

## Gloucester City News Obituaries

### April 2024

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#### *Elizabeth O. Sturgis (April 4<sup>th</sup>)*

Elizabeth Olga Sturgis, 89, passed away peacefully on February 20, 2024, at her daughter's home in Brookhaven, PA., surrounded by her family.

Elizabeth was born in Philadelphia, the daughter of the late James and Mary (nee Oresick) Bronsky. Many people knew Elizabeth as "Betty." She was a former resident of Gloucester City and a longtime resident of Westville. After the early passing of her parents, Elizabeth and her brothers went to live with family friends, Aunt Margaret and Uncle Pete, on their farm in New Sharon. She graduated from Woodbury High School in 1951 with honors. She met George Sturgis at the Gloucester dance, they fell in love, and were later married in 1954 at St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City.

As the family grew, they shared many happy times during the holidays around the dinner table. Many hours of laughter were heard as they played board games after a delicious meal. She was a great cook. She loved to share her Russian/Ukrainian heritage by making homemade perogies and stuffed cabbage rolls. Making them on New Year's Day was a cherished family event. Everyone loved her famous Jewish Apple Cake.

In addition to raising a family, Elizabeth had various part-time jobs doing clerical work at RCA, Campbell Soup, Sears and Roebuck and Grant's. After her youngest son graduated from high school, she went full-time as the customer service manager at Bradlees (formally Jefferson Ward) where she worked until they closed the doors. She retired in 2009 after 10 years in customer service at Target in Deptford. She was known to bake cakes for the staff, and everyone loved her smile and positive attitude.

Elizabeth loved to have fun and was very adventurous. She traveled to Colorado, New Mexico and California to visit her daughters. She went camping and hiked to the Arches in Utah.

Elizabeth was predeceased by her beloved husband of 61 years, George H. Sturgis Jr., and her daughter, Beth Sturgis. She is survived by her children, Diane Wieland (Paul), Margie Runquist (Jeff), Daniel "Dan" Sturgis (Carol) and George H. Sturgis III (Michelle); her cherished grandchildren, George W. Parkin IV (Megan), Dan Sturgis, Aaron Sturgis and Nicole Merideth (Austin); great grandchildren, Amber and Sydney Parkin; her step brother, Robert "Bobbie" Kline (Lorraine); sister-in-law, Gail (Tommy) Bronsky and many nieces and nephews.

She was also predeceased by her sisters, Dorothy and Helen; brothers, John, Jimmy, Tommy, and Daniel; sister-in-law, Anna Marie "Ann" Sturgis and brother-in-law, Harry Sturgis, Sr. She is remembered as a devoted mother and matriarch.

Relatives and friends are invited to her visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth Street, Gloucester City, where her Funeral Services will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Interment with her late husband, George, will be in New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

Memorial contributions in memory of Elizabeth may be made to: Compassus Hospice, 2 Campus Blvd., Suite 200, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

Condolences and Memories may be shared at [www.mccannhealey.com](http://www.mccannhealey.com).

***Florence Kammauf (April 4<sup>th</sup>)***

Florence A. Kammauf, 82, of Gloucester City passed away on March 21, 2024.

Born in Trenton, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Mary Anna (nee Peterson) Harris. She was a loving and devoted wife of 61 years to Vincent R. Kammauf. Loving mother of Kenneth W., Jeffrey M., and Joseph R. Kammauf. Cherished grandmother to Casandra, Angela (Christian), Melanie and Larissa, proud great grandmother of Carson, Brynlee, Charolette and Rowan, and beloved sister of MaryAnn Pierman (d) (Sam), Walter Harris (Carol), Ruth Messner (Paul), Dawn Rebstock (William (d)), Charles Harris jr. (Robin), Kimberly Quinlan (Joe (d)). She was also predeceased by her son Keith in 1968 and daughter Jodi Pangburn (Irwin) in 2018.

Florence worked 15 years at the Gloucester City Diner and with the Gloucester City Police Department as a security guard for 12 years. She was a former member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Gloucester City.

Relatives and friends attended visitation in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, where her Funeral Services were celebrated. Interment was in Eglington Cemetery, Clarksboro.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Florence's memory to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) at (866) 232-8484.

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***Gage Xavier Myers (April 4<sup>th</sup>)***

Gage Xavier Myers was born on July 10, 2005. Gage was a believer in Jesus and walked into his loving arms on March 23, 2024.

Gage is survived by his parents, Keith Myers and Christina Howey Myers; sisters, Nicole Myers and Jacqueline Myers; niece, Kai Wilcox; nephew, Christopher Barton; grandparents David and Joanne Howey; uncle Michael Howey (Heather); aunt Rachael Howey and his loving girlfriend, Rylee McNee. He was predeceased by his brother, Kyle Myers.

Gage attended Gloucester Catholic High School freshman and sophomore year and was an active parishioner of St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City, where he served as an altar server. He transferred to Gloucester City High School his junior year, where he was quickly accepted by his peers and found true love with Rylee McNee.

He played basketball and baseball, experiencing injuries that sidelined him. His commitment to the team continued and he attended every practice and game although he physically could not play. He met his high school sweetheart, Rylee McNee, and they both showed each other true flawless, unconditional love throughout their relationship.

Gage's dream came true as he followed in his grandfather's footsteps joining the NJ Carpenters Apprenticeship. He quickly flourished in the short amount of time, making friends along the way. Gage was wise, kind, caring and full of character. He was quick witted and made everyone laugh with ease. He loved his family. He was always there with an ear to listen and words of wisdom.

He will forever be missed and loved!

Relatives and friends attended his visitation in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City. Gage's Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City. His Graveside Service was in New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, Gage's family would appreciate Mass Cards in his name at St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City, or consider a donation to St. Mary's Church.

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#### ***James Flanagan Jr. (April 4<sup>th</sup>)***

James R. Flanagan Jr., 57, of Gloucester City passed away at Inspira Hospital, Mullica Hill, on March 29, 2024.

Born in Camden, James spent all his days in Gloucester City making his career as a city employee in Woodbury. Jim is survived by his wife, Carol O'Brien-Flanagan, and is the father of Joseph (Cameron) O'Brien, Samantha (Pete) O'Brien, John Flanagan and Jason (Joanie) O'Brien. He is the proud grandfather of Lorelei Kaelin, Jace O'Brien, Aiden Flanagan, James Flanagan, Ryan O'Brien, Christopher O'Brien and Grayson Vogt.

Jim is also survived and will be sadly missed by his furry best friend, Lola, as well as his nieces. He was predeceased by his brother Thomas Phillips.

Relatives, friends and neighbors can gather with the family on Thursday, April 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Etherington & Creran Funeral Home, 700 Powell St., Gloucester City, followed by the Family Remembrance Service.

#### ***Carl Beebe Jr. (April 11<sup>th</sup>)***

Oron Carl "Snook" Beebe Jr., 46, of Mount Ephraim passed away on March 31, 2024.

Beloved husband of Jennifer Beebe (nee McNamara) for 21 years. Devoted father of Zachary, Brayden and the late Oron Carl III. Loving son of the late Oron Carl Sr. and Helena L. Beebe (nee DuRocher). Dear brother of Rick Beebe (Kelly), Chris Beebe (Tara) and Nicole Jones (Randy). Son-in-law of Dan and Joan (nee Kerth) McNamara. Brother-in-law of Dana Pilkington and Dan McNamara. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Snook was a family man. He was never shy with his hugs. Everyone who had the opportunity to have a beer with Snook walked away his family. He could often be found playing cornhole with his boys or lounging at the shore. He was happiest watching his children do what they love, playing hockey, baseball and football. Snook spent his free time coaching Bellmawr Hockey. He also spent many years coaching Mt. Ephraim baseball and GC Brawlers. Snook always called himself an "equal opportunist" who treated every single player on his teams like they were his own children. He laughed with them, yelled with them, and celebrated with them at every moment.

Snook shot darts in the SJEDL and worked at UPS for many years. He was an avid Philly sports fan and loved tailgating for the Eagles and watching the games with family and friends. The happiness Snook brought us will forever be cherished by his family and friends.

Relatives and friends attended his viewing in the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, where his Funeral Service was celebrated.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Virtua Foundation Perinatal Bereavement Program, 303 Lippincott Dr., Marlton, NJ 08053 or Bellmawr Street Hockey: 213 3rd Avenue, Bellmawr, NJ 08031.

Life does not always make sense. But, our lives and world were better with Carl Beebe in it. RIP to a great man, husband, father, coach and friend to all. You will be so dearly missed

Our deepest condolences to the family!

***Anne Persichetti (April 25<sup>th</sup>)***

Anne M. Persichetti, 76, of Glendora passed away on April 15, 2024.

Beloved wife of Edward Persichetti for 55 years. Devoted mother of Renee Austermehele (Rob), Eric Persichetti (Rachael) and Eddie Persichetti (Merry). Loving grandmother of Robby, Rylee, Oaklyn, Gavin, Torricella and Forrest. Dear sister of Donna Bartlett (Thom), Richard (the late Annmarie), Jane Heitman (Mike) and the late Frank Iavicola (Marie).

Anne was the matriarch of her family, cherishing every moment spent with her loved ones, especially her grandchildren who held special place in her heart. Anne enjoyed the simple things in life such as feeling the sand between her toes, taking walks on the Ocean City boardwalk, the smell of the sea, and the view of lighthouses. She loved to dance and entertain.

Anne brought a light and joy to those around her. Her infectious energy and warm smile made every gathering a special event. She will be missed dearly by all.

Relatives and friends attended her visitation in St. Teresa Church, Runnemede, where her Funeral Mass was celebrated. Interment was private.

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

***Jerome Verfaillie (April 25<sup>th</sup>)***

Jerome “Jerry” L. Verfaillie, Sr., 81, of Bellmawr, passed away on April 17, 2024.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eileen Verfaillie. Loving father of Donna Spade (James) of Deptford, Terry Verfaillie of Texas, and Jerry Verfaillie of Delaware. Devoted grandfather of James, Jeffrey and Nicole. Step-father of Jason Crocket of Washington State and Steven Veach of Williamstown, and step-grandfather to their children. Cherished brother of Richard Verfaillie of Brooklawn and Diane Janka (Ronald) of Pennsylvania. A. Loving uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Jerry was a retired auto body technician. He enjoyed watching many sports especially the Phillies and the Washington Commanders.

He was one of Gloucester City High School’s biggest sports fans. He also loved going to the casino and fishing. Relatives and friends attended his visitation in The Chapel at the Boucher Funeral Home, Deptford, where his Memorial Service was celebrated. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Cancer Society.