Gloucester City News Obituaries
August 2021

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Albert A. DiGiacomo (Aug. 5th)

Albert A. DiGiacomo, 93, of Audubon, formerly of Camden, passed away on July 25, 2021.

Beloved husband of the late Mary. Devoted father of Albert (Mariann), Linda Koehl (Wayne), Carol Souder (Bob), Joann (Amy Nase), Frank (Kathleen Citera) and Michael (Julie) DiGiacomo, and the late Donna Catrambone. Loving grandfather of 16 and great-grandfather of 12. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Albert enjoyed dancing at the Single Parents Club and Brooklawn dances. He loved doing puzzles, going to the beach and most of all, spending time with his family.

The visitation and Memorial Mass were celebrated in St. Vincent Pallotti Church, Haddon Twp. Inurnment was at New Saint Mary's Mausoleum, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Samaritan Healthcare and Hospice, 5 Eves Drive, Suite 300, Marlton, NJ 08053.

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

Herbert R. Read (Aug. 5th)

Herbert Raymond “Smokey” Read, 78, of Blackwood, passed away on July 24, 2021.

Smokey, as everyone knew him started his life in Portland, Oregon. He was born to the late Herbert Read Sr. and Thelma Read on March 5, 1943. Smokey was the third-born child and had six sisters and one brother: Beth (late Don) Murdock, Ruthie (Jim) Hasting, Mary (Jim) Jinkins, Marlene (Tom) Hammerschith, Larry (Dottie) Read, Terri (Mike) Peterson, and the late Barbara Ault. He was also a beloved brother-in-law to Pauline Shusko, Paul Fowler (Marge), Barbara Masiko, Marcella Stoltz, the late Charles Stoltz, John Masiko, Ray Shusko, and the late Earl (late Louise) Fowler.

Smokey retired from the U.S. Navy as a Chief Petty Officer after 30 years of service. During his military career he had traveled the world! He crossed the Equator and has been to the Arctic Circle. He liked to tell stories of his worldly travels. He served on the USS Yorktown and was a part of the recovery mission of Apollo 8. He also proudly served in the Vietnam War.

Smokey moved to the East Coast in the late 1980s to find employment. He had worked for General Electric before landing a Job at Lockheed Martin. He eventually switched companies and worked for Northrop Grumman, where he retired. However, Smokey did not retire long he went right back to work at BAE systems, where he currently worked as a Systems Engineer until his untimely departure.

When Smokey moved to the East Coast, he met the love of his life and married Geraldine J. Fowler Savidge Read in 1992. Smokey is survived by his son Charles Read (Maria), his step son Ted Savidge Jr. (Kathleen), and Jodie Savidge Rusk. He was a very proud pop pop to eight grandchildren, Jasmin (Robert) Perez, Brandon Read, Priscilla Read, Caleb Read, Casey Rusk (Dylan), Jered (Lexi) Rusk, Emily Rusk and Katey Thomas; grandbabies born to Heaven Aubrey Savidge and Baby Savidge; and four great grandchildren, Oasis Brooks, Emberlyn Read, Damian Perez and Maverick Rusk. He was a beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews on the East and West Coasts.

Relatives and friends attended his viewing and Methodist Funeral Service, officiated by Pastor Bill Wilson of Chews United Methodist Church, in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City. U.S. Navy Military Honors followed the service. Cremation and inurnment were private at the request of the family.

Smokey passed away peacefully at home after taking a tour of his outside paradise that he loved so much surrounded by his wife and family.

In lieu of flowers, family requests memorial donations in Herbert's memory can be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation: 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306, or to support the Abramson Cancer Center Development Office: 3535 Market Street, Suite 750, Philadelphia, PA 19104. Please make checks payable to "Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania" and please write in memo of checks: In Memory of Herbert Raymond "Smokey" Read. Smokey was a 16-year survivor of Esophageal Cancer and these funds will support University of Penn Esophageal Cancer Research.

Marilyn A. Flexon (Aug. 5th)

Generous of spirit, full of empathy, perhaps a little prone to sentimentality and a heart as big as a cloudless sky. Marilyn A. Flexon was independent, creative and hardworking. The universe always falls in love with a stubborn heart, but some memories never leave your heart. Like the salt in the sea; they become part of you. Marilyn relished her time at the beach, taking in the wonders of nature and photography.

They say that a picture is worth a thousand words, but the memories are priceless. On Friday July 23, 2021, Marilyn passed away at home in Gloucester City, with memories, not aspirations. Like the hummingbird, she floats free from time, carrying hopes of love, joy and celebration.

Marilyn's circle of days began, 74 years ago during the middle of summer, in Camden City. She was an innate animal lover who had a fascinating journey of uncovering the spiritual purpose of pets. Marilyn worked at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Camden for over 30 years in security, and enjoyed spending time at home crafting. She did beadwork, cross stitch and made jewelry.

Mother Nature knows no right. Mother Nature knows no wrong. She has taught us suffering, as old stones suffer with memory, acceptance as the leaves which die in the fall and courage as the tree that stands alone.

Marilyn is survived by her children Michele, and Michael and his wife Colleen Mader. She is the proud grandmother of Olivia Mader and is the sister of William and his wife Kimber Flexon, and Gary and his wife Marcy Flexon. She is also survived and will be sadly missed by her nephews, Andy, Alec and Billy Flexon.

Burn what is left of me and scatter my ashes to the winds, to help the flowers grow. The time honored tradition of reuniting those we love with nature will be held privately.

As an expression of sympathy, contributions can be made to Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge P.O. Box 72 Oceanville, NJ 08231, www.friendsofforsythe.org.

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

Matilda Meloni (Aug. 5th)

Matilda "Tillie" Meloni, 89, passed away on July 19, 2021.

A lifelong Gloucester City resident, she was she was the daughter of the late William C. and Sadie (Myers) Wiltsey. Beloved wife of the late Alfred Meloni, Jr (January 2016). Loving mother of Jean Meloni and Susan Meloni. eloved sister of Thomas Wiltsey and the late, Harry Wiltsey and William Wiltsey, as well as many loving nieces and nephews and her beloved pets in heaven.

Tillie worked for 17 years as a billings clerk with the Cooper University Hospital in Camden.

Relatives and friends are invited to her visitation on Saturday, August 14, from 10 to 10:45 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, 426 Monmouth St., Gloucester City. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrate at 11 a.m. in the church. Inurnment follows at New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

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

Anna T. Dickson (Aug. 12th)

Anna T. Dickson, 85, of Gloucester City passed away on July 29, 2021.

Born in Philadelphia, PA, she was the daughter of the late Walter, Jr. and Margaret (Herrman) Ashe. Anna is survived by her loving husband of 66 years, John D. Dickson; her children, Kathy Brandt, Peggy (Randy) Chiodi, John Jr. (Alice), Denise Robison and the late Barbara Ann (surviving Bruce) and the late David; and 13 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. Loving sister of James Ashe (Patty) and the late Walter Ashe III (surviving Sally).

Anna was a graduate of Gloucester City High School and retired from Edmund Optics.

Honoring Anna's wishes, her services are private.

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

Anthony Stanley (Aug. 12th)

Anthony Stanley, 65, formerly of Atlantic City and Camden, passed away on July 13, 2021. He was born on March 22, 1956.

Burial will be held privately at a later date. There will be no viewing or visitation.

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

Bernice K. Nolan (Aug. 12th)

Bernice K. Nolan died peacefully at the age of 75 on Friday, July 30, 2021.

Bernice was born in Woodbury and was raised in Gloucester City, where she resided for 28 years. Bernice was predeceased by her devoted parents, John F. Nolan and Kathryn M. Nolan (nee Bennett). For the next 22 years, Bernice lived at St. Elizabeth Group Home in Yardley, NJ. The home was managed by German Sisters and was a unique place. The ladies that lived at St. Elizabeth's were able to attend Mass daily in the beautiful Chapel on the first floor. The dining room tables were always set with linens and fresh cut flowers that the sisters grew on the grounds.

Unfortunately, St. Elizabeth's closed in 1995 because the Sisters were getting too old to manage the home. Bernice lived in another group home in Princeton Junction from 1995 to 2019. She had many great years there with wonderful caregivers. Bernice loved her friends at St. David the King Church while living in Princeton Junction. In May 2019, Bernice's family relocated her to Beechwood Home in Riverton. In this home managed by Quality Management Associates (QMA), Bernice thrived. She loved all the caregivers in her Beechwood home and loved her beautifully decorated bedroom.

Bernice is survived by her devoted siblings: JoAnn (Bill) Lenover, Pat (Larry) Eggert, John (Leslie) Nolan, Kathy (Jim) Rusk, Joe (Kim) Nolan and Mike (Julie) Nolan.

Relatives and friends attended Bernice's visitation in St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City, where the Mass of Christian Burial was be celebrated. Interment was in New Saint Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

Family requests memorial donations in Bernice's name to St. Mary's Church, 420 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, NJ 08030, or to Quality Management Associates, 700 Cinnaminson Ave. Building B, Palmyra, NJ 08065. Please write in memo: Bernice K. Nolan.

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

Frances Thacker (Aug. 12th)

Frances Thacker, 75, of Camden passed away on July 20, 2021.

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

Gerard J. Gallagher (Aug. 12th)

Gerard J Gallagher, 65, passed away on Sunday, August 1, 2021.

Loving husband of 43 years to Maread Gallagher (nee McErlean). Predeceased by his beloved children, Damian and Tina Marie. Loving father of Brenda (Joseph), Matthew, David and Rory. Cherished grandfather of J.C., Tyler and Ryan. Predeceased by his siblings, John, Brendan and Vincent. Beloved brother of Peter, Paul, Declan, Rosaleen, Marie, Caroline, Celine, Ann and Patricia. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Gerard was born on June 2, 1956 in Ardara, County Donegal, Ireland to the late Joseph and Sarah Gallagher (nee Malloy). He was a longtime member of the Gloucester City Knights of Columbus #674, Ancient Order of Hibernians Commodore John Barry Division 1, Fort Mercer Club and the Pine Grove Civic Association.

The simplest pleasures in life brought great joy to Gerard. Affectionally known as Jerry, he loved a quiet evening in his backyard listening to Owenea FM Radio with a pint of Guinness in hand. Gerard loved Ireland, Donegal, cars, Formula 1 Racing and Columbo. He thoroughly enjoyed traditional Irish music and having the craic (Gaelic for *fun*) with his friends who understood most of what he said in his Donegal accent. He had an uncanny ability to find happiness in his daily activities, which included being under the hood of someone's car to lend a helping hand.

Gerard tended to his garden and enjoyed making dinner for his bride. His pleasant personality was contagious to everyone he met and no one ever left Gerard without a good laugh or a new story to tell. Gerard was certainly one of a kind who marched to the beat of his own drum and will be sorely missed.

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free!
I follow the plan God laid for me.
I saw His face, I heard His call,
I took His hand and left it all…

I could not stay another day,
To love, to laugh, to work or play;
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
And if my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss…
Ah yes, these things I, too, shall miss.
My life's been full, I've savored much:
Good times, good friends, a loved-one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief –

Don't shorten yours with undue grief.
Be not burdened with tears of sorrow,
Enjoy the sunshine of the morrow.
- Author Unknown

Relatives and friends attended his Irish wake at the Gallagher home in Gloucester City. Mass of Christian Burial was be celebrated in St. Mary's R.C. Church, Gloucester City. Interment followed in New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, the family strongly suggests memorial donations to the Damian Gallagher Memorial Scholarship, online at https://gofund.me/84fbea10 or checks made to "Damian Gallagher Scholarship/AOH," 200 Columbia Blvd., National Park, NJ 08063.

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

Lori L. Ross (Aug. 12th)

Lori L. Ross, 40, of Deptford passed away peacefully on July 29, 2021.

Lori went home to heaven to be reunited with the loved ones that passed on before her. Survived by her beloved daughter, Cassidy Gellura; her mother, Kathleen Ross (nee Cuff); her father, Jerry M. Ross, Sr and his wife, Jan; siblings, Melissa Ross (Jim), Michelle Eberle and Jerry Ross, Jr.; her maternal grandfather, Joseph J. Cuff; as well as many loving nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Lori loved to write, color and draw.

Relatives and friends are her viewing and celebrated her life in the McCann-Healey Funeral home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to: https://gofund.me/5c8c5693.

Lorraine Janet Clavner (Aug. 12th)

Lorraine Janet Clavner (nee Giunta), 75, of Berlin and and North Palm Beach, FL, and formerly of Cherry Hill and Margate, passed away on August 3, 2021.

Predeceased by her parents, Joel Giunta and Josephine Giunta (nee Santarpio). Surrounded and cared for by her loving husband, Jeff. They were looking forward to celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on October 2, 2021. Cherished mother of Erik (Rachel) Clavner. Beloved grandmother of Noelle Clavner and Paul Clavner. Dear sister of Estelle (Tom) Sharpe and Craig (Deborah) Giunta. Survived by many devoted nieces, nephews and friends.

Lorraine was a devoted Italian mother who loved her family, especially her husband, son and grandchildren. She had an exceptional talent for fashion and design with a very unique flare as was demonstrated in her style of dress and beautifully decorated homes. Hence, she became a "professional shopper."

She loved fast, sporty cars, fine dining and a good vodka martini. She loved traveling and dancing with the love of her life, Jeff. She enjoyed sleeping late, talking on the phone, her family time at the AC beaches and the sunsets in Margate and North Palm Beach Florida.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend Lorraine's visitation on Thursday, August 12, from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. at St. Simon Stock R.C. Church, 178 West White Horse Pike, Berlin, NJ 08009. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11 a.m. in the church. Cremation is private at the request of the family.

Family requests in lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Lorraine's memory to The Samaritan Hospice: 3906 Church Road, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054. www.samaritannj.org. In check memo write: I.P.U. Voorhees – In Memory of Lorraine Janet Clavner or to the American Cancer Society: P.O. Box 42040, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73123 – 2040. Please write in memo: In Memory of Lorraine Janet Clavner.

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

Marcelino Rodriguez (Aug. 12th)

Marcelino Rodrigues, 79, of Pennsauken, formerly of Camden, passed away on July 15, 2021.

Marcelino is survived by his devoted caregivers at the Riverfront Rehab and Care Center in Pennsauken.

Burial will be held privately at a later date. There will be no viewing or visitation.

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

Rhonda Van Der Poel (Aug. 12th)

Rhonda Van Der Poel (nee Polatayko), 65, of Voorhees, formerly of Collingswood and Gloucester City, passed away on July 26, 2021.

Loving mother of Shawn Van Der Poel and Eric (Meredith) Van Der Poel. Beloved daughter of Barbara Grover (nee Hinchman) and the late Charles Grover. Cherished grandmother of Lilly Van Der Poel and Blake Van Der Poel. Dear sister of Charles Grover and Dwayne Grover. Devoted aunt of Hannah and Bethany. Survived by her former husband, Salvatore Van Der Poel.

At the request of the family, Rhonda was cremated privately.

The Memorial Service for her was arranged by the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

Dolores G. Sprague (Aug. 19th)

Dolores Sprague (nee Keenan), 93, of Bellmawr, went home peacefully on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 surrounded by her children.

She worked for over 25 years at the Philadelphia National Bank. Dolores was affectionately known as "Sarge" to her large, extended, Irish family.

Dolores is predeceased by her husband of 66 years Lloyd, and her daughter Pamela Gardner. She is survived by her son Michael Sprague (Mary), her daughter and caregiver Dolores Budney, her daughter Kathy Dinardo (Mike), her daughter and caregiver Kim Ferenci, her son-in-law Lou Ferenci, 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

All services are private at her request. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede.

(Editor's note: After leaving a birthday party in Westville Saturday, July 31, about 9 p.m., George Ritter, 33, drove home with his daughters, nine-year-old Alivia and five-year-old Elsie, along with their cousin, eight-year-old Kenzie Mammoccio. They never made it. His car crashed into a utility pole on Route 45 in front of the Pellegrino Chevrolet lot. Sadly, here are their obituaries.)

George W. Ritter IV (Aug. 19th)

George W. Ritter IV, 34, of West Deptford, passed away on July 31, 2021.

George was born in Stratford and he resided in Woodbury Heights before moving to West Deptford. He worked as a tile layer for Local 7 NYJ and was the owner/operator of George Ritter Construction. George was a member of Westville Power Boat Association.

George is survived by his parents George W. (Eileen) III and Cheryl (nee Jackson); brother Eugene of Colorado; grandmother Alice Jackson; aunts Eileen M. Ritter & Crysti (Joe) Davis and uncle Drew (Michael) Jackson.
He was predeceased by his grandmother Elsie Ritter and aunt Phyllis Krug

George's visitation was held together with his daughters Alivia and Elsie, and niece Kenzie, at the Davis and Wagner Funeral Home, Woodbury.

Interment was in Eglington Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to gofundme.com.

Alivia E. Ritter (Aug. 19th)

Alivia E. Ritter, 9, of West Deptford passed away on July 31, 2021.

She was a student at Greenfields Elementary School, and enjoyed playing tennis and softball, swimming, boating, her iPad, riding her quad and dirt bike, and working with her dad in the garage, beach time with mom, making Tik Tok videos, and bossing around her little sister, Elsie.

Alivia is survived by her mother, Shannon Delaney; grandparents Elizabeth and Bob Mayo and Paul Delaney, and George W. III and Eileen Ritter and Cheryl Ritter; great grandmothers Alice Jackson and Catherine Eastlack; aunts Danielle and Meaghan Delaney; uncle Eugene Ritter and great aunt Sharon Delaney.

The Funeral Service was at the Davis & Wagner Funeral Home, Woodbury.

Interment was in Eglington Cemetery.

Elsie Ritter (Aug. 19th)

Elsie Ritter, 5, of West Deptford passed away on July 31, 2021.

Elsie enjoyed her alpha status in the family, and we call her "Boss Baby." She loved coloring and going to the beach. She enjoyed swimming, boating, playing with her kitchen, riding her quad and bike, sitting on her daddy's lap, and cuddle time with Mommy.

Elsie is survived by her mother, Shannon Delaney; grandparents Elizabeth and Bob Mayo and Paul Delaney, and George W. III and Eileen Ritter and Cheryl Ritter; great grandmothers Alice Jackson and Catherine Eastlack; aunts Danielle and Meaghan Delaney; uncle Eugene Ritter and great aunt Sharon Delaney.

The Funeral Service was at the Davis & Wagner Funeral Home, Woodbury.

Interment was in Eglington Cemetery.

Kenzie Mammoccio (Aug. 19th)

Kenzie Lynn Mammoccio, 8, of Woodbury Heights passed away on July 31, 2021.

Kenzie enjoyed laughing, singing, painting mommy's nails, swimming, going to the beach, horses, her dog Stella, and dancing with Alivia and Elsie. She was a "Daddy's Girl."

Kenzie is survived by her mother Danielle Delaney; father Brian Mammoccio Jr; brother Angelo; sister Gianna; grandparents Elizabeth and Bob Mayo, Brian Sr., Wendy Cooper and Paul Delaney; aunts Samantha Mammoccio and Shannon and Meaghan Delaney; great-grandmother Catherine Eastlack and great aunt Sharon Delaney.

The Funeral Service was at the Davis & Wagner Funeral Home, Woodbury.

Interment was in Eglington Cemetery.

Gary F. Lees (Aug. 19th)

Gary F. Lees, 67, of Gloucester City passed away on August 11, 2021.

Beloved husband of the late Diane Lees (nee West). Dear father of Kimberly Lees and his son-in-law Ed Pratt. Loving Pop-pop of Andrew Pratt and Ainsley Pratt. Cherished brother of Michael H. Lees.

Services were private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Animal Welfare Assoc., 509 Centennial Blvd., Voorhees, NJ 08043.

John F. Emmons (Aug. 19th)

John F. Emmons, 73, of Gloucester City passed away on August 10, 2021.

He is survived by his children, Jeffery Emmons, Christy Plusch (Albie) and Dawn Nathans (Eric), and 10 grandchildren. Predeceased by his parents, Robert Emmons and Lillian Hilliard (nee Crane) and his brother, Robert Emmons.

Butch was born in Camden on April 3, 1948. He proudly served our country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was passionate about classic cars, especially his '66 GTO.

Relatives and friends are invited to his viewing on Thursday, Aug. 19, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City. Funeral service will be at 11:30 a.m. in the funeral home.

Interment will follow with U.S. Army honors in New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

LTC Peter A. Garcia (Aug. 19th)

Retired Lieutenant Colonel Peter A. Garcia, 60, of Mt. Ephraim passed away on August 3, 2021 at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania due to complications following surgery.

He is survived by his wife, Dianne (nee Moratti), his son, Jacob, and daughter, Isabella. He is the son of Cecilia (nee Floraison) and the late Orlando Garcia. He also leaves his brother, Steven and his wife, Sue.

Peter was a graduate of Rutgers University and received a J.D. degree from Widener University Law School. He served 29 years in the U.S. Army, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and serving as a Judge Advocate General. Peter was a combat veteran, serving multiple tours in Afghanistan. He received recognition and many awards through the years, including two Bronze Stars. After retirement, he was a cyber law attorney for the Department of Defense.

As a civilian attorney, he practiced in both the private and public sector. He was an Assistant Counsel to Governor Florio and was appointed as the Acting Public Defender for New Jersey. He also worked for several years as a Deputy Attorney General.

Peter took great pride in the accomplishments of his family and was supportive of their goals. A devoted brother and friend, he was always willing to lend a hand. He loved people, leaving behind a rich group of friends. Peter was a

tremendous cook, enjoyed his wine and cigars, and spent many afternoons at the shooting range where he was an excellent marksman.

His visitation and Mass of Christian Burial were at St. Rose of Lima Church, Haddon Heights. Interment will occur at a future date in Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are being accepted in Peter's name and may be sent to: St. Rose School Annual Fund, 300 E. Kings Highway, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035.

Richard A. Christaldi (Aug. 19th)

Richard A. Christaldi, 86, of Bellmawr passed away on August 8, 2021.

Beloved husband of the late Alice. Devoted father of Richard J. Christaldi (Angel), Stephen Christaldi (Jeanne) and the late Linda Faiella. Loving grandfather of Stephen, Danielle, Richard III, Nicholas, Michael, Dominic, Gina and Gabrielle. He is also survived by six great grandchildren, four brothers, one sister, nieces and nephews.

Richard enjoyed playing Texas old'em at the Atlantic City casinos and playing pinochle with his family. He also enjoyed watching sports on TV, and was a big fan of the Philly sports teams. Richard received the most enjoyment from being a father, grandfather and great grandfather.

His viewing was at the Terranova Funeral Home, Haddon Heights. The Funeral Mass was celebrated in Annunciation Church, Bellmawr.

Entombment was at New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

Scott M. Buckingham (Aug. 19th)

Scott Michael Buckingham, 58, of Maple Shade and formerly of the Oak Valley section of Deptford Township and Wenonah, passed away on August 4, 2021.

Loving son of the late Robert Buckingham and Laura Buckingham (nee Hoover). Dear brother of Stephen Buckingham and predeceased by his brothers, David and Glen Buckingham. Survived by his loving nieces.

Scott was born in Camden City and was a graduate of Deptford High School. He was raised in Deptford Township and Wenonah. He was an avid Philadelphia Sports team fan, especially his beloved Philadelphia Flyers! He loved to play hockey as a youth.

At the request of the family, Catholic graveside service was private at Waterford Memorial Park, Waterford Works.

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

Daniel Shields (Aug. 26th)

Daniel Shields, 73, of Cherry Hill passed away on August 4, 2021.

Son of the late Anna Shields.

Interment will be private in Waterford Memorial Park, Waterford Township.

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

Ethel C. Brandt (Aug. 26th)

Ethel C. Brandt (nee Clark), of Blackwood, passed away peacefully at the age of 79.

Survived by her children, Albert Brandt, Cindy Fallows and Barry Brandt and his wife, Debra; her grandchildren, Brandon Fallows, Dylan Fallows, Chase Brandt and Carson Brandt; her brother, William Clark; and her longtime companion, Ed Dougherty.

Ethel was born in Camden on July 10, 1942, to the late Thomas and Ethel Clark. She worked many years as a legal secretary for Montgomery & McCracken.

Her visitation and Funeral Service were celebrated in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

Interment was private.

Kim T. DiTheodore (Aug. 26th)

Kim T. DiTheodore (nee Lloyd), 66, of Pennsauken, passed away on August 15, 2021.

She is survived by her son, Justin DiTheodore (Megan), and his father, Bill, as well as her brother, Dan Lloyd. Kim was born in Philadelphia to the late George and Patricia Lloyd. She graduated from Bishop Neumann Business School.

The visitation and Funeral Service were celebrated in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to the St. Baldrick's Foundation at www.stbaldricks.org. Please memo, Kim T. DiTheodore.

Peter J. Prelas Jr. (Aug. 26th)

Peter J. “Pete Prelas Jr., 69, passed away suddenly on August 13, 2021.

Born in Camden, he was the son of the late Peter J. Sr. and Helen (Gogolin) Prelas. Beloved father of the Hannah Boucher (Austin), and Ted Enger (Maggie); and pop pop to Ever Enger. Dear brother to John Prelas, Deb Schafer (Jim) and Helen Gallagher (Pat). Loving uncle to Patrick Gallagher, Justin Schafer and Christina Gallagher (Neil Zielinski). Uncle and godfather to Erin Schafer, godfather to Jamie Kerrigan Fenton, and great uncle to Chase and Reilly Zielinski.

Pete grew up and flourished in Gloucester City. For over 20 years, he served the community as “Pete of Hoagie Heaven.” He provided food weekly for the poor and to St. Mary’s Church. He would never show up empty handed. Before building his own business, he was a contractor building his own house in Manyunk and sometimes building kitchens for the stars. He continued on through his life as a handyman to all.

The real light in Pete’s life were his children, Ted and Hannah. His family again grew with their marriages to Maggie and Austin, whom he loved greatly. He was most excited though, about the birth of his first grandchild and little buddy, Ever. His three best friends, his siblings, always kept him busy and drove him a bit crazy. In-laws were family and blood did not matter.

Pete, John, Deb and Helen were inseparable and had a bond like no other. Pete always saw life with a “glass half full” mentality. He always worked to better himself while striving to help others in the process. His faith and his family always kept him going. He will be sorely missed by all those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

His visitation and Mass of Christian Burial were celebrated in St. Mary’s Church.

Inurnment in New St. Mary’s Cemetery, Bellmawr, was private.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Pete to St. Mary’s Church, 420 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, NJ 08030; or The Elephant Jungle Sanctuary Thailand, www.elephantjungle sanctuary.com (shop/buy a bundle of food to feed the elephants); or to the charity of your choice.

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

Theresa J. Sauter (Aug. 26th)

Theresa J. Sauter, 92, passed away peacefully on August 19, 2021.

Born in Gloucester City, she was the daughter of the late William J. and May (nee Leupold) Mailley. Devoted wife of the late Robert J. Sauter Sr. Beloved mother of Robert J. Sauter, Jr. (Linda), James F. Sauter (late Trisha) and the late Christopher T. Sauter. Loving mom-mom to Jill. Dear sister of Mary O’Donnell, Michael Mailley and James Mailley.

Theresa was a lifelong Gloucester City resident and graduate of Gloucester Catholic High School. She was a lifelong devoted parishioner of St. Mary’s Church in Gloucester City.

Theresa worked for the next 25 years as a telephone operator with Bell Telephone in Camden, Collingswood, Gloucester City and Woodbury. She also worked as an operator with Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Camden for nine years.

Her viewing and Mass of Christian Burial were celebrated in St. Mary's Church.

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

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Theresa to St. Mary's Church, 420 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, NJ 08030.

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