Gloucester City News Obituaries
March 2021

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Eleanor A. Maksin (March 4th)

Eleanor A. Maksin (nee Reice), 91, of Turnersville, formerly of Bellmawr, passed away on February 22, 2021.

Beloved wife of the late Joseph Maksin Sr. Devoted mother of Steven, Bruce (Cindy), and Joseph, Jr. (Peggy). Loving grandmother of eight and great grandmother of nine. Dear sister of Sandra Detweiler (Luther) and Toni Beird (Hap). Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Eleanor was a volunteer with the South Jersey AIDS Coalition and a member of the Bellmawr Purple Eagles Women's Auxiliary.

The viewing and Funeral Service were at the Gardner Funeral Home, Bellmawr. Interment was at the New Saint Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Eleanor's name to Faces of Change, PO Box 2632, Camden, NJ 08102.

James V. Heise Jr. (March 4th)

February 3, 1966 – February 17, 2021

Surrounded by love and his family, James “Jimmy” Heise Jr. passed away peacefully at the age of 55 on February 17, 2021, at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center.

Born and raised in Collingswood and a 22-year resident of Mantua, Jim is the beloved and cherished son of Betty (Whiting) McKeown and the late Harry Mckeown. Beloved husband of 21 years to Cheryl (Guckes) Heise. Admired father to his children Amanda Heise, Jimmy Heise, Jake Heise, and Joey Heise. Cherished brother of Daniel Heise (Kristan), Tracey Cannon (Joe), Jennifer Hiltner (Jason), Jessica McKeown, Steven McKeown (Diane), and Christopher McKeown. Jim is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Jimmy graduated from Collingswood High School, Class of 1985. He then went on to proudly serve his country with the U.S Army in Desert Storm. During his years of service, Jim was able to visit Berlin when the Wall came down, ski in Switzerland, visit Lake Geneva, and swim in the Mediterranean while visiting Nice and Monte-Carlo. Jim later worked as a corrections officer at Trenton State Prison and South Woods State Prison in Bridgeton, where he retired in 2019 after 26 years of service. During his time in corrections, Jim held the position of Executive Vice President for NJ’s largest police union, PBA Local #105, where he was able to support many of his beloved brothers and sisters in blue.

Jim was also a member of the VFW Post #3324 in Runnemede and spent most of his life coaching youth sports. He was a favorite coach and second dad to so many in his community. Those who know Jim know that he was truly one of a kind. He had a heart of gold and his legacy on this Earth will live on forever.

The visitation and Committal Prayers were celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City. Burial was in the Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Williamstown.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Jim to: ISR Jimmy Heise "Let's Roll" Scholarship

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

Jay R. Brad (March 4th)

Jay R. Brad, 59, of Runnemede passed away on February 18, 2021.

Beloved husband of Margaret "Peg" (nee Hutchinson). Devoted father of Amanda Cook (Rob), Megan Brad and his third child, his cat Snowflake Brad, and grand-cats Tiger and Echo. Brother of Carolyn Lore (the late Ron Lore), Joann Cathart (Charlie) and the late Joseph Brad. Brother-in-law of Jeanie Brad. Dear son of the late Joseph and Martha (nee Dolt). Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Jay was an avid collector of classic Fords and loved to fish in his free time. Jay worked as a machinist and was the owner of Select Machine and Tool, Inc. and Northeast Medical Systems.

The visitation and Memorial Service were at the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jay's memory to the Naval Air Station Aviation Museum, 500 Forrestal Road, Cape May, NJ 08204.

Josephine F. McDowell (March 4th)

Josephine F. McDowell (nee Sedliak), 97, of Bellmawr, formerly of Glenside, PA, passed away on Feb. 13, 2021.

Beloved wife of the late John C. McDowell. Devoted mother of Theresa Getz (Richard), Ralph Miller (Gerri), Lori Kennedy, the late Joanne Miller (Wm. Rodebaugh), and the late Robert Miller. Loving stepmother of John M. McDowell, (Karensue), Susan Cole & Debra Wright. Beloved grandmother of many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Sister of Ann Markowski, Alberta Sperry, the late John Sedliak and Mary Peischl. Josephine is survived by many loving family and friends.

Josie was a member of the "Red Hats" (Blushing Violets), and a South Jersey Bicycle Club. She enjoyed many activities, loved traveling and her poodle "Pierre."

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the SPCA (pspca.org).

The Funeral Mass was celebrated at Annunciation Church, Bellmawr. Interment was at New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

Madeline G. Phipps (March 4th)

We all come to this world to be tourists, enjoy life, go sightseeing and have fun. Travel isn't always pretty. It isn't always comfortable. Sometimes it hurts, it even breaks your heart. But that's okay. The journey changes you. Madge's journey made her. It made her a mother, wife, grandmother and friend. It took her to the city, to the theater's bright lights, Hawaii and The Big Easy. Yes, we knew you'd stay while you can. Then you'd go and we'll grow, and we'll cry. For a while… Forever always seems to be around when it begins but forever never seems to be around when it ends.

On Monday February 22, 2021, Madeline G. "Madge" (nee Day) Phipps finished her journey of 95 trips around the sun and gave away her forever away from Virtua Hospital in Voorhees. Madge's sun rose during the roaring 1920s in South West Philadelphia. Her early years saw prohibition while her formative years witnessed the beginning and end of WWII. Madge was a reader and loved the places her books and her imagination would take her.

Later in her years, her work at United Airlines in Philadelphia would give her the opportunity to visit new places for 18 years. After retiring it was the theater's stage and movies that would take her. Out to dinner was her personal favorite.

After city life Madge settled in the south jersey suburbs to be closer to her daughter. She is the mother of Diane and her husband Raymond Stanton, the late William T. "Tommy" Phipps, and is the grandmother of Ashley Doolan and a long list of grand doggies.

Relatives, friends and neighbors shared heartfelt stories, thumbing through Daniele Steel romance novels and remembering an independent mother and grandmother in the Creran Celebration Etherington & Creran Funeral Homes 400 White Horse Pike, Oaklyn, where the Remembrance Ceremony followed. The Graveside Tribute was at Glenwood Memorial Gardens 2321 West Chester Pike, Broomall, PA. Madge had made it her purpose to donate to many things, little by little over many years.

As an expression of sympathy and in lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to a favorite charity of the donor's choosing.

Marie M. Leonetti (March 4th)

Marie "Mer" Leonetti (nee Raspa), 92, of Bellmawr, formerly of South Philadelphia, passed away on February 22, 2021.

Beloved wife of the late Frank "Franny" Leonetti. Devoted mother of Frank (Jane), Lynda, Robert, Patrice, and Lisa (Marysol). Caring grandmother of Jennifer, Jessica, Michael, Michele, Melissa, Nicolas, Gregory, and Daniel. Loving great grandmother of Simone, Lila, Kingston, Gavin, Lucas, Zoey, Luca, Felix, Ceci, and Franco.

Loving sister of Helen (Sal), Lou (Connie), Joe (Jean), and Catherine. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and other dear family and friends.

Marie was an excellent cook and baker. She was a devout Catholic and a member of Bellmawr Seniors. Marie loved music, dancing with Frank, and sharing her gift of a beautiful singing voice. She also enjoyed reading the daily paper and completing the crossword puzzles. Most of all, Marie loved her family.

Family and friends are invited to her Memorial Mass at 10 a.m. Monday, March 8, at Annunciation BVM Church, Bellmawr. Inurnment to follow at New Saint Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Marie's name to the American Heart Association, 1 Union Street, Suite 301, Robbinsville, NJ 08691 (www.heart.org).

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

Philip H. George (March 4th)

Philip H. George, 74, of Bellmawr, passed away on February 17, 2021, and was survived by the love of his life for 44 years, Eugena, and his children Stacie (Ryan), Monica (Stephen), Philip (Julia), Cathy (Alvin) and Judy. Philip was also "Bepop" (grandfather) to six grandchildren, David, Rosie, Felix, Kai, Riley and Ezra.

Phil was a retired barber who had a shop in Westville since 1968 and enjoyed day trading stocks.

Due to COVID-19, there will be no services at this time. A celebration of his life will be held in this spring. As Phil would say, "Life is good."

Rosemary Fox (March 4th)

Rosemary “Cobb” Fox, 72, of Blackwood, passed away peacefully on February 23, 2021, surrounded by her four daughters.

Rosemary was a longtime resident of Gloucester City and worked for many years at Jim’s Pizzeria. Her warm and loving personality was a bright force in the lives of her family and friends. She was preceded in death by her son Joseph Cobb Jr.; her parents, Robert and Edna (Cochran) Whittick; brother, Bobby Whittick Jr. and her longtime love, Butch Moore.

Rose is survived by her loving daughters; Mary Mortimer, Lisa Foltz, Michelle Robb (Kenneth) and Brittany Hinman (Charles) and her grandchildren who were the center of her life: Michael, Robert, Christopher, Alyssa, Deanna, Destiny, Olivia, Justin, Kayla, Jordan, Trinity, Adelynn, Preston, and Charleigh, as well as many great grandchildren that she loved dearly. Rose is also survived by her sister and best friend, Teresa Dunkirk Clatterbaugh (John). She adored her nieces, cousins and friends.

Rose was a selfless person who never met a stranger. She was a great cook who loved to dance (in her heels), she loved the Mummers and loved animals (especially her fur baby Callie). Rose was a beautiful person inside and out.

The viewing was in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Rosemary to the Animal Welfare Association of NJ, 509 Centennial Blvd., Voorhees, NJ 08043 or online at https://www.awanj.org.

Adella C. Arnold (March 11th)

Adella C. "Christine" Arnold (nee Smoluk), 82, of Bellmawr passed away on February 27, 2021.

Beloved mother of Derek Arnold (Lorin) and Jamey Arnold (Marc). Devoted grandmother of Jacob, Devin, Abbigael, Benjamin, Nathaniel, Emmeline, and Paul. Dear sister of Ronnie Smoluk, Barbara Lehan (Wally), and the late Anna Mae, Adam Jr., George, Jacky, and Joann. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, family members, and friends.

Her family was her life. Christine loved to garden and spend time outside with friends and family. Christine was a huge advocate for animal welfare.

Services and interment were private at the request of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Christine's memory to Homeward Bound Pet Adoption Center, 125 County House Road, Blackwood, NJ 08012 (homewardboundnj.org).

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

David L. Venella (March 11th)

David L. Venella, 91, of Runnemede passed away on February 24, 2021.

Beloved husband of Mary Lou (nee McCarthy) for 66 years. Devoted father of David Venella (Jeanne), Mary Lee Moore (Bernard), Maureen Crocker (Gerald), Dennis Venella (Kathleen), Milissa Mitchell (Keith), Marci Venella, Melinda Venella, and Douglas Venella (Sue). Loving pop to Allison, Casey, Gregory, Jason, Kaitlin, Courtney, Carlee, Daniel, Paige and Gavin, and great pop to Harper, Adi, Penelope, and Maeve.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in David's memory to the St. Teresa Regional School Tuition Assistance Fund, 27 E. Evesham Road, Runnemede, NJ 08078.

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

Denise J. Madjeski (March 11th)

Denise J. Madjeski (nee Burkhardt), 64, of Sicklerville passed away on February 13, 2021.

Loving and devoted wife of 41 years to Gregory J. Madjeski. Loving mother of Rebekah Guckin (Brandon) and Benjamin Madjeski (Alyssa). Cherished grandmother of Christian and Charlotte Guckin. Beloved sister of Barbara Cohen (Steven). Beloved daughter of the late Theodore and Jane Burkhardt.

Denise was a graduate of Gloucester High School Class of 1975. She went on to receive her bachelors of science from Rutgers University, Camden. Denise worked 10 years as a medical technologist for West Jersey Hospital Camden and Voorhees and was a proud member of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. After remaining at home to raise her children, she became a teacher at Victory Christian School in Williamstown.

Denise was a longtime member of Brooklawn United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday school. She loved to travel and visit the beach or mountains. Most of all she loved her cottage at Malaga Camp and watching her grandkids play.

Her viewing and Funeral Service were at the Brooklawn United Methodist Church. Interment was in Hillcrest Memorial Park, Hurffville.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to West Jersey Grove Association (Malaga Camp), 4488 Arbutus Avenue, Newfield, NJ 08344 or to Handi*Vangelism Ministries International, 300 W Chestnut St, Ephrata, PA 17522. Please memo: Denise J. Madjeski.

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

Helen I. Melchiore (March 11th)

Helen Melchiore, 79, of Runnemede, formerly of Blenheim, passed away on February 24, 2021.

Beloved mother of Joseph (Jill), grandmother of Zachary and Nicholas, and sister of Reginald "Skeeter" (Caroline "Tootsie"). Also survived by a niece and nephews.

Helen enjoyed the casino, bowling, and playing softball. She may be best remembered as a supporter of wrestling. Prior to her retirement, she co-owned the family establishment, Skeeter's Pub (formerly Reggie's Café) with her brother.

Services and interment were private. In lieu of flowers, flowers or contributions for flowers for the residents of Lincoln Specialty Nursing Center may be made through Martine's Countryside Florist in Vineland or a florist of your choice.

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

Jesse Ryan Yip (March 11th)

Jesse Ryan Yip, 33, of Port Charlotte, FL, formerly of Bellmawr, passed away suddenly on February 12, 2021.

Beloved son of Dawn Renn and William "Jesse" Yip. Loving brother of Dylan Powers, Alexis Yip and Jenna Yip. Cherished maternal grandson of Jane Renn and the late Robert Renn. Cherished paternal grandson of Ilse Yip and the late Arthur Yip. Also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends, as well as Ashley Hall and her two daughters, Kayleigh and Paige, of Port Charlotte, FL.

Jesse was a graduate of Triton High School Class of 2006. He went on to graduate Boot Camp in the U.S. Army in 2009. Jesse was an avid skydiver and loved playing football and hockey.

The viewing and services were at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital online at www.stjude.org/donate.

Joseph T. McWilliams Jr. (March 11th)

Joseph T. "Mac" McWilliams Jr., 77, of Westville, formerly of Fairview, passed away on February 27, 2021.

Joseph passed away peacefully to reunite with his loving wife of 48 years, the late Helen Mary McWilliams (nee Sykes). Loving father of Shannon McWilliams (Jim Summers), Sean (Sara) McWilliams, Scott (Kathy) McWilliams and Siobhan (Ray) Kinsella. Cherished grandfather of Jimmy, Colin, Reily, Austin, Shannon, Rachael, Gavin, Joseph, Jacqueline, Connor, Adelyn and the late Krysta Lynn.

Beloved brother of Leona Porter (Harry), Theresa Budniak (Bill), the late Nancy Hickey (surviving Dan), Michael McWilliams (Donna Hale) and Edward McWilliams (April). Dear nephew of Samuel Jones, Doris Kavanagh, Robert Jones and Patricia Wade. Joe is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents, Joseph T. McWilliams Sr. and Leona Emily McWilliams (nee Jones), as well as many loving aunts and uncles.

Joe was a graduate of Camden Catholic High School Class of 1962. He proudly served our country in the U.S. Air Force during Vietnam before receiving his bachelor's degree from LaSalle University. Joe worked many years as an accountant before his retirement.

A passionate fan of Philadelphia sports and Notre Dame Football, Joe loved politics, debating, crossword puzzles, reading, card games and listening to Irish, Jazz and Country music. Above all else, he loved his siblings, extended family and most especially his grandchildren.

Relatives and friends attended his viewing and the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City.

Interment with U.S. Air Force was at Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Williamstown.
In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Disabled American Veterans Charitable Trust 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076 or online at https://cst.dav.org/ or to The Gary Sinise Foundation, PO Box 368, Woodland Hills, CA 91365 or online at https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/donate/ Please write in memo, Joseph T. McWilliams Jr.

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

Judith E. Glick (March 11th)

Judith Elaine Glick (nee Gansz), formerly of Brooklawn and the beloved wife of Steven Glick for 38 years, passed away on February 28, 2021, surrounded by her loving family.

Daughter of Herbert and Elsie Gansz, she was born and raised in Brooklawn. Judy attended grade school at Alice Costello School in Brooklawn later graduating from Gloucester City High School. After graduating from Lycoming College, she returned to teach at Alice Costello School for 35 years.

Over the years she enjoyed teaching many of the children of friends she attended school with in Brooklawn. Her family always joked that she was the longest running "kid" going home to her parent's house for lunch every school day.

After retiring, Judy and Steve developed a love for antiques. They enjoyed attending estate and yard sales and started their business "Punch and Judy Antiques and Collectibles." They sold their finds at Woodbury Antiques Center.

Judy is survived by her husband Steven, her sisters, Beverly Lehto (Paul) and Kathy Athey (Jim), and nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her parents Herbert and Elsie Gansz.

Funeral Services were at the Brooklawn United Methodist Church. Burial was at Eglington Cemetery in Clarksboro. Donations can be made to the Brooklawn United Methodist Church.

Marie A. Johnson (March 11th)

Marie A. Johnson (nee Hoffman), 74, of Gloucester City passed away on March 3, 2021.

Beloved wife of 53 years to William P. Johnson. Loving mother of William C. Johnson and Eric T. Johnson. Cherished grandmother of Connor, Bailey, Nathaniel and Kyle.

Due to the current pandemic, funeral services are private at this time. Memorial services will be planned at a later date. Please consider a donation in memory of Marie to Crescent Shrine, 700 Highland Drive, Westampton, NJ 08060. Please memo: Marie A. Johnson.

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

Marie Plummer (March 11th)

Marie “Debbie” Plummer (nee Fithian), 55, of Woodlynne passed away on February 11, 2021.

Loving and devoted wife of 30 years to Paul J. Plummer. Loving mother of Kyle Plummer and Brandy Plummer. Cherished daughter of Mary Fithian and the late Edward A. Fithian Sr. Beloved sister of Janene Bostedt (Charles) and Edward A. Fithian Jr. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Debbie was a graduate of Gloucester City High School Class of 1983. She went on to graduate from P&B Beauty School and most recently worked as an insurance agent in Haddon Township. Debbie was multitalented and always full of energy. Her family will remember her for her excellent baking, ceramic skills and detail in crocheting.

Due to the current pandemic, Debbie's interment was private in Bethel Memorial Park, Pennsauken. Memorial Services will be scheduled at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 1415 Route 70, Suite 311, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 or online at jdrf.org

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

Marie E. Smith (March 11th)

Marie E. Smith (nee Stewart) of Fairview, wife of the late Spencer Smith Jr, passed away last week.

Mother of the late Spencer Smith III, grandmother of Shauna Schmeling (Jason) and Spencer Smith lV (Liza), and great grandmother of Tyler, Ava, Spencer V and Brody. Sister of the late Charles Stewart, and aunt of Fay and Betty Ann, Best friend of Sissy the cat.

She is a graduate of Palmyra High School, Class of 1936. Marie was a registered nurse, and graduate of West Jersey Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1939. Marie was a longtime resident of Fairview and member of St. Joan of Arc Parish.

Marie's reunion with her son and husband will be held privately, as requested by the family. Donations can be made in Marie's honor to the Animal Welfare Association, 509 Centennial Blvd, Voorhees, NJ 08043, (awanj.org/). Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Creran & Etherington Funeral Homes, 700 Powell St., Gloucester City.

Ove G. Nyman (March 11th)

Ove G. Nyman of Bellmawr, formerly of Audubon and Haddon Heights, passed away on February 13, 2021.

Son of the late Ove and Hildegard Nyman. Loving father of Paula (Dan) Salinas of San Diego, CA, and Karen (Michael) Seidermann of Haddon Heights. Lovingly survived by his seven grandchildren, Kristin, Danny and David Salinas, and Dane, Matt, Dylan and Gunnar Seidermann; his five great grandchildren, Emmett, Chloe and Eden Seidermann and Amanda and Brody Johnson; as well as his cousin, Sonja Roth, of West Chester.

Predeceased by his sister, Sylvia M. Fetter of Baltimore, MD, and his cousin, Eivind Barth of Cherry Hill.
Mr. Nyman attended the Audubon School System and Camden County Vocational School. He served as a member of the Ocean City Beach Patrol from 1949-50. He also served in the US Coast Guard during the Korean War.

Ove was employed in the plumbing and heating business, and then in the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard before retiring in 1991. Mr. Nyman was a volunteer and past president of the Haddon Heights Fire Department and a member and past president of the Haddon Heights Lions Club. Ove grew up during a great time and enjoyed a loving family and many dear friends.

The visitation and Memorial Service were celebrated at the Healey Funeral Home, Haddon Heights. Interment was private.

Patricia Nash Johnson (March 11th)

Patricia Nash Johnson, 77, of Sewell, formerly of Gloucester City, passed away on February 28, 2021.

Beloved daughter of the late John and Mary Nash (nee Ash). Loving mother of Tara Johnson Blaisdell and her husband, Jon; and Christopher Johnson and his wife, Chrissy. Cherished grandmother of Sean, Megan and Ryan. Predeceased by her sister, Mary Lou Nash.

Patricia was a graduate of St. Mary's School in Gloucester City and a 1962 graduate of Gloucester Catholic High School. She recently retired from the NJ Department of Youth and Family Services in Sewell.

The visitation for relatives and friends and the Funeral Service were at the McCann-Heaely Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

Interment was in New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

Thomas F. Murphy Jr. *(March 11th)*

On March 2, 2021, Tom, 90, passed away at his daughter's home in Barrington.

Born in Philadelphia and raised in Upper Darby, PA, Tom had been a former resident of Mount Ephraim and member of Sacred Heart Church there. He worked for most of his life as a carpet salesman. Tom was a big Notre Dame fan, an avid golfer, and he loved his family and friends.

Tom was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy (nee Meiluta); his daughter, Dorothy; his sister, Elizabeth; and his brother, William. He is lovingly survived by his children, Thomas F. III (Kathy), Michael (Jean), Dennis (Maureen), Theresa (Joe), and Patrick; his son-in-law Mike Lally; his grandchildren, Jacqueline, Sean, Kathleen, Dennis, Jennifer (Ed), Thomas, Christopher, Carolynn (Bobby), Andrea, Patrick (Lauren), Alexandra (Darius) Amanda, and Danny; and his great grandchildren, Mason, Connor, Owen, RJ, Madison, Evan, Maxwell, Mason, Adrianna, Thomas, and Preston.

His Memorial Service and urn burial at New St. Mary's Cemetery were held privately for the immediate family. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Healey Funeral Home, Haddon Heights.

Victor C. Dickerson (March 11th)

July 2, 1961 – February 11, 2021 Victor C. "Vic" Dickerson, 59, of Deptford passed away on February 11, 2021.

Born in Camden, he was the son of the late Anthony and Edna (Barrow) Ignatovich. Vic is survived by his sons, Michael Dickerson (Ariel) and Victor Dickerson; and grandchildren Spencer, Katlyn, Cheyanne and Daniel.
He is also survived by his sister, Doreen Eggers (George), nieces Nicole White (Mike), Tori, Lynzie, Amanda and Ashlynn Eggers, and his great-niece, Maryella White. Vic was also predeceased by his sister, Mary White (John).

A Memorial Service was celebrated at the First Baptist Church (Epiphany Church) of Gloucester City.

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

Walter P. Casmer Jr. (March 11th)

Walter Philip Casmer Jr. of Audubon Park passed away on February 21, 2021, at Virtua-Lady Of Lourdes Hospital, Camden.

He was the husband of Charlotte Barbara (Nieroda) Casmer for 55 years.
Walt was born in Camden on December 3, 1941, to the late Walter and Ann (Trotsky) Casmer Sr., and then lived in Audubon Park. Walt was an electrician by trade. He worked at RCA Space Center in Hightstown, GE in Philadelphia, and Owens Corning in Barrington, Alcatel in Mt. Laurel, TTI-Marlton, and Southern Container Corp of Dayton. He also had his own business, Suburban Fence Company, installing fences throughout the area. In his 30s, he enjoyed riding his motorcycle up and down the east coast, especially to Lake George, NY, for 10 years. Football was his favorite sport on weekends.

In addition to his wife Charlotte, Walter is survived by his sons Alan D. Casmer of Audubon and Ronald (Beverly) Casmer of Mt. Ephraim; five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; many cousins and Richard and Elenore Casmer.

Relatives, friends and neighbors shared heartfelt stories at the Creran Celebration, Etherington & Creran Funeral Homes, Oaklyn. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Aloysius Church, Oaklyn. Interment was at Lakeview Memorial Park, Cinnaminson.

Deborah Bush-Formosa (March 18th)

Deborah Bush-Formosa, 70, of Bellmawr passed away on March 6, 2021.

Born in Camden, she was the daughter of the late Clifford and Florence (Murphy) Bush. Deborah was also predeceased by her husband, James Formosa; brother, Clifford J. Bush; and nephew, Michael Bush Jr.

She is survived by her daughters, Amy Santana (Nick) and Kathy Formosa; grandchildren, Nicholas, Oliver, Luca, Daniel and Ava; brother, Michael Bush (Joyce); nieces, Lauren Bush-Davis (Matthew), Jessica Bush and Jamie Bush-Gunther; and her nephew, Kevin Bush.

Contributions may be made in memory of Deborah to: JLM Christian Foundation, 999 Tetters Mill Rd., Bryn Athyn, PA 19009. Please write Deborah Formosa in the memo.

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

George W. Walters Jr. (March 18th)

George W. Walters Jr., 73, of Gloucester City passed away peacefully at home on February 28, 2021.

Born in Camden, he was a lifelong resident of Gloucester City. He was the son of the late George W. Walters Sr. and Lillian May (Friezer) Walters. Also predeceased by his brothers Donald Sr., Jack, and Richard Walters, and his twin sister, Gloria Jean Dooley.

George is survived by his nieces, Gloria L. Dooley, Colleen Casey, Tina Campbell, Jacqueline Darby and Tammy Galligan and nephews, Donald Walters, Jr., Christopher Nadeau, Scott Walters and Woodrow (Woody) Dooley III.

George proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force working as an aircraft maintenance specialist during the Vietnam War.

Graveside services with military honors were celebrated in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Gloucester City.

Contributions may be made in memory of George to: American Cancer Society, 1851 Old Cuthbert Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034. Please write: George W. Walters, Jr. in the memo.

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

James F. Callahan (March 18th)

James F. Callahan, 88, of Gloucester City since 1970, passed away on March 3, 2021.

Born in Philadelphia, he was the son of the late Bernard J. and Hilda E. (Travis) Callahan. He also predeceased by his brother, Joseph Callahan. James is survived by his many nieces and nephews.

James worked for 44 years as a machinist with Strutter & Dunn Manufacturing Company in Pitman before his retirement in 1994. He was a parishioner of St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City.

Funeral services were celebrated at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Cherry Hill.

Contributions may be made in memory of James to: Homeward Bound Pet Adoption Center, 125 County House Road, Blackwood, NJ 08012 or to Heartland Hospice, 1385 Chews Landing Road, Laurel Springs, NJ 08021. Please write: James F. Callahan in the memo.

John Ricca (March 18th)

John Ricca, 67, of Maple Shade, formerly of Atlantic City, passed away on February 25, 2021.

Burial was private at Waterford Memorial Park, Waterford Works. There was no visitation or service.

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

Mark A. Pennington (March 18th)

Mark A. Pennington, 60 of Brooklawn passed away suddenly at home on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. He was the son of the late Leola Pennington and the late James A. Pennington Sr.

Mark was born in Camden and had been a longtime Gloucester City and Brooklawn resident. He worked in maintenance at Inverness Apartments and was a skilled welder, carpenter, mechanic and sketch artist.

He is survived by his daughters, Dianalynne Pennington and Jennifer Pennington-Flynn; his sons Scott and Kevin Gray Ward. He was the proud grandfather to Kaya, Jason, Darius and Ashley. He was predeceased by his son Mark A. Pennington, Jr. Brother to Henry Ward, late Jessie Renshaw, late Warren Pennington, James Pennington Jr. and Judy Pennington.

He loved all his family.

Relatives, friends and neighbors gathered with the Pennington family to celebrate his life at Creran Celebration Etherington & Creran Funeral Homes, 700 Powell St., Gloucester City, where the Remembrance Ceremony was held.

Inurnment was private.

Michael J. Arrison (March 18th)

Michael J. Arrison, 29, of Brooklawn passed away on March 7, 2021.

Cherished son of Michael R. Arrison and Karen Fitzgerald Gonzalez. Also survived by his beloved grandparents, Joseph and Barbara Fitzgerald, his brother Julian Gonzalez, and his sister Rebecca Muller.

“Son, you know I loved you to death and I am going to miss you. I’ll see you at the end of the road. There was nothing I loved more than you!” Love Dad.

At the request of his family, services were private.

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

Nicholas J. DeMarco (March 18th)

Nicholas J. DeMarco, 88, of Bellmawr, formerly of South Philadelphia, passed away on March 11, 2021.

Beloved husband of 68 years to Alfia. Devoted father of Deborah (James) Amitrano, Yvonne (Louis) D'Amelio, Steven (Donna) and Michelle (Andrew) D'Amelio. Loving pepop to Christopher, Laura (John) Rotter, Douglas

D'Amelio, Nicholas and Alexus DeMarco, John Haugh, Danielle and Anthony D'Amelio. Great grandfather of Isabelle, William and Eleni. Dear brother of the late Antoinette, John, Herbie, Theresa, Mary and Muffy. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Nicholas was the owner of T & A Metal Products. He was a parishioner of Annunciation Church and loved sports, gambling, playing cards, bowling league and his family.

The viewing and Funeral Mass were at the Annunciation BVM Church, Bellmawr. Entombment was at New St. Mary's Mausoleum, Bellmawr. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Samaritan Healthcare and Hospice, 3906 Church Road, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054-1108.

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

Reva R. Watkins (March 18th)

Reva R. Watkins passed away at the age of 79 on March 10, 2021, in the comfort of her home and surrounded by her loved ones, after a long battle with dementia.

Reva was born in Malad City, ID, to the late, Alvin and Ruby John. She was the oldest of eight and is survived a brother, Dwayne John. She was predeceased by six sisters and one brother.

She leaves behind her three children, Paul Westbrook, IV, Pamela Westbrook and Virginia Westbrook. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Reva worked as a customer services associate with ShopRite in Brooklawn for 11 years before her retirement in 2015. Reva moved to the east coast after marrying her first husband and worked for many years at the Brooklawn Diner. She moved to Camden three years ago to be with her daughter from Collingswood due to her illness. She loved being on the go, loved going to church and helping others.

Funeral services will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 17, at 11 a.m. in Highland Park Church of God, 111 Baynes Ave., Gloucester City, NJ, where family and friends may visit from 10 to 11 a.m. Please wear a face covering and maintain proper social distances.

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

Clarence Pierce Jr. (March 25th)

Clarence "Chuck" Pierce Jr., 87, of Runnemede passed away on March 13, 2021.

Beloved husband of the late Theresa (nee Sacchetti). Devoted father of Wayne Pierce (Sherry), John Pierce (Ann Marie), Patricia Phillips (the late Steve), and Danny Pierce. Loving grandfather of Krista (Ricky), Gabrielle (Gary), Pierce, Derek, Matthew, Kaitlyn, and Kelly. Also survived by many nieces and nephews and his beloved daughter-in-law Daria.

Chuck was born in Camden. He proudly served with the US Marine Corps during the Korean War. He was a Runnemede Police Officer for many years and then worked for the Camden County Prosecutor's Office, retiring in

2005. Chuck was a member of PBA Local #30 and the Retired Police and Fire Association, and was former football and baseball coach in Runnemede.

The viewing and Funeral Service were at the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede. Entombment was at New St. Mary's Mausoleum, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Chuck's memory to VITAS Hospice, 521 Fellowship Rd., Suite 110, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054.

Francis G. "Frank" Burrini (March 25th)

Francis "Frank" G. Burrini, 61, of Runnemede passed away on March 12, 2021.

Beloved husband of the late Joanne Austin-Burrini (nee Yowler). Loving father of Tara Austin, Max, Amy Burrini (Scott), Katie DaSilva (Everson), and Shannon Burrini. Pop of Marissa, Cameron, Allie, Deacon, and JoJo. Brother of Vicki, Anita, and Milissa. Survived by many nieces and nephews, and his canine companions Ellie and Lobby.

Frank worked as an independent contractor for Amoroso and was a devoted Cowboys fan. He was a long-time softball coach, avid car collector, but most of all, he loved being a grandfather.

The visitation and Memorial Service were at the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Frank's name to Homeward Bound, 125 County House Rd., Blackwood, NJ, 08012.

Frank W. Signorini (March 25th)

Frank W. Signorini, 73, o f Bellmawr passed away on March 10, 2021, in Camden.

Frank was born on January 30, 1948, in Hendersonville, PA, to the late Nellie (nee Kusz) and Cirio Signorini. Frank was a U.S. Navy veteran who served in the Vietnam War. He worked as a heavy equipment mechanic, residing in Bellmawr for 36 years.

He was a loving husband, best friend and soulmate for 34 years to Doris (nee Trojak). He will be truly missed. Frank is predeceased by his parents, Nellie and Cirio Signorini; and his brothers, August (Sonny), John and Dave Signorini.

Frank leaves behind to cherish his memories: his wife, Doris; his children, Daniel (Kristin) of Bellmawr, Elizabeth (Jesse) of Eighty Four, PA, and Frank and April of the Pittsburgh, PA area; his grandchildren, Dom, Jaxson (my buddy), Danny, Mikey, Madison, Ryan and three other grandchildren; his favorite ex-daughter-in-law, Christine; his siblings, Cirio (Kathie) of Canonsburg, PA, Dino (Kristie) of Washington, PA, Ann of Canonsburg, PA, and Janice of Washington, PA; and sisters-in-law, brother-in-law, many nieces, nephews and friends that were "family."

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

George Shoemaker (March 25th)

George John Shoemaker, 86, of Dagsboro, DE, passed away on Monday, March 15, 2021, at his home. He was born on June 27, 1934 in Camden, son of the late George J. Sr. and Elizabeth (Coppola) Shoemaker. Mr. Shoemaker spent most of his life in Gloucester City, relocating to Delaware in 1992. He built a career as a tool and die machinist, working for more than 30 dedicated years for Thomson Lamination, Co. in Maple Shade.

A natural born handyman, Mr. Shoemaker repaired lawn mowers and other small motors. He was a skilled craftsman who enjoyed woodworking and an avid fisherman, who cast a line at every opportunity. Above all, Mr. Shoemaker cherished time spent with those he held most dear. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, and friend who will be genuinely missed by all who had the good fortune to know him.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Shoemaker was preceded in death by his great-granddaughter, Kristen Straka. He is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Mary Ann Bittman Shoemaker of Dagsboro, DE; his sons: Robert Shoemaker (Kathryn) of Elkton, MD, Kurt Shoemaker of Tuckerton, and David Shoemaker (Michele) of Williamstown; his daughter, Cindy Straka (Jes) of Clinton, WA; his eight grandchildren; his five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, services will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions in Mr. Shoemaker's memory to the Cheer Center, 30637 Cedar Neck Road, Ocean View, DE 19970.

Please visit Mr. Shoemaker's Life Memorial Webpage and sign his virtual guestbook at www.parsellfuneralhomes.com.

Jack I. Sparacio (March 25th)

Jack I. Sparacio, 79, of Mount Ephraim, passed away on March 7, 2021.

Devoted partner of Kathleen DiBruno for 25 wonderful years. Beloved son of the late Christopher G. Sparacio and Zena Sparacio (née Battilana). Dear brother of Maria Hance (Ernie) and the late Christina Sparacio. Loving father of Rob Sparacio (Patti), Christopher Sparacio (Sophie), Stephan Sparacio, and the late Andrea Sparacio. Dear grandfather of Jordan, Chynna, Geneva, Zachary, Christiana, John, Shaun, Tyler, and Jacob. Devoted great-grandfather of Chandler and Dakota.

Family was everything to Jack, and he is also survived by Kathleen's children, Jacqueline Ortzman (Sean) and Michael DiBruno, and was preceded in death by Kathleen's son Kevin. Jack was part of a large and close-knit family, and is survived by many devoted relatives, including aunts, cousins, and nephews.

Jack was proud of his long career with the Cement Masons Local 699. He was a long-time member and officer of the Order Sons of Italy in America Alighieri-Garibaldi Lodge 494 and was very active with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey as well.

Jack, who was an athlete in high school, loved football. He was a passionate Eagles fan, who also enjoyed college games. As busy as Jack was, he also made time for his two favorite hobbies, jigsaw puzzles and making amazing limoncello for his friends and family.

The visitation and Funeral Service were at the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jack's name to the Order Sons of Italy Alighieri-Garibaldi Lodge 494, PO Box 372, Collingswood, NJ 08108.

James J. Murphy (March 25th)

James J. Murphy, 93, of Runnemede, formerly of Philadelphia, passed away on March 12, 2021.

Loving husband of the late Helen. Devoted father of Helen Kiewel (Ron), Kathleen Schreyer (Gary), and Jamie Applegate (Robert). Beloved poppy of Ronnie, Aubrey, Kevin, Melissa, Mollie, and Dillon. Great grandfather of Julia and Andrew.

James proudly served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was a Realtor with Realco. He was the manager of the Mask and Wig club at The University of Pennsylvania. James loved listening to music, especially Frank Sinatra, making jokes, and was an avid golfer.

The viewing was at the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede. The Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Maria Goretti Church, Runnemede. Interment was in New St. Mary's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in James' memory to American Diabetes

Association www.diabetes.org, PO Box 7023 Merrifield, VA 22116-7023.

James Rebstock (March 25th)

James Rebstock, 68, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Thursday afternoon, March 11, 2021. James loved his family, basketball, and, ultimately, the Bible.

He was a great husband and father that cared for seven children with ages currently ranging between 31 and 43. He was blessed to see nine grandchildren. Jim was well known in the South Jersey area for his remarkable basketball ability. He played varsity for four years with the Gloucester City High Lions and scored over 1,000 points.

Jim spent most of his career in newspapers and as a moving estimator, where he used his impressive math abilities and quick wit. He also was co-owner of Reby's Bagels, a bagel business ahead of its time in Washington Township.

Jim was a follower of Jesus Christ that shared the Good News of Jesus at in-home Bible studies on Thursday nights, or any time for that matter! He did extensive research of the Bible especially the Book of Revelation. He was a very thorough student of the Bible. Now he gets to spend eternity with the Author and Finisher of his faith!

Jim is survived by beloved wife, Doris Anne (nee Williams), and his seven children: David James, Deborah Anne Travers (Brian), Michael James (Shannon), Joshua James, Rachel Elizabeth Johnston (Andrew), Jonathan James, and Benjamin James. Jim also leaves behind nine grandchildren: Aiden, Sage, Rebecca, Gavin, Hannah, Alana, Demi, Alexandria, and Luke.

Jim was the son of the late Theodore and Elizabeth Rebstock. He was a dear brother to Thomas (Rosemary), late William (Dawn), Theodore (Margaret), Ricky (Terry), and Linda, and an uncle to many nieces and nephews.
The Celebration of Life Service was at the Fellowship Bible Church, Sewell.

In lieu of flowers or a memorial donation, the surviving relatives of Jim believe that he would want you to "confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead," so "you will be saved" (Romans 10:9-10

Leona D. Handy (March 25th)

Surrounded by her loving family, Leona Handy (nee Gugel), 84, of Gloucester City passed away peacefully on March 17, 2021.

Loving and devoted wife of the late Chester "Joe" Handy. Loving mother of Joseph Handy (Florence), Diana Houser (Walt) and Joann Cox (Mike). Cherished grandmother of Jason Handy (Amanda), Nicole Kearns (Devin), Robert Revero, Kevin Revero (Jessica), Michael Cox and Jessica Cox, and great-grandmother of 14. Also survived by her four brothers and four sisters.

Relatives and friends are invited to a walk-through viewing on Saturday, March 27, from 10 a.m. to noon at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City. Funeral service will be at 12 noon in the funeral home.

For the health and safety of all in attendance, the family will not have a formal receiving line during the viewing. Interment will follow the funeral service in Woodbury Memorial Park, West Deptford.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Compassionate Care Hospice, Compassionate Care Hospice, 261 Connecticut Drive, Suite 1, Burlington, NJ 08016. Please memo, Leona D. Handy.

Nancy Joan Boyle (March 25th)

Nancy Joan Boyle, 69, of Voorhees Township, formerly of Maple Shade, passed away on March 3, 2021.

Loving wife of the late Robert Bernard Boyle. Loving mother of Roland Thiel Boyle. Cherished daughter of Hilda Voorhis (Ron) and the late Edward White Ridgway. Dear sister of John Patrick Voorhis, Linda Zayas and Edward Ridgway.

At the request of the family, burial was private at Waterford Memorial Park, Waterford Works. There were no services.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.mccannhealey.com under the obituary of Nancy Joan Boyle.

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