

Gloucester City News Obituaries

April 2022

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Anna Mae V. Wright (April 7th)

Anna Mae V. Wright, 87, of Audubon, passed away on March 17, 2022.

Born in Clifton Heights, PA, she was the daughter of the late Thomas F. and Lydia (nee Morrow) Ernst. She is survived by her loving daughters, Sharon Ann Lewin and Robin L. Battersby; her sister, Edna Mae Hoffman; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Anna was predeceased by her husbands, Charles W. Wright and William J. McDonald.

Burial will be private at the family's convenience. There will be no visitation. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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

Anthony Woollen Jr. (April 7th)

Anthony Woollen Jr., 43, of Runnemede passed away on March 23, 2022.

Loving husband of Dawn (nee Stopfer). Devoted father of Anthony Noah. Beloved son of Huck and MaryAnn. Cherished brother of Michele Ansuini (Ben), Jessica Laundra (Shawn), and Matthew Woollen (Danielle). Caring uncle of Kira, Cory, Christian, Addison, Ella, Charlotte, and Gianni. Son-in-law of William and Rhonda Stopfer. Brother-in-law of Bill Stopfer (Amanda). He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Anthony graduated from Triton High School and Fairleigh Dickinson University with a Bachelor's degree in Humanities and a Master's degree in Art of Teaching. He was a Son of American Legion Post 281. His hobbies included reading scripture, writing poetry, and power lifting. He was devoted to his church, where he was studying to become a pastor, and was a devoted counselor.

His viewing was at the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, followed by the Funeral Service. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Anthony's memory to U Turn for Christ, 515 S. 6th St. Lebanon, PA 17042.

Family and friends may share memories at www.GardnerFuneralHome.com.

Cathleen Polczynski (April 7th)

Cathleen Polczynski (nee Avallone), 95, of Cherry Hill, formerly of Washington Township, passed away on October 3, 2021.

Loving mother of Eve (Howard) Carney, Mary Polczynski and Thomas (Edie) Polczynski. Devoted grandmother of Shawn Carney, Timmy Polczynski and Tommy Polczynski.

Cathleen was born on Christmas Day, December 25, 1925, in Queens, New York City. She loved her Roman Catholic faith and her family.

Relatives and friends attended Cathleen's visitation at Saint Mary's Church, Gloucester City, where the Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. Interment was private.

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

Christina Rodriguez (April 7th)

Christina Rodriguez, 14, passed away on March 26, 2022.

Beloved daughter of Robert Rodriguez and adoptive daughter of Jamie Weilenbeck. Predeceased by her mother, Grace Christina Rodriguez. Beloved sister of Elizabeth, Eddie, Eric, Sean, Isabelle, Amber, Evan, Mia and Mason. Cherished granddaughter of Grace Hayney. Also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and the loving and caring staff of Voorhees Pediatric Facility.

Relatives and friends attended her viewing at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, followed by the Funeral Service. Interment was.

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

Dolores M. Ragone. (April 7th)

Dolores M. Ragone (nee DeFiore), 89, of Newark, DE, passed away on March 16, 2022.

Formerly of Southwest Philadelphia, Dolores was born in South Philadelphia, PA – the daughter of the late Leonard and Louise (nee Criscillo) DeFiore. She is survived by her loving daughter, Dolores Ragone Marengo (Nick); her cherished grandchildren, Jonathan, Brittany and Taylor Marie; and her sisters, Rita DeFiore, Alfonsina DiGironimo and Loretta Buckley.

Predeceased by her loving husband, Mario C. Ragone Sr.; her son, Mario C. Ragone Jr.; her brothers and sister, Frederick, Leonard, and Cecelia Erace.

Dolores loved spending time with her family, and is loved by her many nieces and nephews. She is remembered for her love of dance and singing to all kinds of music, with everyone or just herself.

Relatives and friends attended her viewing in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St, Gloucester City, followed by Funeral Services. Interment was in New Saint Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231, or to www.heart.org.

Mark P. MacWilliams (April 7th)

Mark P. MacWilliams, 56, of Bellmawr, formerly of Carmel, IN, passed away on March 20, 2022.

Mark is the son of Mary Pat MacWilliams (nee O'Neill) and the late Dr. Robert H. MacWilliams.

Mark was a graduate of Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School Class of 1983 and went on to receive his bachelor's degree from Washington University in St. Louis. His lifelong love of music led to an equal passion for building uniquely designed guitar and stereo amplifiers that he gifted to friends and family.

He was an avid reader of all genres, conversant on many subjects and always interested in an intense conversation, including insightful observations and a biting wit. Mark was kind and generous, enthusiastically sharing his deep knowledge and unique sense of fun with others.

In addition to his mother, Mark is also survived by his brother, Robert MacWilliams (Alison); sisters, Nancy O'Reilly (Bernard), Trish Bowe and Maureen Alleman (Robb); nephew Finnbar O'Reilly; nieces, Aine and Maeve O'Reilly and Helen and Sophie MacWilliams; as well as his longtime girlfriend, Grace Weatherford.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to World Central Kitchen <https://wck.org/>.

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 J. Montis (April 7th)

Michael J. "Mike" Montis, 49, of Gloucester City passed away on March 30, 2022.

Born in Camden, he is the son of Mahlon J. Montis Jr. and the late Janet K. Flemming, who had passed away in May of 2019.

Mike is also survived by devoted sister, Michele Kidd; nephews, Kieran Kidd, Leland Kidd and Marshall Kidd, and predeceased by his nephew, Nathaniel Kidd in 2019. He is also survived by his beloved pets, Roxy and Buddy.

Mike worked at several jobs over the years. He was an authentic genuine friend to many. He always had a good joke to tell and smile on his face. Mike loved to watch television and movies. He was a great uncle and loved his nephews and sister very much. Mike took great care of his mother when she was sick, and always enjoyed spending time with his father.

Honoring his wishes, services and burial will be private at the convenience of the family. There will be no visitation.

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

Patricia K. Fenton (April 7th)

Patricia K. Fenton (nee Karwacki), 62, of Mount Ephraim, formerly of the Fairview section of Camden, passed away on March 26, 2022.

Beloved wife of the late William A. Fenton. Devoted mother of Jennifer Fenton (Stephanie/Julie), William Fenton (Erin), and James Fenton (Camille). Loving grandmother of Parker, Connor, Krista, Aiden, Gianna, and Baby Boy Fenton. Dear daughter of Joseph Karwacki and the late Patricia (nee Knedeison), and sister of Joseph (Jeff), Michele, George, James (Christina), Stacey (Charles, Sr.), Steven (Debbie), and Scott. Daughter-in-law of Mary Lee Fenton. Sister-in-law of Jim Fenton. Also survived by many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Patricia was very strong in her faith. She enjoyed going to the movies and trips to the casino. She worked at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Camden for over 40 years. Patricia will be remembered as someone who was devoted to her family and friends.

Family and friends attended her viewing at the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede. The Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Rose of Lima Church, Haddon Heights. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Patricia's memory to the Food Bank of South Jersey, 1501 John Tipton Blvd., Pennsauken, NJ 08110 (foodbanksj.org).

Sage Conwell Russell III (April 7th)

Sage Conwell Russell III, 75, of Gloucester City passed away on March 26, 2022.

Loving husband of 40 years to Linda A. Russell (nee Alfred). Beloved father of Michele Snyder (Jay), Sage IV (Sara), and Beth Russell (Mike B.). Cherished grandfather of James, Erin, Jacob, Mason, Sage V and Koa. Beloved brother of Lorraine, Nora and Sandra and the brother-in-law of Patricia.

Sage was born in Camden to the late Sage C. Russell, Jr. and Nora M. (nee Olsen). He was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in Camden, Class of 1966. Sage was a member of the US Naval Sea Cadets in Camden from 1959–1965. He went on to proudly serve our country in the U.S. Navy from 1966 to 1968 and was a recipient of the National Defense Service Ribbon.

Sage was very active in Boy Scouts over the years. He was a member of Troop 14 in Camden from 1957-1959, Committee Member of Troop 35 Beth Israel Synagogue from 1969-1973 and a Committee Member of Troop 165 at Highland Park Church of God in Gloucester City. Sage retired as a Police and Fire Signal System Repairer for the City of Camden in 2004 after 31 years, and was on the Board of Trustees for Camden County Council #10.

Relatives and friends attended his visitation at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, followed by the Funeral Services.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to NJ Parks and Recreation online at www.njrpa.org/Donate. Please memo: Sage C. Russell, III.

William T. Ritchie Sr. (April 7th)

Surrounded by his loving family at home, Bill passed peacefully on March 31, 2022, at age 79.

A lifelong resident of Gloucester City, William T. Ritchie Sr. was the loving husband of 58 years to Rita M. Ritchie (nee Harrington). Loving father of William Ritchie, Jr. (wife Karen), Patty Anyzek (husband Ed, Jr.) and Tommy Ritchie. Cherished grandfather of Nicole Raines, Jessica Ritchie, Brianna Nascimento (husband Zach), Eddie Anyzek, III and Carlie Anyzek and great-grandfather Aaliyah, Gage, Caleb, Bella Rose and Mackenzie. Beloved brother of Bud Ritchie, Emily Coppola, Barbara Birney and many loving nieces and nephews.

Bill was the proud owner of Ritchie & Sons Trucking and longtime member of Teamster Local 676. He enjoyed the many cross-country trips he made. Bill was an avid Philadelphia Sports Fan.

Relatives and friends are invited to his viewing on Thursday morning, April 7, from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. at St. Mary's R.C. Church, 426 Monmouth St., Gloucester City. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m., and interment will follow in New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

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

Bonnie Jean Simmons (April 14th)

Bonnie Jean Simmons, 58, of Haddon Heights, born on November 3, 1963, to the late Marshall G. Simmons and Joanne M. Simmons (nee Allison), passed away suddenly on March 31, 2022.

In addition to her mother, Bonnie leaves behind her siblings, Marshall Simmons, Jr. (Kim), Lynne Simmons and Paul Simmons (Marcia); her nephews and nieces, Ryan, Kyle, Lauren, Andrew, Paul and Penny; and her great nephews, Gavin and Liam.

Bonnie was a graduate of Haddon Heights High School Class of 1983 and went on to serve our country in the U.S. Army, where she graduated with honors, grenade and rifle medals. She was a former printing pressman at International Paper. She played high school and adult softball and loved being on the field. She also played on a travel ice hockey league for the "Philadelphia Roadrunners."

Bonnie enjoyed boating, fishing, golf, and her favorite dog Zeb. She had a great sense of humor and always loved making people laugh. She will forever be missed.

Her Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date and time via social media.

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

Jane Creran (April 14th)

A girl with a mind, a woman with attitude, and a lady with class. Jane Creran (nee Halliwell) was clothed in strength and dignity walking through her 97 years by faith, not by sight. Mrs. Creran was a working mother, fiercely independent and fancy – but not loud. She loved a good restaurant, a good book, and the Philadelphia “Iggles.” But she never watched a game. One day, we will know how lucky we all were to have known her love with wonder, not grief. On a beautiful spring April morning, Mrs. Creran came to rest in her favorite chair and fell asleep forever. Watch the sunset and tell me again how the end can’t be beautiful.

She was born in the cradle of liberty, Philadelphia, and graduated from Kensington High School For Girls, Class of 1942. She spent her formative years in Philadelphia, then lived in Mt. Ephraim after she was married before moving to Oaklyn in 1952. Early on she had worked as a bookkeeper and subsequently helped run the family business, Creran Funeral Home in Oaklyn. Over the years she worked as a travel agent and as a salesperson at Strawbridge & Clothier.

Mrs. Creran held her faith dear, and was a longtime congregant of the Oaklyn Baptist Church and had been a member of the American Baptist Women’s Ministries. She was a member of the Oaklyn Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 253 where she served as secretary, Worthy Matron, and Worthy District Deputy, which had her traveling all over the state to different temples.

She also served her community as president of the Oaklyn PTA and as corresponding secretary of the Collingswood PTA. Jane was a charter member and volunteered her time as president of the Oaklyn Lions Auxiliary and president of the Welcome Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary.

In her later years, Jane planned her day around lunch. She enjoyed water aerobics, taking in a good movie and working on her tan scraping the boat ramp and weeding the stones at her bayside home in Manahawkin. We will dance to her memories with joy in our hearts.

Mrs. Creran is the widow of the late Howard W. Creran Sr., and is survived by her children Judi and her husband Sam Brick, and Howard W. Creran Jr. (Beth). She is the proud “Me-Me” of Michelle, Samuel (CariAnn), Kiersten (Casey), Timothy (Katie), Emily (Tom), and Katherine (Dan), and great “Me-Me” of Quinn, Shelby, Ryan, Brady, Hazel, Timmy, and Shea. She was predeceased by her brothers; James and David Donahue.

Relatives, friends, neighbors, and the Star gathered with the Creran family and shared heartfelt stories in her own home, Creran Celebration Etherington & Creran Funeral Homes 400 White Horse Pike, Oaklyn, where the Funeral Ceremony was celebrated by Pastor Phyllis Martin. Interment was in the Chapel of the Oaks at Harleigh Cemetery, Camden.

Contributions can be made to the Oaklyn Baptist Church 29 E. Bettewood Ave. Oaklyn, NJ 08107 www.oaklynbaptist.org.

Shirley Mae Dillon (April 14th)

Shirley Mae Dillon (nee Nickerson), 77, of Gloucester City passed away on April 5, 2022.

Loving mom of Linda Morse and her husband, Chris, and Kurt Dillon and his wife, Joanne. Cherished grandmom of Christine, Caleb, Emily, Jacob, Rachel and Trevor, and great-grandmom of Bailey and Dimitri. Beloved sister of William Nickerson (Karen), Joseph Nickerson (Priscilla), Rose Shute (late Harry), Charlotte Spencer (late Paul), Gertie Gentile (late John), Eleanor Thomas (John), and the late Joan Michael (late Gerry). Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and cousins.

Shirley was a longtime resident of Gloucester City. She worked many years as a hospice provider for Lighthouse Hospice in Cherry Hill and a bus aide for Holcomb Bus Company in Bellmawr. Shirley enjoyed watching football and attending all of the events of her grandchildren.

Relatives and friends attended her viewing at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, followed by the Funeral Service. Interment was in Eglington Cemetery, Clarksboro.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Msgr. Lucitt's Needy Children's Fund, PO Box 87, Gloucester City, NJ 08030. Please memo, Shirley Mae Dillon.

Suzanne Schantz (April 14th)

Suzanne Schantz, 83, of Voorhees, formerly of Southampton, passed away on March 28, 2022.

Graveside services were celebrated at the Waterford Memorial Park, Waterford Works.

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

Van Dike McMasters (April 14th)

Van Dike McMasters, 62, who grew up in Merchantville and was born in Norristown, PA, passed away on April 2, 2022.

He was the beloved son of the late Clayton Van Dike McMasters and Rita A. (Waters) McMasters. Van is also survived by devoted brother, Irvin McMasters; loving sister, Anita A. McMasters Shara and her fiancé, George Shara; loving and the best uncle to Crystal Sneddon and Jacklyn Sneddon (Frank DiMarco); and loving great uncle to Trinity Douglas and Frankie DiMarco. He was also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Van worked for many years in the area as a carpet installer. Van was a good person who was always willing to help anyone in need. He loved listening to music, working on cars and bikes and listening to his mom sing. He could fix just about anything. He loved time with his family especially his nieces, Crystal and Jacklyn, great niece, Trinity, and great nephew, Frankie.

Honoring his wishes, services and burial will be private at the convenience of the family. There will be no visitation.

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

Norman J. Collins (April 21st)

Norman J. Collins, 93, of Mt. Ephraim, formerly of Camden, passed away on April 7, 2022.

Beloved husband of the late Carmella (nee Barbagallo). Loving father of Randy Collins Sr. and his wife Nancy of Barrington, and Karen Breitenstine and her husband Robin of Mt. Ephraim. Caring brother of Robert Collins, Margaret Lentz, Florence Fay and the late William Collins Jr. and Shirley Collins. Proud grandfather of Randy J. Collins Jr. and his wife Lisa, Jenna Collins and Matthew R. Breitenstine.

Mr. Collins was a retired mechanical maintenance engineer at Rutgers University Campus in Camden. Norman was a veteran serving in the US Army as a corporal. He was mechanically inclined and could fix anything that needed to be repaired. Mr. Collins was an outdoor sportsman enjoying nature, fishing, crabbing and hunting. Norman was happiest spending quality time with his children and grandchildren.

Relatives and friends attended his Life Celebration at the Ciechanowski Funeral Home, Runnemede, followed by the Funeral Service. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Blackwood.

Memorial contributions in Norman's memory can be made to Mt. Ephraim Police Reserve Inc., MEPRI 120 W. Kings Highway, Mt. Ephraim, NJ 08059.

Sister Nora Foley, OP (April 21st)

Sister Nora Foley, OP (Sister Patricia Margaret), 89, of the Dominican Sisters of Hope, died April 9, 2022 in Wall, NJ.

The daughter of the late Patrick and Margaret (nee Horan) Foley, she was born February 26, 1933, in Kilcummin, Ireland.

Sister Nora entered the novitiate of the Dominican Sisters of Newburgh, NY, in September 1954, made her First Profession in June 1956, and Final Profession in August 1959. Sister Nora earned her BA in Elementary Education from Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY, and her MA in Administration from Villanova University.

Sister Nora's ministry in elementary education began at Saint Lawrence School in Lindenwold, where she taught from 1956-67. She then moved to Sacred Heart School in Camden, where she was principal from 1967-79. From 1979-2004, she was principal at Saint Mary School in Gloucester City, and from 2004-2011, she was an instructional aide with the Gloucester City Public School District.

Sister Nora retired in, 2011 and moved to Asbury Park. In February 2013, she moved to Gloucester Towne where she volunteered Monday through Friday, serving the homeless and taking Holy Communion to the sick and shut-in, volunteer work which she found extremely rewarding. For recreation, she enjoyed long two-hour daily walks.

In October 2015, Sister moved to St. Mary's Villa, Cherry Hill, and then in February 2020 she moved to Brandywine Senior Living in Wall, where she spent her final days. She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

There viewing was April 19 in Saint Mary's Church, Gloucester City, followed by a prayer service before the Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. Sister was buried on April 20 at the Dominican Sisters of Hope Cemetery on the grounds of Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY.

Donations in her memory can be made to the Dominican Sisters of Hope Development Office located at 299 North Highland Avenue, Ossining, New York 10562. Please write in memo: Sister Nora Foley.

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

Stephen M. Renzi (April 21st)

Stephen M. Renzi, 80, of Gloucester City passed away on April 9, 2022.

Beloved husband of Claire (nee Stamato). Survived by children René (Sam) Justis and Daniel Renzi; step-children Denise (the late Troy) Eldridge and Frank (Nyesha) Salvatori; six grandchildren, Samantha, AJ, Kyle, Ryan, Avellise, and AJ; one great-granddaughter Claire; and many loving siblings, nieces, and nephews.

Stephen was a member of Square Circle in Gibbsboro.

Relatives and friends attended his viewing at Annunciation Church, Bellmawr, where his Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. Entombment was at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Blackwood.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Renzi family c/o the funeral home would be appreciated. Go to OraLWoosterFuneralHome.com.

Carl Klese Jr. (April 28th)

Carl Klese Jr., 79, of Bellmawr passed away on April 16, 2022.

Beloved husband of Marlene (nee McIntyre) for 56 years. Devoted father of Kim Morgan (Ed), Michele Aquilante (Frank) and Lisa Falcone (Joseph), and father-in-law of Joseph Ciano (Betsy). Loving Poppy of Nicole (Austin), Aaron, Danielle (Dan), Kari (Rich), Jessie (Vin), Sammy (Alex), Nicky, Gianni and Frankie, and Great Grandpop of Ryan, Anthony, Brody, Lincoln, Kylie, Charlotte, Claire and Karl (Emma on the way). Dear brother of the late Carol Ann Klese and Dianne Ciano. Also survived by nieces and nephews.

Carl was the owner of Bellmawr Senior Housing and the former Chairman of the Bellmawr Planning and Zoning Board for many years. In addition to his many contributions to the community, Carl was a devoted husband, Dad and Poppy.

He spent the majority of his life in construction and loved to build. But his passion in life was his family, taking family vacations, big dinner outings, and making the most of every day. He was generous, thoughtful and kind and was always willing to offer help wherever needed. He was larger than life with an even bigger heart. "He was our legend!"

His viewing was on Wednesday morning, April 27 in the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 Black Horse Pike, Runnemede. The Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Teresa RC Church, Runnemede. Interment was at New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite charity or in Carl's memory to the Bell Oaks Upper Elementary School, Attn: Chorale, 256 Anderson Avenue, Bellmawr, NJ 08031.

Carolyn E. Berry (April 28th)

Carolyn E. Berry (nee Mayhew), 74, of Runnemede passed away on April 12, 2022.

Beloved wife of 44 years to Stephen G. Berry. Cherished and loving mother of Julie Loomis (Chris) and Kristi Schaff (David), and devoted grandmother of Stephen and Logan and great-grandmother of Coraline. Mrs. Berry was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and homemaker who loved taking care of her family.

Relatives and friends attended her visitation and Funeral Service at Roedel-Krause Funeral Services, Merchantville. Carolyn was laid to rest with her late parents, Milford and Elva Mayhew, at Lakeview Memorial Park, Cinnaminson. Contributions in her memory may be made to either the Wounded Warrior Project or the Lupus Foundation of America.

Davene M. Whaley (April 28th)

Some people just inspire happiness wherever they go. Wherever the fun was, Davene M. Whaley (nee Lewis) made the day a little brighter. She loved her job and worked hard for her boss. She was thoughtful, loving, and very proud of her two daughters. "We adored her as our world, a loving mother, and doting grandmother who most definitely spoiled her grandsons, as well as her dog Emmy."

Davene was beautiful, and definitely loved Disney. The sun had set in the early evening of Friday, April 15, 2022, and it was the last day we could be together. Davene, 73, passed away unexpectedly during a brief hospital stay at Cooper University Hospital in Camden.

Our highest tribute to Davene is not grief, but gratitude from those who will receive her gifts. Davene was an organ donor and gave the gift of sight to two families. Even after death, she continued to give.

Davene was born in Woodbury and spent all of her years as a Holy City neighbor. She was a graduate of Gloucester City High, Class of 1966, and made her career working at the Camden County Board of County Commissioners for over 20 years. Davene had her "club" and kept in touch with high school classmates, enjoying taking the fun on the many "girl trips." At home, she loved to bake and took over the tradition and recipe of the family's homemade fudge.

She is survived by her daughters, Stacey and her husband Rich Dobleman, and Amy and her husband Scott Whitelock.

Davene was crazy about her grandkids and is the proud grandmother of Mathew, Samuel, Timothy, Andrew, Ryan, Jake and Aidan. She is also survived and will be sadly missed by her brother David and his wife Barbara Lewis, as well as her faithful, little furry companion "Emmy." She was predeceased by her brother, the late Ronald Lewis. Relatives and friends shared heartfelt stories at the Etherington & Creran Funeral Home, Gloucester City, where a Remembrance Ceremony was celebrated by Pastor, Rev. Debra Conner. Inurnment was private.

As an expression of sympathy contributions can be made to the MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper 2 Cooper Plaza, Camden, NJ 08103 www.cooperhealth.org.

Dennis R. Flinn (April 28th)

Dennis R. "Pine" Flinn, 68, of Collingswood, formerly of Gloucester City, passed away on April 11, 2022.

Loving father of Jennifer Flinn, Dennis R. Flinn, Jr. and Jessica Lee Flinn. Cherished Pop-Pop of Brian and Emily. Beloved brother of Liz Dykie (Pat Rambo), Kevin Flinn, Joan Bohrer (late Butch), Joyce Ann Buzby, Meg Boice and the late Stephen Flinn (late Fay). Also survived by his longtime companion, Kathy Kelly, and her children, April and Joe and grandchildren. Cherished uncle of many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents, Raymond and Joan Flinn.

Dennis had a passion for music and playing the guitar. He was a former member of the Garden State String Band. Dennis was previously employed by Swim-Mor, GAF and NFL Films in Mt. Laurel.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to the Gloucester City High School Marching Band Program, 1300 Market St., Gloucester City, NJ 08030.

George R. Walton III (April 28th)

George R. Walton III, 60, of Westville passed away suddenly on April 17, 2022.

Beloved husband of 39 years to Grace (nee Britton) Walton. Loving and devoted father of Kristi Walton-Brown, Heather Walton and Amanda Walton. Caring brother of Crystal DiGirolamo, Raymond Walton and the late Joan Walton and Evelyn Kaufmann. He was a proud and doting pop-pop to Abrianna and Collin, and was anxiously awaiting for the arrival for the next precious gem in his life, due in September. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

George was a special man, his entire life was dedicated to his loving family. They returned to him as much love and happiness as he gave to them. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to his family.

George was a Union Shop Steward at The NJ Motor Vehicle Inspection Station, as an employee of Parsons, and was most recently working at the Cherry Hill Inspection Station. He was an avid 76'ers fan, Bowler and also played softball. One of the things that George love to do with his family, which turned out to be a tradition in his

neighborhood, was turning his house into a haunted house during Halloween, for the delight of everyone in his community, especially the children. With all his activity, George also found the time for a "good nap."

Relatives and friends attended his viewing at Roedel-Krause Funeral Services, Merchantville, where his Funeral Services were celebrated. Interment was at Locustwood Memorial Park.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association.

Harry R. Lord (April 28th)

Harry R. Lord, 83, of Rio Grande, formerly of Bellmawr, passed away on April 11, 2022.

Beloved husband of the late Geraldine "Gerbabes" Lord (nee Fahey). Devoted father of Debbie Britton (Al), Chuck Lord, and Michael Lord (Tracy). Loving grandfather of Justin Britton (Kerri), Samantha McCauley (Greg), Madeline Lord, Erica Lord, Brady Lord, Abigail Lord, and Zachary Lord, and great grandfather of Ella Britton, Michael Britton, Anna Britton, Remington McCauley, and Piper McCauley. Dear brother of Edward Lord (Eileen), Annamarie Hardy, and the late William Lord. Also survived by his cherished companion, Eleanor Luthe.

Harry was a member of the VFW Post 9563 in Bellmawr, Bellmawr Seniors, American Legion Post 72 in Brooklawn, and the North Wildwood Elks.

The viewing was in Annunciation BVM Church, Bellmawr, where his Funeral Mass was celebrated. Interment was in New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Harry's memory to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516 (www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

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

Joseph J. Ryan (April 28th)

Joseph J. Ryan, 87, of Cherry Hill and Margate City passed away surrounded by his loving family on April 12, 2022.

The patriarch of the Ryan Family, Joe was a loving and devoted husband of 61 years to the late Edythe J. Ryan (nee Gindhart). Loving father of John Ryan (Carol), the late Joseph Ryan, Timothy Ryan (Diane), Carol Ryan Miskiewicz (Ron), the late Susan Ryan, J.P. Ryan, Michael Ryan (Melissa) and Jennifer Ryan. Cherished Pop of John (Kerri), Andrew, Joseph, Victoria, Ashley (Richard), Shannon, Amanda, Isabella, Nicholas, Sean and Monique, and great-grandfather of Ally, Chase, Drew, Jack and Addison. Beloved brother of Fran Ryan, Sally Cinque, Fr. Michael Ryan and Dennis Ryan. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Joe was born in Philadelphia to the late John A. and Anne Ryan, and was raised in the Juniata section of the city. He was a graduate of Northeast Catholic Class of 1952 and attended LaSalle University. He proudly served our country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Joe started his career selling typewriters and Bibles before he founded Congress Title in 1974 and continued a long and successful career with Surety Title. A man of family and faith, Joe attended Mass daily and enjoyed traveling, especially to Italy. His greatest love was for his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Relatives and friends attended his visitation April 19 in the Healey Funeral Home, Haddon Heights, and the following day in St. Thomas More Church, Cherry Hill, where his Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. Entombment was private in Holy Cross Cemetery Mausoleum, Mays Landing.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mother Teresa Foundation online at motherteresafoundation.org or to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital online at stjude.org.

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

Lillian Spielmeyer (April 28th)

Lillian Spielmeyer, 96, of Bellmawr went to be with her Lord and Savior April 9, 2022, surrounded by her loving family at the home of her daughter and son-in-law in Ormond By-the-Sea, FL.

Lillian was born in Philadelphia in 1925 to Anna (Houck) and Karl Gansser. She was preceded in death by her brother, William Gansser, and husbands Ralph Morris and Thomas Spielmeyer, as well as her son, Harry Traynor Jr. She will be so missed by her daughter Barbara Traynor Durham (Jerry), stepson Ronald Morris, granddaughter Carla Cole Veasy (Mike), grandson Daniel Cole, great granddaughter Lilyana and great grandson Michael Paul.

Lillian spent her entire life introducing people to the Lord. As a young girl she volunteered at Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia and later with many organizations such as Philadelphia Bible Society and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital. Her life was about serving others. She cherished her time spent with family and friends.

She was a member of Highland Park Church of God for 75 years, Bellmawr Baptist Church, Women's Missionary Groups, Bellmawr Seniors, Faithful Followers, Keenagers, and Deptford Parkinson's Group.

Lillian touched many lives and was loved and respected by everyone who knew her. In keeping with her desire to always help others, Lillian has donated her body to science. A memorial service will be planned for this summer. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial gifts be made to the Highland Park Church of God, 111 Baynes Ave., Gloucester City NJ 08030 in her honor.

Ruth Lee Wynne (April 28th)

Ruth Lee Wynne (nee Flowers), 85, of Gloucester City, passed away surrounded by her family on April 16, 2022.

Loving wife of 42 years to the late Harold W. Wynne. Loving mother of Norman D. Wynne (Lisa), Daniel S. Wynne (Michelle) and the late Harold Duncan Wynne (surviving Becky). Cherished grandmother of Ricky, Taylor, Nicole, Samantha, Daniel, Jessica and the late Zach. Beloved sister of Jackie DeBell (Dean), Jane Griffith (Lew) and Dante Fetzer (Dale).

Ruth was born in Richmond, VA, to the late Cecil and Muriel Flowers. She was a home health aide for many years. Ruth was a longtime active member of the First Baptist Church of Gloucester City and the Gloucester City Senior Citizens Association.

Relatives and friends attended her visitation at the First Baptist Church of Gloucester City, where her Funeral Services followed. Interment was private in Bethel Memorial Park, Pennsauken.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to the First Baptist Church of Gloucester City, P.O. Box 47., Gloucester City, NJ 08030.

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

Theresa Mary Luker (April 28th)

Theresa Mary Luker, 89, of Mount Ephraim passed away on April 15, 2022, in Elmwood Hills Healthcare Center, Blackwood.

She was born in South Philadelphia to the late John and Catherine (nee Corcoran) Fischer. Theresa loved being part of the Red Hats/Purple Dresses Group, and also loved Bingo and coloring. Most of all she loved her family and spending time with them.

Theresa is predeceased by her parents, John and Catherine Fischer; her beloved husband, Robert Luker Jr.; her brothers, Robert Fischer, John Fischer and Daniel Fischer; and her sister, Catherine Walters. She is survived by children, Judith Luker and her partner Theresa Baker, and Robin Luker; her grandchildren, Ashley Ford and Kyle Ford; her niece, Betty Ann (John) Evering; her great nieces, Lisa Ann Jester and Melissa (Chris) Sheppard; her great-great nephews, Derrick, Dean and Brett Jester; as well as many more nieces, nephews and cousins.

She especially enjoyed when her cousins, Barbara Kenney and Anne Crenshaw, would join her for their special lunch dates.

Family and friends attended her visitation at the Mahaffey Milano Funeral Home, Mt. Ephraim, where her Funeral Service was celebrated. Interment was at St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.