# Gloucester City News Obituaries February 2024

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### Dorothy M. Eastwick (Feb. 1st)

Dorothy M. "Dot" Eastwick (nee Jones), 80, of Gloucester City passed away peacefully on January 16, 2024, surrounded by her loving family.

Dot was the loving wife and best friend of 37 years to the late A. Lane Eastwick. Loving mother of Tracy McDonnell (Barb) and the late Joseph M. Hamaker. Cherished grandmother of Jamie (Chuck), Joey (Erynn) and Ronnie and great-grandmother of Chucky IV, Jaden and Jaxson. Beloved sister of Barbara Smith (late George), Earl Jones (Alicia), the late Sandy Saler (late Warren) and the late David Jones.

Dot was born in Camden on February 11, 1943 to the late Earl F. and Dorothy Mae Jones. She was a graduate of Gloucester High School Class of 1961, where she excelled playing field hockey for the Lions.

Over the years, Dot tended bar at many establishments throughout the city. She was the captain of the Gloucester City Women's Pool League and a member of the VFW "Fillies" softball team. Dot was a longtime, active member of the Highland Park Church of God. She enjoyed doing crafts, puzzles and decorating for every holiday. She cherished her Sunday drives on the back of the bike with Lane. Most of all, she loved her family, took great care of them and was a child of God.

Relatives and friends attended her viewing in the Highland Park Church of God, Gloucester City, where her Funeral Service was celebrated. Interment was at Eglington Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to the Highland Park Church of God.

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

### Ernesto P. Federici (Feb. 1st)

Ernesto P. Federici, 62, of Pennsauken passed away on January, 2024.

He is survived by his daughters, Nicole Federici and Lauren Federici, and their mother, Victoria. Also survived by his grandson, Isaac; his sister, Regina Barna (Victor) and their daughters Elizabeth and Diane; and many cherished friends. He was predeceased by his parents, Dominic and Maria Federici, and his sister, Linda Federici.

Ernie worked as a computer configuration technician at Inacom in Swedesboro, later being promoted to manager. He left that field and worked many years as a self-employed carpenter/contractor.

When not working, he pursed his many passions. He loved music of all kinds and was an extremely talented guitar player playing riveting solos ranging from the Blues& Jazz to Black Sabbath. He not only loved to play but used his carpentry skills to build a state of the art in home music studio. He would frequently gather friends together to socialize, but quickly the friends would put down their instruments and Ernie would play all night to a captivated audience.

His love of music was his language. He affected and captivated so many with his knowledge, skills and talents that many young people under Ernie's tutelage learned not only to play but to appreciate guitar. Ernie was also a great photographer and enjoyed taking candid shots but also capturing nature's beauty through his lens.

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

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

### Jane I. Moore (Feb. 1st)

Jane I. Moore, 89, of Burlington Township, formerly of Willingboro, passed away on January 10, 2024.

Jane was buried beside her husband, Louis, in the William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown. She is survived by her children, grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Jane worked for many years as a self-employed hair stylist.

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 D'Andrea Jr. (Feb. 1st)

On January 13, 2024, Joseph J. D'Andrea Jr., 88, passed at home in West Collingswood Heights.

Formerly a longtime resident of Haddon Heights, he was the loving husband of 40 years to the late Sandra E. D'Andrea (nee Willet). He is the loving father of Maryann D'Andrea-Myers Brennan, Michael D'Andrea (Amber), Karen Burns (Jim), the late Jospeh D'Andrea III and the late Wendy Snow. Cherished grandfather of 14 and great-grandfather of three.

Born in Philadelphia, on May 13, 1935, Joe proudly served our country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and Cuban Missile Crisis. He retired as a supervisor from Alex C. Fergusson in Phoenixville, PA after 37 years of service. Joe loved being a handyman and fixing whatever you threw his way, watching westerns like Gunsmoke and anything with John Wayne.

At his requests, services and burial will be private in Arlington Cemetery, Pennsauken.

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

### Karlene Ann Myers-Blair (Feb. 1st)

Karlene Ann "Bean" Myers-Blair (nee Sherrer), 63, of Bellmawr, formerly of Atlantic City, Williamstown and Belton, SC, passed away on November 5, 2023.

Wife of Alessandro Blair. Daughter of the late Karl (Mabel Sherrer) and Catherine Kefford. Mother of Winfield Myers and the late Christina Brown. Sister of Ernest, Scott, Dorothy, Donna, Robert, Eric, Adam, Tara, Echo and the late Karl, Jr. Grandmother of Anthony Brown, Nicholas Brown, Robert Brown, Jr. Jessica Brown and Ava Mergenthal. Great-grandmother of Adalynn, Jameson, Brooke and Aaliyah. Niece of Irene (Alloway) Grasmick and survived by many nieces and nephews.

Karlene was born in Camden. She loved babies, cars, car shows, crossword puzzles, crafts and basket weaving palms for graves for Palm Sunday. Karlene was a very happy sunshiny person and was very happy to see you, all smiles and laughter. Anyone that knew her loved her. She was a dedicated volunteer firefighter in Bellmawr and a pizza delivery driver for Marino's Pizza in Runnemede for many years.

At the request of the family, cremation was private and there are no services.

Memorial donations in Karlene's memory can be made to Shriners Hospital for Children <u>www.loveshriners.org</u> or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital <u>www.stjude.org</u>.

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

#### Michael C. Rennles (Feb. 1st)

Michael C. "Mike" Rennles, 70 of Brooklawn, formerly of Gloucester City, passed away on January 16, 2024.

Born in Camden, he was the son of the late Charles and Anna Jane (nee Palmer) Rennles and predeceased by his beloved wife, Dorothy Jane (nee Conover) Rennles in 1997 after 21 years of marriage. Mike is survived by his loving daughters, Karen Rennles and her partner, Jacquelyn Fasolka, and Katie Wallenfels (Joshua); cherished grandchildren Maggie Jane Wallenfels and Miles Hudson Wallenfels; his sister, Linda Counsellor (Edward); brother, Gary Rennles (Diane); brother-in-law, Albert Conover (Ellen); and sisters-in-law, Joyce Barron (Joe) and Shirley Hagan (Joe).

Mike retired in 2018 after many years working as a Stationary Boiler Engineer with Wheelabrator Gloucester in Westville. He was a music and stereo enthusiast.

Funeral services were celebrated at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, where relatives and friends also attended his Visitation. Interment was in the Eglington Cemetery, Clarksboro.

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

### Robert W. Battersby (Feb. 1st)

Robert W. "Bob" Battersby, 65, of Sicklerville passed away on January 11, 2024, in the loving and devoted care of his family.

Devoted husband of 31 years to the love of his life, Veronica "Ronnie" M. (nee Gorman) Battersby. Proud and beloved father of Adam (Cailyn Radke) and Michael Battersby. He was predeceased by his parents, Robert J. Battersby and Joan (James) Gaffney (nee Ackley), and his sister-in-law Rose M. Gorman. Loving brother of Kevin Gaffney and Sean (Irene) Gaffney. Cherished step-son of Brenda Battersby. Dear brother-in-law of Joe (Colleen) Gorman, Mary (Mike) Murphy, Theresa Gorman, Bernadette Gorman, Chuck (Barb) Gorman, Gina (Jim) Finley and Ann Gorman. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Bob also leaves behind many pets. Tedy, Cora, Lukas, Sugar, Mr. Dottie, Blitz and Millie were loved and part of the family.

Bob was born in Camden and was a graduate of Paul VI High School in Haddon Township. He graduated from Camden County College with a bachelor's degree. He was a field worker for the Camden County Mosquito Commission. He enjoyed watching the Philadelphia Phillies and Philadelphia Eagles on television and would always share his opinion good or bad how they were playing. Above all else, Bob's love of his family was most important.

Relatives and friends attended Bob's visitation in St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City, where his Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated 11 am in the church. At Bob's request, cremation was private and interment will be at a later date.

Family requests memorial donations in Bob's name to Saint Mary's Church, 426 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, NJ 08030. Please write in memo: Robert W. Battersby.

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

### Robert W. Oskiera (Feb. 1st)

It is always difficult saying goodbye to someone we love and cherish. Family and friends must say goodbye to their beloved Robert W. Oskiera, 71, of Bellmawr, who passed away on January 14, 2024.

Robert was predeceased by his parents, Walter Oskiera and Ann Oskiera, and his brother Thomas Oskiera. He is survived by his siblings, Carol Martin and Kenneth Oskiera (Tricia).

Friends and relatives attended his Visitation at the Blake-Doyle Funeral Home, Collingswood, where his Memorial Service was celebrated. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Blackwood.

#### Sandra Sellers (Feb. 1st)

Sandra E. Sellers (nee Wood) found her home to be the starting place of love, hope, and dreams. Sandy was a bit sassy, a homebody who doted on her family. We always thought we had more time with her, but on Monday, January 22, 2024, unexpectedly, it was enough. After just 72 years, the unthinkable became the unspeakable. Time stood in a duel and Mom we stood for you.

Sandy's moments began during mid-winter of 1951. She had spent her entire circle of days as a Gloucester City neighbor, surrounding herself with lots of friends. She was manager at area Bradlees stores and then worked as a policy typist for Surety Title. She was established in love almost 50 years ago and filled all of her days with precious moments, especially those Wildwood days, alongside the love of her life.

Sandy is the daughter of the late Edward Wood and Eleanor (nee Tobias). She is survived and will be deeply missed by her husband, Ronald T. Sellers, Sr. She leaves to cherish her memory, her children: Sandra (late Jerry) Adams, Harry D. and Theresa K. Smith, Jr. and Ronald T. and his wife Lori Sellers Jr. Sandy is the proud grandmother of Brandon, Kyle, Rocky, Zachary, Dylan, Julian and Elliana. She is also survived and will be sadly missed by her siblings, Sherry Russell, Lynda Ristine, and George Tobias, Sr. as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends. Sandy was predeceased by her brother Ray Wood, her brother Frank Wood, and her sister Winnie Wood.

Relatives, friends, and neighbors attended her visitation to take comfort in each other at the Etherington Funeral Home, Gloucester City.

### Sarah N. Muhammad (Feb. 1st)

Sarah Nafeesa Muhammad, 81, of Camden, was born March 28, 1942. She returned to Allah (swt) on January 20, 2024.

Sarah was born to Paul and Mary Ray, the ninth of 14 children, and raised in Camden, where she attended local schools. She loved sewing, crocheting, crossword puzzles and baking.

She retired from Strawbridge and Clothier after more than 20 years of employment. She eventually married Wilbert Jones (Chick) and from that union her only son Al-Mubdi (Deen) was born. Sarah adored her son beyond what is imaginable. She raised him with a good balance of love and discipline. She provided him with everything he needed in this life.

Sarah had a stroke seven years ago and Al-Mubdi took on the task of caring for her until her passing.

Sarah reverted to Islam and it became her way of life. After divorcing, she married Wali Q Muhammad, the love of her life. They became very active in the Masjidun-Nur community. She was a pioneer of the community and loved to bake her infamous pound cake, sweet potato pie, and bean pie. Sarah and Wali remained married until he returned to Allah in 1992.

Sarah made sure to teach her grandchildren about Islam and the importance of being a good Muslim. Sarah was a loving mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, niece, sister-in-law mother-in-law and friend. Her life will forever be cherished by her son, grandchildren, family and friends.

Sarah is preceded in death by her husband, Wali Q Mohammed, her mother and father, Mary and Paul Ray, and brothers Paul Ray, Anthony Ray, Edward Ray, Melvin Ray, Alfred Ray (Bilal) and James Ray (Hassan). Sarah is survived by her only son, Al-Mubdi Muhammad; three grandchildren, Aiesha Muhammad, Jabril Muhammad and Zaakira Muhammad; and her daughter-in-law Renee Muhammad. She leaves behind siblings Mary Holmes, William Ray, Queen Esther doctor, Rosa Adkins and Ruth Hamilton to cherish her memories.

Her Funeral Service was celebrated at the Masjidun-Nur Islamic Mosque, Camden. Burial was at the Morgan Cemetery, Cinnaminson.

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

### Robert G. McQuillan (Feb. 8th)

Robert George McQuillan peacefully passed away on January 28, 2024, at the age of 92. He will be reunited with his beloved wife of 63 years, Frances Burke McQuillan.

Robert was the loving father of Robert K. McQuillan and Daniel B. McQuillan and grandfather of Carson McQuillan and Brenna McQuillan. He is also survived by his daughters-in-law, Denise McQuillan, and Ami Feller. God broke the mold with Robert. He grew up on King Street in Gloucester City and was a standout athlete at Gloucester Catholic High School. He served in the United States Army, then began his teaching career at Gloucester Junior High School as an 8th-grade history teacher before returning to his alma mater, Gloucester Catholic, to coach football where he led the Rams to an undefeated 1971-72 season.

Because of his successful run Robert was named the South Jersey Coach of the Year, only to be followed by an induction into the South Jersey Sports Hall of Fame. A legendary teacher and coach, Robert was a positive influence on many students at Gloucester Junior and Senior high schools, as well as Gloucester Catholic. Prior to retiring, Robert coached football at Widener University and was the defensive coordinator for two National Championship teams. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends, but his lasting legacy was making an impact on his students/players, both on and off the field.

Family and friends attended Robert's viewing in St. Mary of the Lakes Church, Medford, where his Funeral Mass was celebrated. Interment was at New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Robert's memory to Tunnel to Towers Foundation at <a href="www.t2t.org">www.t2t.org</a>. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Mathis Funeral Home, Medford.

### Larry J. Orsino (Feb. 8th)

Larry J. Orsino, 92, of Gloucester City passed away on January 27, 2024.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Dolores "Lori" Orsino (nee Palma); sons, Larry Orsino (Joyce), Michael Orsino (Denise), John Orsino and Joseph Orsino (Katia); and many loving grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Larry was born and raised in South Philadelphia. He was a longtime resident of Gloucester City. Following high school, Larry proudly served our country in the U.S. Army. Larry was a longtime truck driver and member of Local Union 676.

Relatives and friends attended his viewing in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, where his Funeral service and military honors were celebrated. Interment was private in Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery, Wrightstown.

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

### Michael James Sr. (Feb. 8th)

Michael John James Sr., 65, of Gloucester City passed away on January 30, 2024.

Loving and devoted husband of 12 years to Jo-Ann M. James (nee Neilio). Loving father of Michael J. James Jr. Beloved brother of Therese (Mike) Smollock, late William James (surviving Virginia), Kathy James, Patrick James, late Steven James, Maria (Tom) Kerchersky, David James, Christopher James and Marybeth (Scott) Jeffries.

Loving brother-in-law of Linda (Tom) Newlin, Herbert (Colleen) Neilio Jr., Michael (Maria) Neilio, Toni (Joe) Bobiak. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews and his dogs, Larry, Pumkin and Jessie James. Michael was born in Camden on Feb. 14, 1958, to the late William and Rosemary James (nee Keoghan). He was a graduate of Gloucester High School Class of 1976.

Michael went on to proudly serve our country in the U.S. Air Force. He was a lifelong resident of Gloucester City. Michael was a dedicated building inspector in housing and development for the State of New Jersey.

At Michael's request, funeral services and military honors will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers to his family, please consider a memorial donation to the Animal Welfare Association, 509 Centennial Blvd, Voorhees, NJ 08043 or online at www.awanj.org Please memo, Michael John James.

Condolences and Memories may be shared at <a href="www.mccannhealey.com">www.mccannhealey.com</a>. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

### Loretta Bain (Feb. 15th)

Loretta Bain (nee Hughes) of Clayton, formerly of the Fairview section of Camden, passed away on November 27, 2023.

Loretta was predeceased by her parents, Bob and Olga Hughes; two brothers, Bob and Danny; and her sister, Sandra. She is survived by daughters, Lorretta Lynn Bain and Lisa Marie Wright. Her ex-husband, William "Rusty" Bain remained in her life and was always there for her.

Loretta will always be remembered for her love of animals especially "Hurkie." She also leaves behind her close friends Peggy Blakeslee, Carole Redheffer and John Henning, her sister-in-law Ann and many nieces and nephews. She was the godmother of John D. Redheffer.

She was employed for many years at Showboat Casino, Atlantic City, where she had made lasting friendships and acquaintances. She will always be remembered and missed by so many.

Her legacy of love, laughter and genuine kindness will forever remain in the hearts of those who were fortunate to know her.

Her daughter is sending this message to Mom: "Love and miss you Ma Dukes." The celebration of her life was private.

### Celeste M. Suplee (Feb. 22nd)

Celeste Mercedes Suplee, 83, of Bellmawr passed away on February 7, 2024.

Born in Camden, she grew up in Gloucester City and was a 1957 graduate of Gloucester Catholic High School. Celeste worked as a typist for the Defense Logistics Agency in South Philadelphia, where she met her future husband, and later was employed by D'Orazio Foods in Bellmawr for two decades.

Celeste was predeceased by her parents, Albert and Alice Gottsch (nee Prescott), siblings Jean, Jacquelyn, Albert and Mark, and her beloved husband Melvyn. Celeste is survived by her loving daughters Marlene (Bill) Marsden, Alice (Rick) Reese and Catherine (the late George) Rockstein; cherished grandchildren Megan (Ryan), Michelle (Greg), Billy and Jesse, and her adored great-grandchildren Bradley, Bennett and Blake.

Celeste held dear her many nephews and nieces including Chris (Diana) Rogers and Albert (Maryann) Gottsch, and many grand and great-grand nephews and nieces. Her fur babies, kitties Ernest and Scooter, meant the world to her along with her fur grandbabies, doggies Stella, Savannah, Kacey, David, Rose and Daisy.

Mom delighted in watching classic movies and old television shows, was an avid Sixers and Phillies fan, enjoyed dining out, loved spending time with her family, was always present and supportive. She never missed sending a card out on time to loved ones for holidays and special occasions.

At the family's request, services will be held privately.

### Frederick B. Staas (Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Frederick B. Staas, 87, of Laurel Springs passed away on February 7, 2024.

Beloved husband of the late Joan Staas (nee McCaughrean). Devoted father of the late Dennis Staas. Frederick is the loving father-in-law of Julia Staas, cherished grandpa of Victoria Staas, dear brother of Lois Staas, and brother-in-law of Ronald and Peggy McCaughrean and Sandra and the late John McCaughrean. Also survived by nieces and nephews.

Friends and relatives attended Frederick's viewing in the Haddonfield United Methodist Church, where his Funeral Service was celebrated. Interment was at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Sewell.

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

### Joan Marcella (Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Joan M. Marcella, 84, of Bellmawr passed away on February 9, 2024.

Beloved wife of Philip Marcella Jr. for 64 years. Devoted mother of Joanne Henry (Joseph), Anthony Marcella (Gina) and the late Philip Marcella III. Loving grandmother of Philip, Kristin, Ryan, and Lauren. Great-Grandmother of Ava, Philip, and Lilly. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter Moock and Stella (nee Wolski).

Joan was a great wife and mother to her children. She had a passion for gardening, traveling, and loved to vacation at the Jersey Shore with her family. She found sheer happiness in the simple things in life like sitting on her deck.

Throughout her life, Joan embodied kindness, compassion, and selflessness. She will be dearly missed. Relatives and friends attended her viewing at the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede. Joan's Funeral Mass was celebrated in Annunciation BVM Church, Bellmawr. Interment was at New St. Mary's Cemetery.

Donations can be made in memory of Joan to the Alzheimer's Association, 3 Eves Drive, Suite 310, Marlton, NJ 08053 856-797-1212 or at <a href="www.alz.org">www.alz.org</a>.

#### John J. Barron (Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>)

John J. Barron, 68, of Atlantic City, formerly of Sewell and a longtime resident of Gloucester City, passed away on February 12, 2024.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 35 years, Juliann Barron (nee Markiewicz); his "daughter," Kristina Vasquez (Brian); sisters Mary Giles (Glenn), Theresa Barron, Marie Watson (William) and Alice Gallagher (Sean), and many loving nieces and nephews. John is predeceased by his parents, William F. Barron, Sr. and Alice T. Barron (nee Madden); his brother, William F. Barron Jr. and his sister, Catherine M. Barron.

John was a graduate of Gloucester High School Class of 1973. For the last 40 years, he has proudly owned and operated John Barron Carpet Service Inc, working alongside his wife.

He has been a longtime member of Avalon Country Club, where he cherished the friendships he made and considered many there to be his family. John and Julie are proud to be Godparents of 13 wonderful Godchildren.

Relatives and friends attended his Visitation in St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City, where John's Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to the American Heart Association online at <a href="www.heart.org">www.heart.org</a> or by mail to American Heart Association, PO Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692. Please memo John J. Barron.

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

### Charles Keenan Sr. (Feb. 29th)

Charles Keenan Sr. of National Park, formerly of Gloucester City, passed away on February 13, 2024.

Charles was predeceased by his wife, Audrey Laxton-Keenan, and his parents, Elizabeth Keenan and Charles Keenan. He is survived by his children Shana Barnes (Lee) and Chas Keenan (Rikki). He is also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews, and good friends.

Friends and relatives attended his viewing at the Foster-Warne Funeral Home, Audubon, where his prayer service was held. The Graveside Service was at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Berlin.

### Donald C. Gibbs Jr. (Feb. 29th)

Donald C. Gibbs Jr., 64, of West Deptford passed away on February 15, 2024.

He was predeceased by his wife of 41 years Karen Gibbs (nee Sbalcio) and his father, Donald C. Gibbs Sr. He is survived by his cherished children, Brett (Julia) and Brittany Gibbs; his devoted mother, Georgeanna Gibbs; his dear sisters Bridgett, Brenda (Steve) Erika (Dean) and Nicole (Randy) and his brother Kirk (Dawn). Loved by many cousins, nieces and nephews and in-laws.

Donald graduated from nursing school in 1985 and worked as a registered nurse since 1986. Before that Don worked as an EMT for North Wildwood Beach Patrol and he also worked as a respiratory therapist. In 1986 he took a job as a Nurse at Kennedy Hospital and two years later he was promoted to the manager at Kennedy's ER. He also worked as paramedic for Underwood Memorial Hospital. He continued working in the medical field up until his retirement.

Throughout the years, Don had a lot of hobbies, including coaching both of his children's sports teams. Whether he was a coach or fan, Don would never miss a game. He also enjoyed hanging with his friends at the Knights of Columbus, being as he was a 4th degree and active member of the Gloucester City Knights of Columbus Council # 674. Don enjoyed shooting pool and hanging with his friends at the Franklinville VFW.

But above all things Don did, what he enjoyed to do the most was ride his motorcycle and spend his time with his buddies of the POW MIA MC. He served as the club's vice president and was lovingly known as U-Turn in the motorcycle community, a name which he loved and wore with pride. Every Christmas he loved playing Santa Claus for all the children at St. John of God School.

Don will be remembered for not just one thing but for the multitude of hats he wore — he was a husband, a father, a son, a brother, and a friend to everyone he encountered. Even though his ride here is over, he will now be riding that big orange trike in the sky with Karen on the backseat.

Relatives, friends and brother Gloucester City Knights of Columbus attended Doanld's viewing in St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City, where his Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. Honoring his wishes, cremation followed Mass privately.

The family requests in lieu of flowers memorial donations in Donald's memory can be made to the National Kidney Foundation at www.kidney.org.

Condolences and memories may be shared at <a href="www.mccannhealey.com">www.mccannhealey.com</a>. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

#### Elizabeth Ryan (Feb. 29th)

Elizabeth Ryan, 81, of Cherry Hill, formerly of Vineland, passed away on February 14, 2024.

Her Graveside Services were celebrated at the Waterford Memorial Cemetery, Waterford, There was no visitation or viewing.

Condolences and memories may be shared at <a href="www.mccannhealey.com">www.mccannhealey.com</a>. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

### Jean Eller (Feb. 29th)

Jean Eller, 84, passed away peacefully at home in Gloucester City surrounded by her family on February 18, 2024.

She was the daughter of the late Joseph and Amber (nee Broadwater) Hagan, and was also predeceased by her beloved husband of 67 years, Wayne M. Eller Sr. Devoted mother to Teresa Clements (William), Wayne Eller Jr. (Regina), Kenneth Eller (Kelly), William Eller (Noreen) and Joseph Eller (Kara). Jean is also survived by her 20 cherished grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, her sister Joan Gundle and many nieces and nephews.

Jean was a lifelong resident of Gloucester City. She loved being with her children and their families. She was always ready to go out and each trip always ended with a sweet treat for her.

Relatives and friends attended Jean's viewing at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City. Her Mass of Resurrection and Burial Office was celebrated in the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Gloucester City. Interment with her late husband, Wayne, was in Woodbury Memorial Park, West Deptford.

Memorial contributions in memory of Jean may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 399 Market St., Ste. 250, Philadelphia, PA 19106 or at <a href="https://www.alz.org">www.alz.org</a>. Please note Jean Eller.

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

## Patricia Mick (Feb. 29th)

Patricia Mick, 71, of Maple Shade, formerly of Atlantic City, passed away on February 19, 2024.

She is survived by her son John Mick.

Patricia's Graveside Services will be celebrated on March 1 at 10 a.m. in Waterford Memorial Cemetery, 679 Pestleton Rd., Waterford. There will be no visitation or viewing.

Condolences and memories may be shared at <a href="www.mccannhealey.com">www.mccannhealey.com</a>. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.