Gloucester City News Obituaries
September 2021

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Ann E. Spencer (Sept. 2nd)

Ann E. Spencer, 80, of Gloucester City, passed away peacefully on August 20, 2021, surrounded by her family.

Born in Gloucester City, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Alice (Palmer) Carr. Ann married her high school sweetheart in 1960, the late Charles H. Spencer Sr., whom she was married to for 52 years. Beloved mother of Lea Anne Devereaux, Charles H. Spencer Jr. (Doreen), and Alesia Stewart (Steve). She lived for her grandchildren, Paul, Kaitlyn, Kristina, Jessica and Ethan. She will be sadly missed by her dog, Chloe.

Ann retired from Cold Springs School, Gloucester City, where she worked as a teacher's aide and from J.C. Penney in Audubon and Deptford, where she worked in management.

She loved to dance and was a Porterette at Gertrude Porter School of Dance. She also performed on the steel pier in the 1950s. Ann loved spending time with her family and always enjoyed Christmas, her favorite holiday. Honoring her wishes, Ann will be entombed in Harleigh Cemetery, Camden, in a private family ceremony.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Ann to the American Cancer Society, 1851 Old Cuthbert Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034. Please write Ann E. Spencer in the memo.

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

I***rene Rink-Evans (Sept. 2nd)***

Irene Rink-Evans (nee Hartman-Harrison), 85, was called home to our Lord in heaven.

Born in Camden, she was the daughter of the late William and Hazel (Boutlier) Harrison. She is survived by her children, John Rink, Jr., Irene Thomas (Lewis), William Rink (Sharon), and Pattie Carr (the late Steve), 11 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and her sister, Mary Dicus. Irene was predeceased by her siblings, George Harrison, Robert Harrison, Pearl Haines, Elizabeth Bello, Hazel Smierciak, Ruth Spicer and June Croce. She was also predeceased by her grandson, Leo Carr.

Irene worked for several years as an In-Home Nurse for Bayada in Cherry Hill.

Honoring her wishes, there will be no public services. Services will be held privately at the family's convenience. Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Irene to the American Heart Association, 1 Union Street, Ste. 301, Robbinsville, NJ 08691, heart.org. Please write Irene Evans in the memo.

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

Jane C. Collazzo (Sept. 2nd)

Jane Catherine Collazzo (nee Senatore), of Glendora, passed away peacefully and beautifully with her family by her side on August 17, 2021.

She was the beloved wife of the late Louis Eugene Collazzo, Jr. She is survived by her three children: Bonnie Lou, Louis and Luke; and six grandchildren: Amanda, Angelo, Louis, Giovanna, Zachary and Robert. Also survived by siblings Betty, Joseph, John and Jan; and by dear friends Maria Mound and Susan Mort among many others.
She was the eldest child of the late Joseph and Grace Senatore of Gloucester City.

Throughout her six decades of employment, she worked at Bell Telephone, RCA, Garden State Park, and many others, making countless friends along the way. She is remembered for her loving spirit, her kindness, her faith, and her selflessness.

Relatives and friends are invited to her viewing Wednesday, Sept. 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday, Sept. 2, from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. in St. Vincent Pallotti Church, Haddonfield. Entombment at New St Mary's Mausoleum, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jane's memory can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (stjude.org).

Jennifer Berardi (Sept. 2nd)

Jennifer Ann Berardi (nee Wertz), 40, of Mt Ephraim, passed away peacefully on August 23, 2021, with her loving family by her side.

Jennifer's life encompassed and was surrounded by love. The love of her husband Chris, her two children, son Chris and daughter Noelle, were paramount in her life. She shared her love with her siblings, Shara (Greg) Klepacz, Danielle Degirolamo and Bob (Becky) Elder; her nieces and nephews, Collin, Caylee, Raelynn, and Gavin, her aunt Linda and uncle Jack Dougherty, as well as many other friendships that were formed throughout her life. She was predeceased by devoted and beloved parents, Bill and Diane Wertz.

A true animal lover, Jen was a Vet Tech at Chews Landing Animal Hospital where she shared her unconditional love and compassion as well as her generous and kind heart. Jen was truly a strong woman that overcame many trials throughout her life. A beautiful soul, she will be missed deeply by all who knew her.

Her Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Joachim Church, Bellmawr. Interment was in New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, the family has set up a GoFundMe account for her two children at http://gofund.me/ff935115.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Healey Funeral Home, Haddon Heights.

Albert J. Sacchetti Jr. (Sept. 9th)

Albert J. Sacchetti Jr., 68, of Mantua, passed away on August 27, 2021.

He is survived by his children Anthony (Kelly), AnnaMarie (Gregory) DiNisio, and Patrick (Lauren). He is also survived by his grandchildren Luciana, Gavin, Alessio, and Milo, his sister Margaret Pistilli, his brother John, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father Albert J. Sr., mother Elizabeth Ann (Oxley), sister Mary Verrecchio, and brother James.

Al was raised in the Fairview section of Camden. He attended St. Joan of Arc grammar school and St. Joseph's high school in Camden, and then Glassboro State College.

He enlisted in the NJ State Police in 1974 as a Trooper and retired in 2001 as a Captain. After retirement, Al worked providing executive protection. He spent his remaining years babysitting, driving, and coaching his grandchildren.

At Al's request, there will be no services. He asked that his family and friends remember the laughs they shared and he hoped that they may get to enjoy a beer together in the afterlife.

In lieu of flowers or donations, his family suggests that those inclined to do so, seek to be a hero for someone, because he was a hero to them.

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

Herman R. Helms Jr. (Sept. 9th)

Herman R. Helms Jr., 64, of Orlando, FL, passed away on August 13, 2021.

He was born to the late Herman R. Helms, Sr. and Elizabeth Helms (nee Lacy) on Nov. 20, 1956, in Camden. Herman was a truck driver and was a volunteer firefighter for many years. Mr. Helms was an avid Harley Davidson rider and enthusiast, but there was nothing in life he loved more than his grandchildren.

Herman is predeceased by his siblings, Theresa Helms and Michael Helms. He is survived and will be greatly missed by his wife Jennie Helms; and his children, Scott Helms and his wife Stephanie, Theresa Simons and her husband Brandon, and Charity Mathis and her husband Stephen. Herman is also survived by his grandchildren Damion, Nathan, Lacie, Julien, Carly, and Pierce, as well as many nieces, nephews, and close friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to join Herman's family on Saturday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to noon in Creran Celebration Etherington & Creran Funeral Homes, 700 Powell St., Gloucester City where a memorial ceremony will begin at noon.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Herman's honor to The Fairy God Mother's Boutique, 716 Jersey Ave., Gloucester City, NJ, 08030, https://fairygodmothersboutique.webs.com/.

James M. Culver Sr. (Sept. 9th)

James M. "Milt" Culver Sr., 60, of Gloucester City passed away on August 31, 2021.

Born in Philadelphia, Jimmy was the son of the late Milton and Mary T. (Amodie) Culver. He is survived by his loving wife of 12 years, Lisa (Taylor) Culver; son, James M. Culver Jr.; step-son, Robert McNally; step-daughters, Shannon McNally-Foster (Carl) and Amanda McNally; seven granddaughters, Madison, Starmarie, Kasandra, Kandice, Jaselynn, Kourtlyn and Cara; and his mother-in-law, Barbara Taylor.

Jimmy worked as a Top Pick operator for more than 20 years with the Holt Logistics Corp in Gloucester City and was a member of the Teamsters Local 929. Jimmy was an active member of the South Jersey APA Pool League and the Gloucester City Men's Pool League.

Relatives and friends are invited to his visitation on Friday, September 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, followed by services at 7 p.m. Interment will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of James, to the American Cancer Society, 1851 Old Cuthbert Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034. Please write James M. Culver Sr. in the memo.

John H. Burkhardt (Sept. 9th)

John H. "Jack" Burkhardt of Haddon Township, born and raised in Gloucester City, passed away at home on August 29, 2021.

Jack proudly served in the U.S. Navy. After his honorable discharge, he received his bachelor's degree from St. Joseph's University and went to work at the Camden County Board of Social Services from where he retired after 30 years. He also worked simultaneously as a fence installer.

A devoted Catholic, Jack went to Mass daily. He also visited the rosary garden at St. John Neuman's Church, Mt. Laurel, and prayed the rosary every day.

Jack was predeceased by his beloved wife, Mary Ann (nee Mitchell), along with his brother, Charles, and his sister, Elizabeth Chunn. He is lovingly survived by his devoted daughters, Beth A. Burkhardt and Mary Benson; his son-in-law, David; his grandchildren, Rachel, Ashley and Austin Benson; his brother, Robert; his sister, Dolores McKiernan; and with numerous nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends attended his viewing in the Healey Funeral Home, Haddon Heights. The Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Vincent Pallotti Church, Haddon Township. Interment was at New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Friends of the Cistercian Monastery to benefit the Rosary Garden, c/o 112 Haddontowne Court, Suite 302, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

Joseph E. Guldin, III (Sept. 9th)

Joseph E. Guldin III, 48, of Gloucester City passed away on August 31, 2021.

Loving father of Gage J.A. Guldin. Longtime loving partner of Doris. Cherished son of Joseph E. Guldin, Jr. and the late Dorothy Guldin. Beloved brother of Christopher Guldin and Dorothy Gougolis (Christos). Loving uncle of Hailey Guldin, Devon Guldin, Jillianne Guldin and Michael Gougolis.

Joe was a graduate of Gloucester High School, Class of 1992. He was employed for 29 years at Gloucester Terminal as a heavy machine operator and was a longtime member of Teamsters Local 676. Joe was a train enthusiast and diehard fan of the Philadelphia Eagles and NJ Devils. Above all else, he loved his family and friends.

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

Joseph S. Piscopio (Sept. 9th)

Joseph S. Piscopio, 89, of West Collingswood Heights, passed away on September 1, 2021.

Loving and devoted husband of 57 years to Millie Piscopio (nee Lynch). Loving father of Linda Piscopio and Joseph Piscopio (Lisa). Cherished grandfather of Danny, Christian, Nola and Grace. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his siblings, Frank (Daria) Piscopio, Nancy Wilson, Rose Nicosia, Rita Piscopio and Carmel (Neal) Poloncarz; his beloved aunts, Jo and Marie Lanzillotti; and his father-in-law, Daniel Lynch and mother-in-law Mildred Lynch.

Joe was born and raised in South Philadelphia to the late Anthony and Mary Piscopio. He proudly served our country in the U.S. Army. He retired from the U.S. Government as a computer analyst in Fort Monmouth. Joe was devoted to his faith and his family.

Relatives and friends attended his viewing at St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City, followed by the Mass of Christian Burial. Entombment was in New St. Mary's Mausoleum, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the West Collingswood Heights Fire Company, 152 Nicholson Road, West Collingswood Heights, NJ 08059.

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

Rev. Alfred L. Conner (Sept. 16th)

The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why. Pastor, Reverend Alfred L. Conner, was born July 23, 1925 in Fordwick, VA and found his why in January 1953, when he enrolled at the School of Theology at Anderson College in Anderson, IN. The Lord was his shepherd he shall not want and had preparest a table before him. Seeing death as the end of life is like seeing the horizon as the end of the ocean.

The faithful shall be set free of earthly bonds and their spirit shall soar as a dove singing praises eternally. Goodbye is not forever, Goodbye is not the horizon. It simply means, I will miss you, until we meet again. Those we love are with the Lord, and the Lord has promised to be with us, beside still waters, in verdant pastures and at the hour of our death.

There are times when we make history and there are times when history makes us. So innocent were the days in the ministry and 96 years of good memories. On Thursday September 9, 2021, we turned our husband, pastor and father over from time to eternity. We will bury his body but not his beliefs, his feet but not his path and his voice but not his message.

Reverend Conner spent his formative years in Milburn, WV, and graduated from Kingston High School, Class of 1943. His home had contributed to the manpower of our great nation, upholding the ideals of our American freedoms in the U.S. Navy as a 3rd class machinist mate on the USS Marquette during WWII, before being honorably discharged in 1946.

Following Reverend's service to our beloved country, he received his Bachelor of Science in business administration from the West Virginia Institute of Technology and began working as an Assistant Manager for Capital Finance Corporation. True love is your soul's recognition of its counterpoint in another. Alfred recognized Geraldine Ozment at the Capital Finance Corporation in West Virginia. They were married in June of 1952 and moved to Anderson, IN shortly thereafter in January of 1953.

During seminary, reverend managed the Christian Bookstore Gospel Trumpet Company, now Warner Press Publishing Company, and in 1957, he received his Masters of Divinity in the Church of God and was ordained in August, 1958. Rev. Conner's first pastorate was in 1957. He preached at the First Church of God in Richmond, VA and moved to Fremont, OH in 1960 where he served as Pastor of the First Church of God.

In 1962 Reverend Conner became the Pastor of the Highland Park Church of God in Gloucester City. During his ministry, Pastor renovated the sanctuary, built a new addition to the Church, purchased a van for outreach and community service and continued as Pastor until his retirement.

Pastor Conner dedicated his life to his community. He was the founder of the Helping Hand Club, a charter member of the Gloucester City Rent Control Board and served as the President of the Gloucester City Ministerium for 12 years. He served on the Gloucester City Juvenile Conference Committee, was a charter member of the Family Counseling Center of Gloucester City, a member of the school district's Family Life Education Curriculum Committee and had been a member of the Gloucester City Rotary Club.

In 1980 Pastor Conner was honored by the Gloucester City Rotary and Lions Club as "Citizen of the year". Pastor Conner was the founder and director of The Small World Nursery School, a non-parochial learning center, as District Youth Advisor and Director for the Church of God, as counselor for CONTACT in Cherry Hill and chapain for the local Holiday Inn Motel as well as Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Camden.

The goal isn't to live forever, but to create something that will. Pastor Conner leaves his family to cherish his memory and is survived by his wife, Geraldine "Gerry" (nee Ozment) Conner. Pastor is the father of; Lynette & her husband Bruce Huntsinger, Larry & his wife Mary, Douglas & his wife Anne, Donald & his wife, Pastor Debra Conner and Dolly & her partner Beth. Pastor Conner is the proud grandfather of 12, great grandfather of four and great, great grandfather of one.

Relatives, friends, neighbors and congregants are invited to gather with the Conner family at the Highland Park Church of God 111 Baynes Ave. Gloucester City, to share heartfelt stories on Friday evening, Sept. 17, between 6 and 9 p.m., and again on Saturday between 9 and 11 a.m.

The celebration of Pastor Conner's life in faith will begin at 11 a.m.

In tribute to those who have fallen and in gratitude to those now serving, U.S. Navy Military honors will be rendered graveside at Eglington Cemetery, Clarksboro.

To share your heartfelt stories please visit www.crerancelebration.com.

Dennis P. Rinear (Sept. 16th)

Dennis P. Rinear, 60, passed away at the age of 60 on September 7, 2021, in the comfort of his home surrounded by his loved ones.

Dennis was born in Cherry Hill to the late, Leon O. and Ruth B. (Haaf) Rinear.

He is survived by his loving children, Matthew P. Rinear, Amanda N. Donaghy (Paul), Kelsey E. Lisitsyn (Vasiliy), and Shelby P. Rinear (Lester); his companion, Debra Hill; brothers, Robert Rinear (Verna), John Rinear (Karen) and William Rinear (Shirley) and his sister, Diana Gehman. Dennis was also predeceased by his brother, Leon O. Rinear Jr., and sister, Carol Emmil.

Dennis was a loving father and proud production machinist for 30 years at Garlock Bearings, receiving many safety awards during his tenure.

Honoring the wishes of Dennis, his family will be hold private services at a later date. There will be no viewing.

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

Margie C. Holshue (Sept. 16th)

Margie C. Holshue (nee Veit), 61, of Runnemede passed away on September 2, 2021.

Beloved daughter of the late Marge and Irv Veit. Loving wife of Joe. Devoted mother of Jeanine and Krissy Holshue (Joe Martinez). Mom-mom of Joey and Mazie Martinez. Dear sister of Linda Cramer, Mary Carty and Tom Veit.

Also survived by her dogs Biggie, Jersey and Chillie, and nieces and nephews. Services and interment were private at the request of the family. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede.

Michael T. Hopkins (Sept. 16th)

Michael T. Hopkins, 52 of Gloucester City, peacefully entered the next phase of his life on September 1, 2021, at home with his devoted family by his side.

Beloved husband of Victoria (nee Alden). Devoted dad to Faith and Erin. Loving pop to his grandson, George. Mike was the owner of Hopkins Tax Service for over 20 years. He was member of NJAPA for many years, where he served as a vice president for a number of years for the South Jersey Division.

Some of the things he enjoyed doing included serving at the soup kitchen at St. Bart's Church, serving hospitality on Sundays at Sacred Heart Church, and also serving on their Financial Counsel and Finance Committee. He especially loved decorating St. Joan of Arc Church for Christmas, playing Santa at Cold Springs School, and serving on the PTO.

His visitation and Mass of Christian Burial were celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City. Burial followed at New St. Mary Cemetery, Bellmawr.

Memorial donations in his memory can be made to St. Jude Research Hospital for Children (501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105). To express online condolences, go to: www.murphyruffenachfuneralhomeinc.com.

Albert J. Gerber Sr. (Sept. 23rd)

Albert J. Gerber St. passed away at the age of 79 on September 13, 2021.

Al was born in Camden to the late John E. and Martha B. (Brangan) Gerber. Al is survived by his children, Debbie Test (predeceased by Wayne) and Albert J. Gerber Jr. (Don); and grandchildren Nika, Wayne, Jordan, Sean and Mason. He was also predeceased by his beloved wife of 54 years, Patricia A. (Reddy) Gerber, in November 2017; son-in-law Wayne Test in January 2021, and brother John Gerber in January 2021.

Al was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He graduated from Gloucester City High School Class of 1960 and went on to work for many years as a fork lift operator with South Jersey Port in Gloucester City. He also was a truck driver for Reagan Trucking in Gloucester City, as well as working as a glazier and a boiler maker.

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

Betty Jean Gilbert . (Sept. 23rd)

Take advice from the ocean; be "shore" of yourself, come out of your shell, take time to coast, avoid "pier" pressure, see life's beauty, don't let the tide down and most importantly, make waves. Betty Jean Gilbert (nee Howell) was animated and fervent. From home, she cheered on the Redskins (Washington Football Team) and booed the heels of WWE Wrestling.

The cure for anything, though, is saltwater, sweat, tears and the sea. Betty loved spending time fishing in her boat anywhere there was water. It doesn't matter if the rod is bent or not. Time spent fishing is time well spent. It's not an escape from life but a deeper immersion into it.

Betty filled her life with family and faith. On September 8, 2021, after just 74 years, Betty Jean threw away the bowlines and sailed away from safe harbor in Vineland. Some memories never leave your heart. Like the salt in the sea, they become part of you – and you carry them.

Betty Jean was born in Camden and had spent her early years as a Gloucester City neighbor before moving around a bit, finally heading south to Millville. She was a lifetime congregant of the First Baptist Church of Gloucester City. She worked at Walmart and closed her working years as a bus aid with Sheppard Bus, both in Millville. At home she adored being the matriarch – a doting and dedicated mom, grand mom and great grand mom.

Love is like a candle. Though, it may light a 1,000 more candles, its flame will never burn out or fade away. Betty Jean is the daughter of the late Rudolph & Elizabeth (nee Wiltsey) Howell, and is the mother of Dawn Quinton, George Kean and the late Bill and the late Frank Willetts. She is the proud grandmother of; Nina, Christopher, Ciarra, Jasmin, Darius, Janese, Tarell, Shanna and Chad, and great grandmother of Leighanna, Austin and Isiah.

Relatives, friends and neighbors shared heartfelt stories of Betty Jean and attended the Remembrance Ceremony in the Creran Celebration Etherington & Creran Funeral Homes, 700 Powell St., Gloucester City. The time honored tradition of reuniting those we love with the water was held privately.

Bruce Bowell . (Sept. 23rd)

Bruce “Sir Earl” Bowell passed suddenly on July 10, 2021.

Born in Gloucester City, he was a resident of Twenty-nine Palms, California, since 2002.

Bruce was the son of the late Charles and Marie Bowell. Beloved brother of Beverly Tofani, Charles III, Anna Bowell, and Michael Bowell; and uncle to Angel, Vanessa, and Jeffery.

Bruce was an amazing drummer, traveling the world and performing with many bands. He was a loyal friend. His wit and sarcasm were like no other. If you met Bruce and understood him, you were friends for life. He had a true love of life and lived it to the fullest.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Robert H. Jordan VFW Post 7125, 1199 Hessian Ave., Westville, on Saturday, Sept. 25, at 1p.m.

Carol A. Hutchins . (Sept. 23rd)

Carol A. Hutchins (nee Voll), 71, of Runnemede, formerly from Maple Shade, passed away on September 10, 2021.

Beloved wife of the late Kenneth Hutchins. Devoted mother of Cheryl Hutchins-Noak (Paul). Loving grandmom of Lacey, Alyssa, Kaydence, Keira, and Ashleigh. Dear sister of Mildred and Rosemary Voll. Also survived by nephews.

Services and interment were private at the request of the family.

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

Karen E. Mader . (Sept. 23rd)

Karen Elenor Mader, 64, of West Deptford, left this world suddenly on September 13, 2021. Spunky, Karen was born to Charles and Madeline Mader on October 19, 1956 in Woodbury.

Karen and her siblings, Billy, Charlie, Joe, Cookie, Sis and Coleen, always managed to keep their parents and each other on their toes. Karen's happiest moments were when she was with her grandchildren, Eric, Nicholas Justin, Lexus and Nova, acting silly and creating fun games. Karen's antics will be missed dearly by her children, Melissa and Danielle. Karen was also sadly predeceased by her daughter, Nichole.

A Celebration of Karen's Life was held in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St. Gloucester City.

Leona Eksterowicz . (Sept. 23rd)

Leona Ann Eksterowicz, 62, of Brooklawn passed away peacefully on September 15, 2021.

Leona was born in Oklahoma City on September 2, 1959, before spending most of her childhood in Willingboro. She resided in Maple Shade, NJ for many years before moving to Brooklawn in 2012. Leona enjoyed a career as a restaurant server for 45 years. Leona is survived by her son, Brian Eksterowicz; her loving partner, Frank Canzanese; and her siblings, Kathrin Capizola, Charles Vester, and Vivian Vester.

She will be deeply missed by her family and friends, who will remember her generosity, loyalty, kindness, honesty, and work ethic. Leona was a devoted mother. In her spare time, she enjoyed homemaking, shopping, watching old movies, playing board games, listening to music, and entertaining at her home. She especially loved being outside during the summer and decorating for the holidays.

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

Madelyn Dorris . (Sept. 23rd)

A Celebration of Life was held in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, for Madelyn Dorris (nee Stiles), who passed away peacefully July 8, 2021, in Palm Harbor, FL.

Madelyn was a long time Gloucester City resident before moving to Palm Harbor after retiring from Camden County in 1994.

Madelyn worked for the County of Camden for over 25 years. Her last position was Executive Assistant to the Director of the Board of Commissioners. At the time of Madelyn's retirement, the director was Jeff Nash. Madelyn was honored to have had the opportunity to work with Jeff Nash for many years. During her time as a Gloucester City resident, Madelyn sat on the Zoning Board and many other committees. She strived to help keep the city and county the best it could be for its residents.

Madelyn is survived by her children Bill Dorris (Diana), Beth Martello (Paul), and Krys Jordan-Meyer (Jamie). Also survived by grandchildren Will, Dan, Monica, Sarah, Cait, Sam and Joey, and five great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her daughters Sue Blair and Sandy Dorris.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude's Children Hospital, www.Stjude.org.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.mccannhealey.com under the obituary of Madelyn Dorris.

Maryanne Damminger . (Sept. 23rd)

Maryanne Damminger (nee Houlihan), 71, of West Deptford, formerly of Gloucester City, passed away on September 3, 2021.

She was raised in Gloucester City and graduated from Gloucester City High School in 1967. A short time later, she met and married George Damminger, and together they shared 49 years of marriage and raised three children that complimented their love story.

Maryanne was passionate about her Irish heritage and her family, especially her children and grandchildren. She was quick witted, enjoyed great conversation and was the central figure in her family. Maryanne enjoyed dancing and going to the St. Mary's Irish nights and socials that they would host to catch up with old friends. Maryanne worked for Campbell Soup and Pinnacle Foods and retired as a Senior Payroll Manager. She and George were able to enjoy some travel after she retired and she got to make two trips to Ireland.

Maryanne is the beloved wife of George; loving mother of George Damminger, III (Lesley), Elizabeth Damminger (Wil Durham) and Christopher Damminger (Jennifer); cherished grandmother of Logan and Devon; dear sister of Bernard Houlihan, Edmund Houlihan (Marlene), Karenanne Cutler and Timothy Houlihan (Ruth); and is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews and former mother-in-law of Samantha Jones.

Her visitation and Funeral Ceremony were at the McGuinness Funeral Home, Woodbury. Ennichement was at the New Saint Mary's Mausoleum, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Multiple Sclerosis Society, New Jersey Metro Chapter, 1480 Route 9 N #301, Woodbridge, NJ 07905.

Rachel M. Whelan . (Sept. 23rd)

Rachel M. "Rae" Whelan, 87, of Gloucester City passed away on September 12, 2021.

Born in Camden, she was the daughter of the late, Thomas and Mary (Mahoney) Whelan.

Rae is survived by many loving nieces and nephews, and her God-daughter, Tammy Beringer. She was also predeceased by her siblings, Jack Whelan, James Whelan, Thomas Whelan, Margaret Hennessey, Elizabeth Sullivan and Mary Werner.

Rae graduated from Mount Carmel Business School and retired after 43 years as the register of deeds Chief Clerk in Camden County. She had been a resident of Gloucester City since 1956. She was a member of St. Mary's Church, the Historical Society, and the Gloucester City Cultural Arts & Heritage Society since it started in 2007. Rae enjoyed a good cup of tea, diner coffee, crab cakes trips to the casinos, praying the rosary daily. She handed out miraculous medals to anyone she met. She loved the Eagles and all things Irish.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Cherry Hill.

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

Susan B. Ryan Hoerter . (Sept. 23rd)

Susan B. Ryan Hoerter, 53, of Absecon, formerly of Margarte, passed away suddenly on September 8, 2021.

Loving and devoted wife of Andrew E. Hoerter, Jr. Loving mother of Jessica Hoerter Gold (Warren) and Alexis Hoerter (Tyler). Cherished MeMom of Parker and Nathan. Beloved daughter of Joseph J. Ryan and the late Edythe J. Ryan (nee Gindhardt). Loving sister of John Ryan (Carol), the late Joseph Ryan, Timothy Ryan (Diane), Carol Ryan Miskiewicz (Ron), J.P. Ryan, Michael Ryan (Melissa) and Jennifer Ryan. Cherished aunt of 11 nieces and nephews and five great-nieces and nephews. Also survived by her furry companion, Buster.

Susan was a graduate of Holy Spirit High School Class of 1986. She received her bachelor's degree from University of Tampa. Susan was currently employed at the NJ Motor Vehicle in Egg Harbor Twp. She will be forever remembered for the love she had for her family and friends.

Relatives and friends are attended her visitation and Mass of Christian Burial at Blessed Sacrament Church, Margate. Interment was private in Holy Cross Cemetery Mausoleum, Mays Landing.

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

Beverly G. Fisher (Sept. 30th)

Beverly Georgana Fisher of Mt. Ephraim passed away peacefully on September 19, 2021, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Camden to the late Charles and Edna Hughes. Beverly was a dedicated employee at ADP in Moorestown for over 30 years. Most of all, she cherished spending time with her family and will be deeply missed. Beverly is predeceased by her parents, Charles Hughes, Sr. and Edna Hughes (Greeley); first husband, Byron Startzel; second husband, Kenneth Fisher; and sisters, Carol Brophy and Mae Trump.

She is survived by her children, Brian Startzel and Rhonda Stewart (Kenneth); brother, Charles Hughes Jr. (Bonnie); her grandchildren, Georgana Stewart and Brian Startzel; and many loving nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends.

The visitation and Funeral Service were celebrated at the Mahaffey-Milano Funeral Home, Mt. Ephraim. Interment was in Colestown Cemetery, Cherry Hill, NJ. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Seeds of Hope Ministries at seedsofhopeministries.org.

Donna M. King (Sept. 30th)

Donna Marie King (nee Ribeiro), 61, of Mt. Ephraim passed away peacefully, surrounded by her children, on September 19, 2021.

Born on Feb. 21, 1960, in Philadelphia, she was loved by all who knew her, touching hearts and leaving lasting impressions with each person she met.

Beloved mother and best friend of Thomas (Ninamari) King, Christina King, and Anthony King. Proud grandmother to Josephine King and will be forever missed by her nephew and Godson Andrew Waddington. Daughter of the late Christina (nee Cicala) and Jack Ribeiro. Loving sister to Frank DelVecchio, Carol (Ron) Deak, the late Alan (Pat) DelVecchio, the late Jack T. Ribeiro, Tina Ribeiro, Gina Ribeiro, and Maria (Mike) Villa. She will be missed by her longtime, best friend Nina Schad, as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends.

A viewing and brief service were celebrated in the Creran Celebration Etherington & Creran Funeral Homes, 700 Powell St. Gloucester City. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation P.O. Box 96280 Washington DC 20077.

Francis Hutchinson (Sept. 30th)

Francis “Joe” Hutchinson , 71, of Gloucester City, passed away on September 17, 2021, surrounded by those that truly loved him.

He will be remembered as a true, proud American and U.S. Marine, serving from 1967-1970. He was sent to Vietnam in 1968, fighting in the battle of Khe Sanh, surrounded by the enemy at Rock Pile in combat at Quang Tri. No matter how he was treated when he came home from the war, he still loved his country and the people in it. He always saw so much beauty in America.

Joe loved nature walks, jogging, kayaking, and hiking through many places from California all the way to New Jersey. He enjoyed working out at the gym or exercising almost anywhere.
Joe worked many years at naval shipyards: Mare Island, Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Pensacola, Philadelphia, and many more across the country.He had a strong work ethic and encouraged people to work hard. Joe loved the USA and loved getting to know people.

Joe is survived by his wife Carole; his sons, Nicholas and Michael; his parents, Joseph and Gloria Hutchinson (nee Fiocca); his sister, Phyllis Kitchie Cipolone and her late husband Joe; his brother, (late) Michael Hutchinson and his wife Donna; his stepchildren, Mindy (Ryan) Knight, Andrew (Renee) Myers, Steven “Marine-Dawg” Myers, Andrea “VA Girl” Myers (Mike McGuigan) and Keith “Navy-Dawg” Walens; his son-in-law Edmund Walens and

late Arlene Walens; sister-in-law Cheryl (Ron) Walens-Hill; brother-in-law Edmund (Kim) Walens; his step grandchildren, Elias, Michael, Addy, Ryan and Brayden; his nieces, Marci, Kimberly and Dana; great niece Miranda; great nephews Brandon and Jules; and his beloved therapy cats, Meow and Snowball.

Predeceased by many friends and Vietnam buddies that he now gets to reunite with in All God's glory. Survived by friends Carmen and Richard Cipolone, Mike Settar, Steve Harris and Andy Udris, Keven Flinn, Tommy Mc, Mike Murphy, Vinny Pilla, Al Doyle, Randy and John Chiodi and many more friends to remember.

As an expression of sympathy and in lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Feral Society of Gloucester City, Account #5820, TD Bank 101 S. Broadway, Gloucester City, NJ 08030.

George A. Mottram (Sept. 30th)

George Anthony Mottram, 73, of Gloucester City passed away on September 24, 2021.

Loving husband of 50 years to JoAnn (nee Zedalis). He is survived by his cherished daughters, Jaime Guldin (Michael) and Jodi Palumbo; and was a loving grandfather to Kyla, Michael, David, and Paul, and great grandfather to Jaxon. He is preceded in death by his sisters Jan and Bobbie, and his grandson Joey.

A lifelong Gloucester City resident, George was a standout athlete at Gloucester Catholic High School, known for his quickness. "White Lightning" went on to attend Christian University in Memphis TN, where he once went on a double date with Elvis Presley… much to the chagrin of JoAnn.

George was known to give his shirt off his back to anyone in need, he enjoyed his friends and family with the utmost passion, and was quick to lend a helping hand. A former educator and employee at Mobile Oil in Paulsboro, George valued his time with friends – old and new – and could spin a great yarn for his grandchildren about being a former commando, Navy seal, paratrooper, or spy.

George was most happy spending time with his family. A perfect day consisted of an afternoon thunderstorm by the pool in Marco Island, FL, cocktail in hand, and singing oldie tunes with his grandchildren.

His visitation and Funeral Service were celebrated in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, his family simply asks you call, hug or kiss your parents if you can. Tell them you love and cherish them. If you cannot, say a prayer for them, and think of them fondly. Life is precious and short.
If you feel inclined, please consider donating to the TBI Warrior Foundation at
www.tbiwarriorfoundation.org/donate Please memo: George Mottram.

James J. Lind 2nd (Sept. 30th)

James J. Lind 2nd, 81, of Bellmawr passed away on September 18, 2021

Beloved husband of late Joan B (nee Fox) Lind. Devoted father of Dawn Lind, James A. Lind and Donald B. Lind. Loving brother of the late Florence DiPietro. Dear uncle of Karen Bolger (Frank), Debbie Dworcyk (Pat) and many other nieces, nephews and extended family.

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

In lieu of flowers donations may be American Red Cross PO Box 37839, Boone, IA 50037-0839 (www.redcross.org).

Michael M. Kazmar (Sept. 30th)

Michael M. Kazmar, 89, of Gloucester City passed away on August 31, 2021, at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Camden.

He was born to the late Michael and Bernice Kazmar (nee Fowler) on July 31, 1941, in Pennsauken.
Michael worked as a mason carpenter for Scarborough Construction & Restoration. He was an avid fisher, liked race horses, and was a homebody.

Michael is survived and will be greatly missed by his wife Nancy Kazmar (nee Titus); his children, Michael Kazmar, Jr and his wife Beth, Matthew Kazmar and his wife Kathy, and Christi Roy and her husband Dwight. He will also be missed by his grandchildren Abigail and Michael, as well as great grandchildren Hayden and Dakota. Michael's funeral services were private.

Michael J. Simon (Sept. 30th)

Michael J. "Mike" Simon, 76, of Runnemede passed away on September 19, 2021.

Beloved husband of Virginia "Gina" (nee Zirilli). Loving and devoted father of Michael J. Simon III. Loving Pop of Isabella Skidmore (Cavin) and Sophia Simon and great grandpop of Rosalie Skidmore. Dear son of the late Michael and Mary (nee Laino) Simon.

Mike joined the Philadelphia Police Department in October 1965, serving the people of Philadelphia for 25 years until December 1990, when he retired with the rank of Sergeant. He served proudly with the men and women in Philadelphia and rose through the ranks of Corporal, Detective, and Sergeant. Some of his many assignments were the Accident Investigation Division (A.I.D.), Detective, Plainclothes, and Ethics Accountability Division (E.A.D.).

Upon his retirement Mike worked as an investigator with Camden County in the Child Support Unit for 16 years, a job he came to enjoy. When he finally retired in June of 2007, he loved talking to people. He had so many stories to share and there was always a good laugh at the end.

Mike was very outspoken about things he was passionate about and was not afraid to stand up for what he believed in. He stopped layoffs for the Runnemede Borough Police Department, where his family lives. He also had the rank of Captain reinstated, which had been dismissed from the ranks. He has always served the people in one way or another.

Most of all Mike loved his family. Above all else his family always came first. Mike was a Gold Member of the Fraternal Order of Police for 53 years. He was a member of the Runnemede Seniors Club and fought for senior's rights. He was a member of the Runnemede-Bellmawr-Glendora Rotary Club, as well as the NRA.

The viewing was in the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede. The Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Teresa RC Church, Runnemede. Entombment was at New St. Mary's Mausoleum, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mike's name may be made to St. Teresa School, 27 E. Evesham Road, Runnemede, NJ 08078 or the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Rita V. Lodise (Sept. 30th)

Rita V. Locantore Lodise (nee Wojtkowiak) of Runnemede, "our Mom, Babcia, aunt, and friend," went home to dance with the Lord on September 20, 2021.

She will be dancing with her son John, our father and her husband Alex Locantore, her husband Mike Lodise, as well as many family members who she loved and passed before her.

Rita was a full of life kind of gal. She loved chocolate, potato chips, and popcorn, driving her friends all around New Jersey, and having fun and lots of laughs. Rita loved being with her family and friends. She especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. She could not get enough of her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Gail Sacchetti; her sons, Michael Locantore (Claire), Robert Locantore (Karen), and Jeff Locantore (Diana), and also her stepdaughter Teresa Braun (Richard). Also survived by her pride and joy, 14 grandchildren: Anthony, AnnaMarie, Patrick, Jonathan, Christopher, Bryan, Gabriella, Andrea, Cameron, Nicholas, Olivia, Lori, Jennifer, and Meredith; and 12 great grandchildren: Luciana, Gavin, Alessio, Milo, Oliver, Haley, Zachary, Morgan, Taylor, Collin, Aubrey, and Ethan.

"We will all miss her tremendously but we will all keep her in our hearts forever. We love you, Mom!"
The visitation was in the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede. Memorial Mass was celebrated it St. Maria Goretti Church, Runnemede. Interment was at New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

Donations in Rita's memory may be made to Make-A-Wish America, 1702 East Highland Avenue, Suite 400, Phoenix, AZ 85016 or by visiting www.wish.org.