand to someone in need. He had a really big heart and always had a smile and kind word.

Services are private. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to be made to the New Jersey Coalition to End Homelessness (https://www.njceh.org/make-a-donation).

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

Rev. William T. Schneider (Feb 4th)

Reverend Father William T. Schneider, 82 of Sicklerville, passed away at Jefferson Hospital, Stratford, on Saturday January 16, 2021.

Father Schneider was born in Riverside and ordained on December 18, 1963 at North American College in Rome, Italy. He had spent most of his ministry in the Trenton Diocese in many parishes, and closed his service to his faith in 2000. Father Schneider enjoyed retired life in Sicklerville with his dear companions Perfecto "Pete," his wife Magnificento "Mimi" Esteban and Romeo Santos, who were all faithful parishioners of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Sicklerville.

Father Schneider is the son of the late Herbert and his wife Kathryn (nee Fowler) Schneider. He is the brother of Bernadette and her husband Chuck Smutko, John Schneider and the late Mary Emma Kennedy, as well as the late Joan Zane. Father is also survived by his nieces and nephews: Pam, Tammy, Tracy, Penny, Barbara, Maria, Kathy, Danny and the late Bobby. He is also survived and will be sadly missed by Lorraine and Matthew Wentzel. Relatives, friends and parishioners honored his life and service in faith at St. Charles Borromeo Church, where a Memorial Mass was celebrated. Inurnment and a graveside tribute on consecrated ground follow at St. Peter's Cemetery, Riverside.

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

Robert Waterson (Feb 4th)

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Robert "Bob" Waterson, 80, passed away peacefully at his home in Bellmawr on Monday, January 25, 2021.

He is survived by his dear friend and former spouse, Frances Waterson. Beloved father to Robert Waterson (Dawn), Darlene Sokoloff (Shanon), and Donna Conte (Brian). Cherished grandpop to Kennedy, Taylor, Gracie, George and Charlotte. Admired cousins, Tony Beatrice and Roz Ezzi, and Godson, Jimmy Ezzi.

Predeceased by his loving mother Mary Beatrice DiGioia (Dominic), his father George Waterson Sr., and brother George Waterson Jr.

Bob grew up in Camden, attended high school and proudly earned his GED. He went on to serve in the US Air Force, E4 Airman First Class, from 1960-1964, stationed in Berlin, Germany, and Tachikawa, Japan. He was quickly promoted and assigned to Special Task Office Duties, reporting directly to commanding officers. He received numerous commendations for his work and service.

Following his honorable discharge from the Air Force, he worked at Cutler Metal in Camden for many years. Bob was self-employed for 20 years working as a custom auto detailer who installed original pinstripes, moldings, carpets, and rear defoggers for many regional auto dealerships. He went on to work for the Mount Laurel MUA for many years, before retiring in June 2006.

Bob loved watching the Phillies and often wore red in support of his favorite team. He also enjoyed watching classic movies and shows on his big screen TV, and solving word puzzles from his favorite recliner chairs. Bob's favorite movies were "Casablanca," "It's a Wonderful Life," "Mr. Baseball," "The Professional," "Shane," "Tim," "Blindside," "Erin Brockovich," "My Cousin Vinny," and "A Christmas Story." He also loved watching "The Lone Ranger" and various westerns. Bob's favorite pastimes include: jazz music, bowling, camping, fishing, talking

about old movies/actors, and antique cars. Bob built a replica of the General Lee, and won 3rd place at the 1982 Philadelphia Custom Car Show.

His favorite outings were scootering around Walmart, stopping at Deluxe Bakery for a powdered cream donut and a dozen rolls, and eating "cream chipped beef" at any diner. But he most treasured spending time with his beloved grandchildren at their various events and celebrations, and spoiling his granddog "Groot" with too many treats.

The viewing and Funeral Mass were at Christ the King Church, Haddonfield. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, Bob requested that donations be made in his name to St. Jude Hospital at www.stjude.org/donate.

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

Rosemarie Jankewicz (Feb 4th)

Rosemarie Jankewicz, 85, of Franklinville passed away on January 20, 2021.

The family has chosen to share their heartfelt stories privately.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Etherington & Creran Funeral Homes, 700 Powell St., Gloucester City.

Theresa M. Gilham (Feb 4th)

Theresa M. Gilham (nee King), 61, of Audubon was greeted with open arms by the Lord on Monday, January 11, 2021.

She is survived by her children Jennifer King (Brad Mastalski) Dianna King (Joseph Molluro), and Robert Anthony King Jr.; grandchildren Kaylee Alexander, Alexis Mastalski, and James Molluro; and sister Kathleen M. Gilham. She is preceded in death by her parents Patricia (Lamb) Gilham and George L. Gilham; siblings Michele A. (Gilham) DiFilippo and Wendy A. (Gilham) Stillman; and beloved ex-husband Robert A. King Sr.

Theresa was born August 16, 1960 in Laurel Springs. She was homecoming queen in 1977 and graduated in 1978 from Audubon High School. She worked customer service, food service and child care. She had a love for animals, gardening, decorating, cooking, music, fashion and she could always be recognized by her genuine smile.

Anyone who knew her knew she was kind and compassionate to everyone. She was very dedicated to her faith. She was known for her unconditional love for her children, grandchildren and family. She will be missed dearly.

Memorial Services will be held at a later date.

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

Timothy Ross (Feb 4th)

Timothy Ross, 63, of Mount Ephraim passed away on January 25, 2021.

Born in Camden, NJ he was the son of the late Franklin T. and Elizabeth Ann (Ward) Ross.

Tim is survived by his brothers, Gary Ross (Meagan), Ken Ross (Peggy); many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and many close friends. Tim was also predeceased by his brothers, Franklin T. Ross Jr. and Pat Ross.

Tim was employed for more 40 years as a press operator for Maggio Printing in Bellmawr. He was an avid Phillies and Eagles fan who enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Tim loved to go fishing, he would always make time to put a hook in the water.

Honoring Tim's wishes, cremation is private and Mass of Christian Burial at Saint Mary's Church, Gloucester City, is private.

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

William J. Muldoon (Feb 4th)

William J. Muldoon passed away at home, surrounded by his loving family, on January 25, 2021.

A lifelong resident of Brooklawn, he was the loving and devoted husband of 40 years to Elizabeth A. Muldoon (nee Kraft). Loving father of William J. Muldoon, Jr. (John M. Donges), Dennis M. Muldoon (Samantha) and Bridget P. Muldoon (Lauren). Cherished grandfather of Lincoln C. and Clementine L. Muldoon.

Predeceased by his father, Joseph P. Muldoon, and his mother, Ruth A. Muldoon. Beloved son of Natalie Muldoon. Loving brother of Eileen Batavick, Michael Muldoon (Roberta), Linda Yodis, Natalie McBride (Thomas), Patricia Holwell and the late Deborah Krasowski (surviving John). Also survived by his mother-in-law, Patricia Kraft, and predeceased by father-in-law Christian Kraft. Survived additionally by many loving nieces and nephews.
Bill was a graduate of Gloucester Catholic Class of 1976.

Relatives and friends attended his viewing and Funeral Service at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or online at www.stjude.org/donate Please memo: William J. Muldoon.

Zayne S. Burkhalter (Feb 4th)

"In the sweetness of friendship, let there be laughter."

Zayne Sibley Burkhalter passed away peacefully January 11, 2021, in her adopted hometown of New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

She was born to the late Julia M. and Harry T. Sibley, the third of six children. She grew up and lived in Mt. Ephraim until moving to New Smyrna Beach in 1992.

Zayne will be remembered by friends and family for her caring nature, her beautiful smile, her sense of humor and easy laughter, as well as her generous gifts of time and energy.

Zayne was preceded in death by her husband, Bob Burkhalter. She is survived by her son Brett Buksar and Candice Beu; her granddaughter Arabella Buksar; and siblings Hope and Todd Jenkins, Elaine Sibley, Idanna and Tom Smith, Marty Sibley and David A. Smith, and Robert Sibley and Patricia Morahan.

Zayne will also be greatly missed by dear friends, Lee Overfelt, Lorraine and Charles Craig, and Denise Stewart, as well as her many friends in New Smyrna Beach.

Gertrude J. Wakeley (Feb. 11th)

Gertrude J. “Trudy” Wakeley (nee Bayer), 93, of Bellmawr, passed away on January 26, 2021.

Beloved wife of the late Thomas Wakeley for 49 years. Devoted mother of Thomas Wakeley and Joann Duffield, and stepmother of Dolores O'Neill (the late Joseph). Loving grandmother of Victoria Liebman (Todd), Pamela Wakeley (Jeremy Webb), Thomas Wakeley III (Jodi), and Shannon Eaton (Tyler) and step grandmother of Joseph O'Neill (Amy), Darren O'Neill (Ro), Kevin O'Neill (Jamie), Ryan O'Neill (Amy), and Glenn O'Neill (Cara). Dear great grandmother of eight and step great grandmother of nine.

Trudy was an employee at ITE Imperial as a bookkeeper, retiring in 1992 after 22 years. She was a member of the Bellmawr Little League Women's Auxiliary.

The viewing was at the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede. Funeral Mass was celebrated in Parish, Annunciation BVM Church, Bellmawr. Interment was at New Saint Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Trudy's memory to the Cure Sanfilippo Foundation, PO Box 6901, Columbia, SC 29260.

Howard F. Etherington Jr. (Feb. 11th)

There are times when we make history and there are times when history makes us. The Etherington family name has been a fabric of the Gloucester City neighborhood for generations.

Howard F. “Duke” Etherington Jr. was friendly and social. What you put out in the world comes back to you. Duke’s early years were his best. He participated in youth sports coaching the neighborhood kids, was a part of the Etherington Funeral Home family business and, for a time, oversaw the Evergreen Cemetery in Camden.
The memories that hang heaviest are the easiest to recall, for Duke it was oh those Wildwood Days. Seeing death as the end of life is like seeing the horizon as the end of the ocean. During the very early hours of February 2, 2021, just as the ocean slips away from the Wildwood beach, Duke’s tide slipped away from the sand after 85 trips around the bright summer sun.

Duke was a lifetime Gloucester City neighbor, well known around the “Holy City.” Outside the family business, he spent time working in the shipyards and enjoyed summers in North Wildwood. He was an eager WWII history enthusiast, particularly the airplanes, and had emphatically enjoyed DC-3 flight simulation from his home computer.

Duke’s yesterdays are all boxed up and neatly put away. He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Donna (nee Ashenfelter) Etherington, and is the father of Lynne and her husband Tim Harper, Gary and his wife Jennifer Etherington, and Karen Etherington. Duke was predeceased by his parents, the late Howard, Sr. and Dorothy (nee White) Etherington, as well as his brother, the late Glenn Etherington.

Relatives, friends and a lifetime of Gloucester City neighbors joined the Etherington family at the old family business, where the Memorial Ceremony was celebrated – the Creran Celebration Etherington & Creran Funeral Home, 700 Powell St., Gloucester City.

The graveside tribute was at the Harleigh Cemetery, Camden.

James H. Gentile (Feb. 11th)

James H. “Jimmy Tomato” Gentile, 64, of Bellmawr, passed away peacefully on January 31, 2021, surrounded by his loving family.

Loving son of the late Harold "Duke" and Helen (nee Porter) Gentile. Dear brother of Carol Price (Peter III), and the late Robert Gentile (Janet Johnson). Devoted uncle of Robert Gentile, Jr., Peter Price IV (Melissa), Cathleen Price, Christine Price, and Crystal Price and great uncle of Peter V, Aubree, Ayden, Paxton. Nephew of Shirley Dougherty. Grandson of the late Louis and Elva Porter. Preceded in death by his faithful companion "Missy."

Jim was a lifelong resident of Bellmawr. He was a member of the Brooklawn American Legion Post 72 for 25 years. His hobbies and interests include gardening his tomatoes in which he generously gave to many of his friends and family, and his love for the Phillies, Eagles and horse racing. Jim also enjoyed traveling to Phillies Spring training in Clearwater.

The viewing and Funeral Service were held at the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede. Interment was at Bethel Cemetery, Hurffville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Silent Epidemic, 32 Casperson St., Gibbstown, NJ 08027
or www.thesilentepidemic.org.

James J. Martin, III (Feb. 11th)

James J. Martin III, 78, of Cherry Hill passed away on January 25, 2021.

Loving and devoted husband of 54 years to Carol Martin (nee Oskiera). Loving father of Lisa Dragani and her husband Vincent, and Patricia Roder and her husband, John. Cherished "Poppy" to his seven grandchildren, Thomas, Alex, Taylor, Jack, Caitlin, Riley and John, and his great-grandson, Jameson. Predeceased by his beloved son, James J. Martin, IV; his parents, James J. Martin Jr. and Helen Fischman Martin; and his sister, Kathleen Tallman (surviving Ralph).

He is also survived by his brothers-in-law, Kenneth and Robert Oskiera, as well as many loving nieces and nephews. James was a graduate of Bishop Eustace Preparatory School Class of 1960. He went on to study at Temple University before taking ownership of the family business, James J. Martin & Sons Drywall Contractors. He retired in 2012.

James was the past president of the Interior Finishing Contractors Association. He was a diehard Philadelphia Eagles fan and an avid skier, reader and "foodie." His greatest love was attending all the various sporting events and activities of his grandchildren.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38150 or online at www.stjude.org/donate. Please memo, James J. Martin.

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

Justice M. Hennix (Feb. 11th)

Sunrise – March 18, 2004
Sunset – January 18, 2021
Justice Mekhi Hennix was born on March 18, 2004, to Angela McBeth, in Mount Holly. His seizure disorder began to surface around four weeks when he was hospitalized for seizure activity. By the end of that night, he experienced over 30 seizures.

After weeks of testing he was diagnosed with Pachgyria/Polymicrogyria, which over time led to quadriplegic cerebral palsy. His first doctor of Neurology sent Justice's MRI to his mentor, who happened to be the only doctor in the world to specialize in this disorder, to provide an overview of life expectation based on his brain scans. Justice's mom knew this was bigger than her and decided to give herself and her son to the Lord.
Throughout his life, Justice experienced medical ups and downs. Slowly, his quality of life changed and his medical needs greatly increased. His mom kept her faith in the Lord that He would provide the help she needed for her and her son.

In 2010, Justice's mom married Rich Kellam, a longtime family friend, who Justice loved and adored. Rich became a part of the family of two just in time because shortly after, the most intense years of Justice's life would soon begin.

From 2010 to 2019, Justice would have over 30 invasive surgeries. It did not matter how much pain he was in after each surgery, he would open his eyes, look at his mom, and smile. His high tolerance of pain was considered a symbol of strength because he could endure procedure after procedure and still be prepared to offer his gift of love on a moment's notice.

Despite his tenacity, his physical needs became too great for his parents to handle on their own. Although she prayed, tithed, and fasted regularly, his mom desperately sought answers from God. She decided to wake up early, take Justice to her local church, and lie him on the altar to pray over his life. After weeks of altar prayer, help arrived. Rich and Angela were led to Voorhees Pediatric Facility, where Justice would receive 24-hour medical care until the time of his passing. Over that time, the staff would become extended family that loved and cared for Justice as much as his own family.

God was actively involved in Justice's life, and proved Himself over and over again. He blessed Justice with a beautiful gift of love. Justice was caring, gentle, tough, and could brighten up any room and lift and encourage any spirit. He was a constant light that shined and gave glory to the Lord by living his life to the fullest, each and every day. He fought until the very end, but transitioned peacefully in the arms of his loving mother. His family rejoices knowing he is no longer in pain and that he is now free.

Justice preceded in death, his mother, Angela Kellam; father, Richard Kellam; two sisters, Jenesis Kellam, 8, and Jiselle Kellam, 7; a cat, McLovin'; and a dog, Xena. He also preceded his maternal grandmother Evelyn "Mom Mom" McBeth, Aunt Harriet McBeth, Auntie Renee Hopkins, Uncle Howard "Dunn" McBeth, Uncle/Godfather Chris McBeth, Auntie/Godmother Meneko Spigner McBeth, Mom Mom and Pop Pop Woods, Uncle and Aunt Waters, and a host of cousins and extended family and friends who loved him.

At the request of the family, Justice's cremation was private. Memorial Service was private at Union Baptist Church in Bordentown.

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

Leslie J. Netter Jr. (Feb. 11th)

Leslie J. Netter Jr. passed away on January 23, 2021, at the age of 87.

Leslie is survived by his wife of 68 years, Catherine, and children Leslie III, Sandra Niblic, Donald, Greg and their spouses. Les was the loving Pop Pop of five grandchildren. First grandchild Michael Netter predeceased his PopPop and is survived by his fiancé Michele Kneble. Grandchildren are Laura Kominos, Ashley Menna (spouse Sebastian), Danielle Netter and Alexis Netter. Great grandchildren are Jack Kominos and Juliette Menna. He is also survived by his brother, Robert Netter, his wife Gina and their family. Les is fondly remembered by his brothers and sisters–in-laws.

Born and raised in Gloucester City, Les was a proud veteran of the US Air Force. After his service, he had a long career as a Mechanical/Instrumentation Designer and lived with his family in Bellmawr.

Les was a talented repairman and completed construction of a family room on the house in Bellmawr. He enjoyed collecting stamps and coins. Les was also a very active member of the Bellmawr Tigers Organization and was a football coach for each son as they grew older in the late 1960s and 70s. He also made time to coach baseball in Bellmawr Little League in the spring.

Due to the virus, services for Les and his burial at Eglington Cemetery were held privately and at the convenience of the family.

If desired, contributions may be made in Les' memory to St. Jude's Hospital at https://www.stjude.org/give.html. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Creran & Etherington Funeral Homes, 700 Powell St., Gloucester City.

Mary Ellen Richardson (Feb. 11th)

Sunrise 7/13/1957 Sunset 1/20/21

Mary Ellen Richardson (nee Fuchs), 63 of Inverness FL, formerly from Gloucester City and Camden City, received her wings and departed from us on January 20, 2021.

Daughter of the late Raymond V. Fuchs and Julia E. Fuchs (nee Tracy). Sister to Juliann Marlino, Rebecca Gannon, Josephine Fuchs, Joan Serfass (Dave), Georgette Hodson (Michael), and Philip Fuchs (Marla). Sister to the late Raymond V Fuchs Jr. and Francis Joseph Fuchs.

Mother to Jose Fuchs, Carmen Acevedo (Julian Sr.), Dereck Rivera (Mary), Raymond Morse and Heather Messina. Loving grandmother to Jose Fuchs Jr., Damien Fuchs, Brandon Fuchs, Ethan Fuchs, Antonio Fuchs, Joshua Brangan, Elysia Acevedo, Julian Acevedo Jr., Ariel Rivera, Angelia Rivera, Peyton Rivera, Aungiaunna Izquierdo, Austin Suarez, Harley Messina, Hailey Messina, Alyssa Messina, Alexis Messina, and Kacee Kely. Great-grandmother to Isabella Fuchs. Mary has a host of beloved nieces and nephews.

Cherished were the times spent with family and friends, traveling, playing BINGO, shooting darts, active member of VFW, American Legion, Moose Lodge and AMVET.

Always the life of the party, Mary made her small presence known in a large way with her dancing and singing. She will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Graveside Funeral Services were celebrated in Harleigh Cemetery, Camden. Honoring her wishes, there was no viewing.

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

Onah Ike Nwatu (Feb. 11th)

Onah Ike Nwatu, was born August 15, 1957 in Nigeria, and graduated from the University of Calabar.

He left Nigeria for the United States of America in the 1980s, and soon married his wife Dorothy, and worked hard for over 35 years to create and give his family a beautiful life. He was a loving, hard-working family man who sacrificed, and lived his whole life trying to keep his loved ones happy and comfortable. Opening various businesses over the years and becoming wildly successful in real estate, Ike had a tenacity and drive that were unmatched, always looking for the next opportunity and forward thinking.

Anyone who knew Ike spoke of how nice and sweet of a man he was. He was a strong, but gentle man, who was so worldly and knowledgeable in so many areas of life. If you needed help or had questions about anything he would stop immediately to aid you. He will be greatly missed. He is survived by his loving wife Dorothy Nwatu, children Cindy, Scott, Renee, his three sisters, and reunited with his late son Troy.

The viewing and Mass of Christian Burial were celebrated at Christ Our Light Church, Cherry Hill. Interment was at Morgan Cemetery, Cinnaminson.

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

Catherine J. Sturgis (Feb. 18th)

Surrounded by her loving family at home, Catherine J. Sturgis, 93, passed away peacefully on February 11, 2021. She was a longtime resident of Gloucester City.

Beloved mother of Rosemary Hilliard and Isabella Hilliard. Predeceased by her daughter, Dianne E. DeMore and sons, William J. Hilliard and John J. DeMore. Cherished daughter of the late Clarence and Catherine Sturgis (nee Reid). Cherished grandmother of 19, great-grandmother of 45 and great-great-grandmother of 24. Beloved sister of Evelyn Horner and Marie Mowery. Predeceased by her baby brother, Clarence Jr.

Relatives and friends are invited to her viewing Saturday, February 20, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, where her funeral service will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. by Rev. Debra Connor. Interment will be private in Union Cemetery, Gloucester City.

For those unable to attend to the service at 10:30 a.m., it will be streamed on McCann-Healey Funeral Home Facebook Page.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to Highland Park Church of God, 111 Baynes Ave, Gloucester City, NJ 08030. Please memo, Catherine J. Sturgis.

Daniela L. Gallente (Feb. 18th)

Daniela L. Gallente (nee Lonabaugh), 62, of West Collingswood Heights, formerly of Gloucester City, passed away on February 5, 2021, at The Deptford Center.

The Gallente family have chosen to share their heartfelt stories privately.

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

Frank T. Clayton Jr. (Feb. 18th)

Frank T. Clayton Jr., 90, of Gloucester City passed away on February 5, 2021.

Born in Atlantic City, he was the son of the late Frank T., Sr. and Ann V. (nee Lord) Clayton.
Frank is survived by his brother, Harry W. Clayton, Sr., sister, Nancy Clayton, and many nieces and nephews as well as many close friends through the years.

Frank was a decorated combat veteran who proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was also a long-time volunteer firefighter and fire policeman with the Gloucester City Fire Company, and was a life member of the VFW Post 3620 in Gloucester City.

He later worked with Benton Tire in Pennsauken for several years as a tire technician before his retirement.
Frank's interment will be held privately in the B.G. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown.
A Memorial Service will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 23, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Pine Grove Association, 827 Jersey Avenue (corner of Eighth Street and Jersey Avenue), Gloucester City.

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

John J. Mertz Sr. (Feb. 18th)

John J. Mertz Sr., 76, who was born on April 25, 1944, raised in Camden and lived in Mount Ephraim and Rohrer Towers, passed away on February 2, 2021.

When he wasn't trying to make a buck, he spent most of his time drinking coffee and raising hell at White Tower/Roney's, coffee shops, or any diner that would serve a bottomless cup of coffee. While "Big John" was tough and stubborn, he would do anything for most anybody. He was proud of his legacy and his most prized possessions were pictures of those he loved. His favorite expression was "That's bull…!" While he enjoyed most sports, he really disliked women's soccer. He is survived by many relatives, friends and naysayers, and predeceased by many as well. While he wanted the world to kiss his ass goodbye, he begrudgingly went out on his back.

Mark Edward Daley (Feb. 18th)

Surrounded by his loving family at Jefferson Hospital in Cherry Hill, Mark Edward Daley, 47, passed away peacefully on February 8, 2021.

A lifelong resident of Gloucester City, he was the beloved and cherished son of the late Michael W. Daley Sr. and Frances Ann Eckerle Daley. Beloved brother of Michael W. Daley (Tammy Scanlon), Robert Daley (Tina Lushbaugh) and William Daley (Ann). Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews, and his sister-in-law, Marie Daley.

Mark attended the LARC School in Bellmawr. He was an avid fan of the Philadelphia Eagles.

Relatives and friends attended his viewing at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City. Interment with his late parents was private in New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to LARC School, 1089 Creek Rd., Bellmawr, NJ 08031. Please memo: Mark Edward Daley.

Robert W. Breslin (Feb. 18th)

Robert W. Breslin, 66, of Mount Ephraim passed away on February 5, 2021.

He was born in Philadelphia to Francis and Anna Mae (nee Mullin) Breslin. A hard worker, Robert was a painter and proud member of DC 11, Local 2011 who continued to paint side jobs after his retirement from the union. He was an avid Grateful Dead fan and loved music and going to concerts. Robert made many good friends throughout the years and will be deeply missed by all.

Robert is predeceased by his father, Francis Breslin and brother, Michael Breslin. He is survived by his beloved wife, Dorothy Breslin (nee Higginbotham); mother, Anna Mae Breslin; brothers, Patrick Breslin (Mary Jean), Frank Breslin (Patricia Munz), and Bill Breslin (Sue); brother in law, Al Higginbotham (Helene); sister in law, Janice; lifelong friend, Scott DeLong; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and three great nephews.

The visitation and Funeral Service for relatives and friends were at the Mahaffey Milano Funeral Home, Mount Ephraim.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Heart Association by visiting heart.org.

Ruth B. Thomson (Feb. 18th)

As she wanted Ruth B. Thomson, 88, passed away peacefully at home, with her family by her side, on February 5, 2021. Born in Brooklawn, Ruth lived in Gloucester City most of her life.

She is survived by her devoted and loving daughters, Debbie Reed, Lori Ryan (Kevin), and Ruth O'Donnell (Thomas); grandchildren Stephanie Osterhouse (Drew), Kristy Marchese (Robert), Nichole Rodgers, Dana Nordaby (Michael), Jessica Ryan, Meghan Ryan, Alicia O'Donnell, Thomas O'Donnell and Erin O'Donnell; great grandchildren, Sophie, Chloe, Josie, Matthew, Michael, Ava, Aubree, Paxton and Tessa. Ruth was predeceased by her husband, James Thomson, on October 19, 2006; daughter, Nancy Blaylock on February 26, 1990, and her son-in-law, Gary Reed on September 12, 2010.

Ruth retired after working over 37 years as a merchandise manager with JC Penney. She started in Audubon and then moved to the new store at Cherry Hill Mall. Ruth graduated from Gloucester City High School in 1950 and was an active member of her "Club," who took trips and spent time together since high school. Ruth loved to bowl, and bowled a few perfect and almost perfect games. The casino was one of her favorite places to play the penny and nickel slots. She loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren more than anything. Grandpups and grandcats may have secretly been her favorite, and they loved her just as much, especially when she would slip them extra treats.

Ruth loved spending weeks in the summer at the beach and going on family vacations. She loved traveling and going to Disney World with her family, and always took advantage of the opportunity to ride "It's A Small World." Lately, Ruth could be found working with her word search puzzles and playing slot machine games on her iPad. For many years, Ruth enjoyed cooking and hosting weekly Sunday dinners with her family where they laughed and told stories. Desserts were her favorite (especially ice cream), and she would never turn down red velvet cheesecake. "There's always room for dessert," she would say.

Honoring Ruth's wishes, visitation and burial were private.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Ruth to Ennoble Care Hospice, 1010 Haddonfield-Berlin Road, Suite 404, Voorhees, NJ 08043. Please write Ruth Thomson in the memo.

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

Velma E. Nazar (Feb. 18th)

Velma E. Nazar, 100, passed away February 6, 2021, at her home in Westmont with her dear friend, Harvey, by her bedside. Velma, beloved wife of 61 years to the late Earle Nazar, leaves behind her godson David Ruggles (Karen), and also her loving friends Harvey and Debbie Garrison and Joe and Patti DiPietro

Velma, a longtime resident of Gloucester City, graduated in the Class of 1938 from Gloucester High School, and was a lifelong member of the Trinity Methodist Church. She worked for 20 years at Linsk Company in Westville as a special button machine operator. She stopped working to take care of her mother.

Velma was a Girl Scout Leader for four years. She enjoyed hosting outdoor parties during the spring and summer in her beautifully manicured yard and playing ball with her guests and neighbors in the "Back Lot." She loved swimming and roller skating, and working in her flower gardens, playing card games, shopping for bargains at Boscov's, taking bus trips and rides to Ocean City, and eating at The Crab Trap in Somers Point.

She also enjoyed attending Easter and Christmas Cantatas, and she always looked forward to spending Christmas Eve with the Ruggles family and decorating their tree!

Relatives, friends and neighbors are invited to gather and share their heartfelt stories on Saturday February 20, between 10 and 11 a.m. at Creran Celebration Etherington & Creran Funeral Homes 700 Powell St. Gloucester City where a Remembrance Ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. Love's reunion will immediately follow at Harleigh Cemetery in the Chapel of Memories Mausoleum.

As an expression of sympathy and In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial contributions in Velma's name be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church, Eighth and Division streets, Gloucester City, NJ, 08030.

Jeanette M. White (Feb. 18th)

Jeanette M. White (nee McMichael), 89, of Gloucester City passed away on December 27, 2020.

Born in Philadelphia, she was the daughter of the late Archibald and Louise (Whelan) McMichael. Devoted wife of the late Warren White of 57 years, who died on April 18, 2010. Beloved mother of Mary Anne Wilson (William, Jr.) Loving grandmother of Billy and Emily, she is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City. Interment was in the Camden County Veterans Cemetery at Harleigh.

Family respectfully requests memorial donations in lieu of flowers to New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home, 524 N. West Blvd., Vineland, NJ 08360. Please write in memo: Jeanette M. White.

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

John J. Kormann Jr. (Feb. 25th)

John James Kormann Jr., 72, of Bartlett, TN, passed away on January 11, 2021.

He was born to the late John Sr. and Wanda Kormann on August 7, 1948, in Camden. John proudly served in the U.S. Navy from 1968-1972, and earned recognition for his bravery and service in Vietnam. He worked as an office equipment repairman/computer service technician through his working years.

John was known for his warm smile, kind heart, outgoing personality, and the love he had for his family. He never met a stranger, and he was always willing to lend a helping hand. He found great joy through his volunteer work with the Orpheum Theatre (PHOTO), Wonders Exhibits, Pink Palace, the Memphis Zoo, church outreach events, and playing Santa Claus at various school and community events.

Along with his parents he was preceded in death by his brothers, Phillip Kormann and James Kormann.

John is survived by his wife of 48 years, Norma Kormann; his daughter, Jennifer Michael (Keith); granddaughter, Olivia Michael; his siblings, Paul Kormann, Gary Kormann (Loretta), Phyliss Hopkins, Anthony Kormann (Charlotte); and his mother in law, Imogene Ritchie.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

A private graveside service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27, at 2 p.m. at the Memphis Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens, 3700 N. Germantown Rd, Bartlett, TN.

Joseph T. Wdzieczkowski (Feb. 25th)

Joseph T. Wdzieczkowski, 90, of Bellmawr, passed away peacefully at home with his wife by his side on Thursday, February 18, 2021.

Beloved husband of 67 years to Mabel E. Wdzieczkowski (nee Rieger). Devoted father of Joseph T. Wells (Mary Ellen) and Thomas J. Wdzieczkowski (Debbie) and the late Donna. Loving grandfather of Jennifer Wells, Marie & Joshua Kizitaff, and Rachel and Tori Wdzieczkowski. Dear brother of Bruno Wdzieczkowski (the late Rose), Margaret Smith (Ronald), Sister Rosemarie, and the late Thomas Wdzieczkowski (the late Rose).

Mr. Wdzieczkowski was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He worked for the US Postal Service in Bellmawr for 42 years and retired as the Manager of Training in 1992.

Joe was an avid church goer and a member of Annunciation BVM Church in Bellmawr. In addition, he enjoyed working around the house and spending time at the casinos.

Family and friends may meet for Mass at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25, in Annunciation BVM Church, Bellmawr. Entombment to follow at New St. Mary's Mausoleum in Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Joseph's memory to American Diabetes Association, PO Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023 (www.diabetes.org).

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

Eleanor Loughery (Feb. 25th)

Eleanor "Mac" Loughery (nee Mackey), 99, of Gloucester City passed away on February 13, 2021.

Loving wife of 30 years to the late John M. Loughery. Loving mother of Thomas Loughery and his wife, Jane. Predeceased by her children, Michael Loughery, John M. Loughery, Jr. and Theresa Loughery. Beloved mother-in-law of Bernadette Loughery. Cherished grandmother of Vanessa Fernandez (Jorge), Meredith Loughery and Thomas A. Loughery. Cherished great-grandmother of Ryan, Justin and Natalie Fernandez.

Eleanor was a graduate of Gloucester City High School Class of 1940. She was a faithful and devoted parishioner of St. Mary's Church in Gloucester City. Mac and her friends would attend Saturday evening mass and then enjoy each other's company at the diner. She enjoyed traveling, trips to the casinos, and was an avid reader, but most of all enjoyed the times surrounded by her family.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Msgr. Lucitt's Needy Children's Christmas Fund, PO Box 87, Gloucester City, NJ 08030. Please memo: Eleanor Loughery.

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

Margaret Pacana (Feb. 25th)

Margaret "Margie" Pacana, 69, of Voorhees, passed away on January 30, 2021.

She was predeceased by her parents, Matthew Pacana and Margaret (nee Schmitz). Born in Philadelphia, she grew up in Oaklyn, attending St. Aloysius School and graduating from Cathedral Academy in Camden.
She worked at several companies, most notably Girard Bank and Bell Telephone. She is survived by numerous first and second cousins of the Schmitz and Pacana extended families. She was loyal to family and friends and often could be stubborn. Her most endearing quality was her love of family and friends and you always knew where you stood with her.

Margie was fiercely proud of her Polish heritage and especially proud of her father's service to this great nation. After her mother's death, Margie became a companion to her father, always arriving together to family functions. Margie had a life-changing fall in 2012, leaving her bed-ridden thereafter. She lived in two different assisted living facilities. She was in The Pines at Voorhees Rehabilitation Center when she passed.

She loved vacationing in Ocean City, attending the Mummers Parade and the "after parade" on 2nd Street, the Flyers, and playing bingo. After her fall took some of these enjoyments away from her, she began to connect not only with family but with new found friends via social media, particularly after the coronavirus lockdown prevented family members and friends from visiting.

Love fiercely. It means to strive to love with your whole heart. With honesty and without reservation. Margie did exactly that. She loved her family and her friends wholeheartedly.

Margie's family has decided to delay a memorial service until sometime around her birthday in July. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions can be made to the VFW Post #4463 in her memory, 5 Manor Avenue, Oaklyn, NJ 08107.

Arrangements entrusted to the Creran & Etherington Funeral Home, 700 Powell St., Gloucester City.

Mary E. Tilghman (Feb. 25th)

Mary E. Tilghman (nee Brodeur), 82, of Brooklawn, formerly of Barrington, passed away peacefully on February 16, 2021.

Beloved wife of the late Thomas. Devoted mother of Thomas (Tammy), Theresa Spurka (William), Tamara Stevens (William), and the late Theodore. Dear sister of Alex Brodeur. Loving grandmother of six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Prior to retirement, Mary worked as a Vet Tech at the Collingswood Veterinary Hospital. She enjoyed volunteering at the Camden County Library teaching adult literacy. Mary was an active member of the former Barrington Beautification Committee and enjoyed bowling and reading mystery novels.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Rose of Lima Church, Haddon Heights. Interment was at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Chews Landing.

If desired memorial donations can be made to Homeward Bound Pet Adoption Center, www.homewardboundnj.org.