

Gloucester City News Obituaries

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Joseph M. Daley (Oct. 3rd)

Joseph Michael Daley, 85, passed away peacefully at his daughter's home on September 21, 2024.

Born and raised in South Philadelphia, Joe had been a resident of Bellmawr for almost 60 years. Joe was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Louise Daley (nee Rubino) as well as his sister, Anna Milano.

He is lovingly survived by his devoted wife of 58 years, Janell M. (nee McClain); his three daughters, Laura Anne Daley, Janell Louise Daley and Linda (Scott) Schreiber; his three grandchildren, Aurora Schreiber, Travis Schreiber and Harrison Daley; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends attended his Visitation at the Healey Funeral Home, Haddon Heights, where his Memorial Service was celebrated.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Malvern Retreat House, 315 S. Warren Ave, Malvern, PA 19355 or at www.malvernretreat.com.

Joseph T. Kelly (Oct. 10th)

Joseph T. Kelly, 81, of Gloucester City, formerly of Bellmawr, passed away on September 14, 2024.

Loving father of Sharon Kelly-Kostiak, Joseph Kelly, David Kelly and Michael Houser. Beloved brother of George L. (Mildred) Kelly, Maureen (Thomas) Mancuso and the late Eleanor Kelly. Cherished companion of Sharon Gross. Survived by numerous grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his loving parents, Joseph T. Kelly and Eleanor A. Kelly (nee Schaffer).

Joseph was born in Philadelphia and proudly served our country in the U.S. Navy from 1959 to 1962. Joe resided in Bellmawr for 10 years and the past 17 years a resident of Gloucester City. He was a laborer doing sheet rock finishing and installing for many years. Joe was a die hard Philadelphia Phillies and Philadelphia Eagles fan who enjoyed watching them play.

Per Joseph's request, he was cremated. There will be no visitation. Inurnment and U.S. Navy Military Honors at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery were private.

Memorial donations in Joseph's name to Animal Welfare Association: 509 Centennial Blvd., Voorhees Township, NJ 08043. Please memo: Joseph T. Kelly.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.mccannhealey.com. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

Joseph Obrish Sr. (Oct. 10th)

Joseph W. Obrish Sr., 88, of Atco passed away on September 30.

Beloved husband of Nancy Obrish (nee Orio). Devoted father of Walter Obrish, and the late Stephen, Theresa, Christina, and Joe Jr. Also survived by grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Joe worked for 38 years at Sears as a forklift driver and then later spent 10 years as a school bus driver for National School Bus Co. He also was a Cub Scout Leader. In his free time, Joe enjoyed crossword puzzles, woodworking, and fishing. He was a huge animal lover. Joe was best known for his patience and devotion to his family whom affectionately referred to him as "Saint" Joseph.

Relatives and friends attended his viewing at Assumption Church, Atco, where his Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. Interment was private.

Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made in Joe's Memory to the Alzheimer's Association: www.alz.org. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede.

Palma Scafini (Oct. 10th)

Palma Scafini, 96, of Somerdale, passed away on September 25, 2024.

Devoted wife of the late Dominic. Beloved mother of Richard Scafini (Betty), Diane Rzucidlo (John), Susan Garrett (Frank), and Joan Kohler (Richard). Loving grandmother of 10 and great-grandmother of 13. Dear sister of Joseph Borreggine and the late Josephine Huddell. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends attended Palma's viewing in St. Luke's Church, Stratford, where her Funeral Mass was celebrated. Interment was at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Chews Landing.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker Drive, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 60601, www.lung.org or Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601, www.alz.org.

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

Freda Scully (Oct. 24th)

Freda Ruth Scully (nee White), 87, affectionately known as "The Queen" to her friends and family, passed away peacefully at Harmony Village in Moorestown on October 13, 2024.

Formerly of Willingboro, she was born in Gloucester City to the late James Joseph and Freda Myrtle (nee Smith) White. Freda was the beloved wife of the late CW4 Ferdinand L. Scully for 43 years; loving mother of Ferdinand A. Scully of Millsboro, DE, Michael Scully of Mantua, Leon Scully of Milford, DE, Constance Byrd (Wesley) of Mount Laurel, Thomas Scully of Philadelphia, and Mary Picariello of Burlington; cherished grandmother of Robert Byrd (Dawn), Renee Azeez (Fayez), Joseph Byrd (Toni), Jacob Byrd, Taylor Orban (Jeffrey) and Lauren Scully; great grandmother of five and dear sister of Barbara Killeen (the late Jack).

Freda was predeceased by her loving companion, James Cochran, and is survived by his wonderful family. She was also predeceased by her siblings, James White, Frances Reid, and Mary Alice Birchmeier. Also surviving are numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends who will miss her greatly.

Relatives and friends attended her viewing at the Givnish Funeral Home, Cinnaminson, where her Funeral Service was celebrated. Interment was private for the family.

James Teschko Sr. (Oct. 24th)

James Teschko Sr., 79, of Gloucester City, passed away on October 16 2024.

Born in Camden, he was the son of the late Charles A. and Mildred R. (Callaway) Teschko.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Margaret (Zane) Teschko; loving children, James Teschko, Dawn Lynn Teschko, Margaret Stone (Chuck) and Daniel Teschko; cherished by his grandchildren, Bruce, Danielle, Karysia, Chad, Matt, Danny, Kevin, Ryan, Lexi, Aiden and Bella; great-granddaughter, Remy; brother; Richard Teschko; and his sisters, Betty Schrider, Linda Williams and Millie Blaylock (Mike). Jim was also predeceased by his brothers, Charlie, Al, Billy and Larry Teschko, and his sister, Myrtle Zipple.

Jim retired in 2018 after more than 40 years as a metal finisher with the Acc-Cote Plating Company in Thorofare. Jim was a member of the Sportsmen Athletic Club in Gloucester City and enjoyed playing in the Thursday night dart league at American Legion Post #72, Brooklawn. He also enjoyed playing golf with family and friends.

Honoring his wishes, there will be no viewing or visitation. Jim's services will be held privately.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.mccannhealey.com. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

Ralph Robert Richards (Oct. 24th)

October 31, 1949 – October 7, 2024

Ralph Robert Richards, 74, of Gloucester City, passed away unexpectedly on October 7, 2024.

Born on October 31, 1949, in Camden, he was the son of the late Raymond R. and Henrietta (Dunn) Richards. Ralph served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1970 to 1978. He later became a police officer, and was the oldest to graduate from the academy at 40.

He served with distinction for two decades at the Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) before retiring in 2007. He was an original member of the DRPA High Angle and Marine Rescue Teams. Ralph earned a multitude of accolades, including the Camden County Prosecutor's Award on several occasions for bravery and valor. A leukemia survivor of six years, Ralph exhibited incredible strength and resilience throughout his life.

He is survived by his devoted children, Heather K. Richards (Bea) and Todd M. Richards (Abby); cherished grandchildren, Alex and Emily Jane, and brother of Mary Jane Goheen (Jay). He is also survived by his nephews, Bob Richards, Raymond Richards, and Ryan Richards. Ralph was also predeceased by his brother, Robert "Reds" Richards, and his wife, Mary.

Ralph was a graduate of St. Mary's Grammar School and Gloucester Catholic High School, Class of 1968. He loved to dance and his proudest achievement was being a devoted and deeply loved father and grandfather. Ralph's joy came from sharing his time and love with his surviving family.

Family and friends attended his prayers of committal in the Chapel of New St. Mary's Cemetery and Mausoleum, Bellmawr.

Memorial donations may be made in lieu of flowers, to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, P.O. Box 22324, New York, NY 10087 or at <https://givenow.lls.org/>. Please write in the memo: Ralph R. Richards.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.mccannhealey.com.

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

Richard P. Jackson (Oct. 24th)

Richard Paul Jackson, 80, of Gloucester City, passed away peacefully in his home on October 6, 2024.

Born on November 24, 1943, "Rich" dedicated 35 years to the field of education and generations of students in Gloucester City, notably serving as the first Principal of Cold Springs School and District Testing Coordinator. Previously, he was an esteemed educator and Principal for the Gloucester City neighborhood schools.

Rich proudly served in the U.S. Army Reserves beginning in 1965, contributing significantly during his tenure. His commitment to service was evident both in his military and educational roles. He was a graduate of St. Joseph's Grammar School (Camden), Bishop Eustace Preparatory School (Class of 1961), and LaSalle College (Class of 1965). In addition to excelling at academics, especially mathematics, he was the starting first baseman on the 1961 Group B Sectional Championship Baseball team at Bishop Eustace Prep.

Beyond his professional and military life, Rich enjoyed playing sports as a youngster and later teenager. As a teenager and adult, he played on various softball teams, a hobby that allowed him to connect with friends and the community.

Rich's life was marked by his dedication to education, community service, and most of all – his family. There was no better or more devoted family man. He met the love of his life, Alice Reeve, in 1962 while bowling at Ivy Lanes in Pennsauken. The encounter between Alleys 1 and 2 was only the beginning.

The relationship grew throughout the years with the couple attending many sporting events, most notably the 1962 World Series and Army Navy Game, water skiing together, babysitting, continued bowling, and going to movies and shows. The culmination was an engagement, wedding, and the birth of children followed by many years of travel. The only happiness greater than his children was his grandchildren. If you knew Rich, you definitely were privy to seeing many pictures of the grandchildren and hearing relentless updates of each one's accomplishments.

He brought a generous dose of humor, overflowing positive energy, and a quick connective wit to every encounter. His legacy will live on in the countless lives he touched through his work and the lasting memories he created with his loved ones. To all of his former students in his 35 years as educator and principal in Gloucester City, Mr. Jackson is so proud of you and all that you have accomplished in your lives. Seeing you become successful people made his life complete.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Richard P. Jackson and Mildred (nee McManamon) Jackson. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Alice (nee Reeve); children, Kim Price and her husband, Mark and Tim Jackson and his wife, Sara; cherished grandchildren, Natalie Seiner (Patrick), Jackson and Logan Price, and Luke Jackson; two special sisters, Judy and Elaine as well as nieces and nephews especially his loyal nephew, Michael Lind.

We find comfort in knowing that Richard's legacy lives on through the lessons he taught us, the love he shared, and the memories we will cherish forever.

Relatives, friends, retired and current staff of the Gloucester City School attended his viewing in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, where his Catholic Service was officiated by Deacon Peter Powell. U.S. Army Military Honors followed the service. Cremation and inurnment were be private. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.mccannhealey.com.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Eye Tumor Research Fund: P.O. Box 832, Philadelphia, PA 19105. Please write in memo: Richard Paul Jackson or Samaritan Hospice c/o Samaritan Gift Processing Center: P.O. Box 71425, Philadelphia, PA 19176 – 1425. Please write in memo: Richard Paul Jackson.

William C. Davis (Oct. 24th)

William C. Davis, 99, of Vineland, formerly of Merchantville, Brooklawn and Pennsauken, passed away on October 6, 2024.

Loving husband of 51 years to the late Jane L. Davis (nee Molt). Devoted father of Gail (late Ronald, Sr.) McNabb and Dominick (late Barbara) Tursi. Cherished grandfather of Dr. Ronald (Rebekah) McNabb, Jr. and Kelly (Paul) Atkinson. Beloved great-grandfather of Xander and Noah.

William was known to many as "Bodie" and was born in Camden City. He was a graduate of Merchantville High School Class of 1943. William enlisted on May 29, 1943 in the U.S. Marine Corps. and was honorably discharged on June 18, 1946. He was a proud to attain the rank of corporal.

Bodie was a dedicated truck driver for 41 years for Shanahan Trucking in Merchantville. He was a resident of Brooklawn from 1953 to 2003 and then moved to Pennsauken and was a resident from 2003 to 2017. For the past seven years, Bodie was a resident of the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home in Vineland.

Relatives and friends attended his viewing in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, where his Funeral Service was celebrated. Interment and U.S. Marine Corps Military Honors were at Lakeview Memorial Park in Cinnaminson.

Memorial Donations may be made to The Salvation Army: Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center: 1865 Harrison Avenue, Camden, NJ 08105. Please write in memo: William C. Davis.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.mccannhealey.com.

Edward DeSantis (Oct. 31st)

With profound sadness, we say goodbye to Edward Anthony DeSantis of Runnemede, who was born in Washington, DC, and whose vibrant spirit touched the lives of many.

Edward Anthony left this world on October 20, 2024 at the age of 68, leaving a void in the lives of so many people. As Edward Anthony departs from this earthly realm, his essence lingers — a whisper on the wind, a ripple on the water — a testament to the enduring power of love to transcend the boundaries of life and death.

Though Edward Anthony may no longer walk beside us, his spirit lives on in the memories and the legacy Edward Anthony leaves behind.

Family and friends attended his Viewing at the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede. His Funeral Mass was celebrated in the St. Maria Goretti Church, Runnemede.

Elizabeth Bryson (Oct. 31st)

Elizabeth R. “Betty” Bryson (nee Naumann), 89, surrounded by and in the loving care of her family, passed away peacefully on October 21, 2024.

Loving and devoted wife of 36 years to the late Francis X. Bryson. Loving mother of Ann E. Bryson, Kathleen M. Ward, Jeanne M. Rofrano (Michael), Barbara J. Persing (Paul), Michael F. Bryson (Kim) and Mary T. Hoover (Eric). Cherished grandmother of Katie Mae (Ward) Dierker (Daniel), Jaclyn (Ward) DeRisi (David), Matthew Rofrano (Dani), Ariel (Rofrano) Brigandi (Eric), Zachary Rofrano, Jason Boyce (Ciara), Ian Bryson, Cole Bryson, Evan Bryson (Giselle Hernandez), Kelly Bryson, Kyle Persing (Jessie Nailon), Quinn Persing, Olivia Hoover-Mahoney (Ian), Chloe Hoover (Timothy Linville). Adoring great-grandmother of Beau DeRisi, Grace DeRisi, Francesca Rofrano, Joseph Rofrano, Remi Lou Rofrano, Arrow Boyce, Gray Boyce, Lilith Linville, Lincoln Linville and Baby Brigandi on the way! Loving daughter of the late Henry and Elizabeth Naumann.

Betty was a lifelong resident of Gloucester City, where she attended St. Mary’s School and graduated from Gloucester Catholic High School Class of 1952. Betty was the former city administrator for Gloucester City for many years.

Betty will be remembered as a lifelong seamstress and quilter, and belonged to many sewing clubs and guilds over the years. She was a wonderful teacher and shared her love of sewing with anyone who wanted to learn, especially her family. Her beautiful work and the memories they carry will be cherished forever.

At Betty's request, her funeral services and interment will be private at Brig. General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown.

Please remember Betty with a donation in her memory to Gloucester Catholic High School Alumni Association, 333 Ridgeway St, Gloucester City, NJ 08030. Attn: Patrick Murphy or to Samaritan Hospice, payable to Samaritan Gift Processing Center, PO Box 71425, Philadelphia, PA 19176 or online at <https://www.samaritannj.org/giving/>. Please memo, Elizabeth R. Bryson.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.mccannhealey.com. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St. Gloucester City.

John Saxenmeyer (Oct. 31st)

Surrounded by his family, Jack R. "Jack" Saxenmeyer, 69, passed away peacefully at home on October 22, 2024.

A resident of Bellmawr and formerly of Gloucester City, Jack was a loving and devoted husband of 42 years to Deborah Saxenmeyer (nee Gallagher). He was a cherished father to Beau (Jess), Jaclyn and Randy (Kate), and a beloved grandfather to Bella, Beau, Brooks, Jade, Jack and Brinley. Jack was a dear brother to James Saxenmeyer, Charles Saxenmeyer, Janet Redmen and Karen Etherington. He was predeceased by his parents, Charles and Ruth Saxenmeyer, and his brother, Thomas Saxenmeyer.

Jack was a longtime resident of Gloucester City and a graduate of Gloucester High School Class of 1974. He furthered his education in the electrical trade at Camden County Vocational School in Sicklerville. Jack retired as a main electrical manager for Georgia Pacific in Camden and was a proud member of IBEW Local 400. He also served as a building inspector and electrical inspector. An automotive enthusiast, Jack cherished the times he spent traveling the country racing motocross with his son, Randy.

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

In lieu of flowers, please remember Jack with a memorial donation to Msgr. Lucitt's Needy Children's Fund, PO Box 87, Gloucester City, NJ 08030. Please memo, John R. Saxenmeyer.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.mccannhealey.com.

Robert Choate Sr. (Oct. 31st)

Robert J. Choate Sr, 93, of Mt. Ephriam passed away on October 24, 2024.

Born in Barrington, he was the son of the late, Joseph R. and Anna Mae (nee Mick) Choate. He was predeceased in 2022 by his wife of 39 years, Mary (nee Corn) Choate.

Robert is survived by his son, Robert J. Choate Jr.; step-daughter, Pamela Lou; three grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Robert proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He retired in 1998 after 32 years as superintendent of the Public Works Department with the Borough of Mount Ephraim.

Graveside services will be celebrated for Robert and his late wife, Mary, on Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 12:30 p.m. followed by U.S. Army Military Honors for Robert in the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 350 Province Line Road, Wrightstown.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.mccannhealey.com. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

Condolences and Memories may be shared at www.mccannhealey.com under the obituary of Robert J. Choate, Sr. Funeral Arrangements and Inquiries may be made through: McCann-Healey Funeral Home, Gloucester City.

Stephen J. Lipski (Oct. 31st)

Steve Lipski, 69, passed away on October 20th, 2024. Steve was a loving and devoted husband to Janet R. Lipski (nee Gracie) for 43 years.

He was the loving father of Stephen J. Lipski, Jr. (Shannon), Thomas Lipski (Danielle), and Christine Williams (Dan) and a cherished grandfather of Stephen III, Roman, Elijah and Mia. Steve was the beloved brother of Stan Lipski and his wife, Paula, and son of the late Stanley and Jean Lipski.

Steve was a lifelong resident of Gloucester City and a graduate of Gloucester Catholic High School Class of 1974. Before his retirement, Steve was a dedicated letter carrier for the United States Postal Service in Gloucester City for 36 years. He was the former president of Branch 908 of National Association of Letter Carriers. Steve enjoyed reading, grilling, visiting new craft breweries and spending time with his family. He was a diehard Philadelphia sports fan.

Relatives, friends and his USPS family attended his visitation in Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Runnemede, where his Funeral Service was celebrated. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Steve can be made to MD Anderson Cancer Center, 2 Cooper Plaza, Camden, NJ 08103 or online at <https://gifts.mdanderson.org/>. Please note, "In memory of Stephen J. Lipski."

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