

Gloucester City News Obituaries

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Barbara Peschi (April 10th)

Barbara M. Peschi (nee Britton), 75, of Bellmawr passed away on March 21, 2025.

Beloved wife of Phillip A. Peschi. Loving mother of Barbara Koehler-Matthews, Charles Koehler (Maia), Thomas Koehler (Mindi), Dawn Schiazza (Jerry) and Lori Harris (Rodney). Devoted grandmother of 13 and great grandmother of four. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Dear sister of the late Albert, Ethel, Pearl, Jean, and Carol.

Barbara worked for a long time at Hampton Inn in Voorhees, where she started as a housekeeper and advanced into a management position. She enjoyed travelling and spending time with her family.

Relatives and friends attended her viewing in the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Bellmawr, where her Funeral Service was celebrated. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Barbara's memory to American Cancer Society, Greater Philadelphia, 1818 Market St., Suite 2820 Philadelphia, PA 19103, or www.cancer.org.

Wendy Votta (April 10th)

Wendy D. Votta (nee Kramer) of Gloucester City passed away surrounded by the love of her family on March 27, 2025.

She was incredibly selfless and generous, easy to talk to, and had a wonderful sense of humor and a contagious laugh. A gracious host, she loved Christmas, playing card games, summer pool parties and dance around the house to music from the 1950s.

She worked at Morgan, Lewis and Bockius in Philadelphia for many years. She visited Hawaii more than 10 times with her husband, including on the honeymoon and 25th wedding anniversary.

She remained loyal to her Gloucester City High School classmates, and will be fondly remembered as a loving wife, mother, sister and friend.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald Votta, and is the bonus mom of Karen (Frank), Gerald and Susan (Asaf). Wendy is the proud Me-Mom of Regina (Stephen), Victoria (James) and Mason; and the great Me-Mom of Briella and Brayden. She is also survived by her brother Lee Kramer (Arlene); her nieces and nephews, Krystal, Lindsay (Tom) and Kyle (Julie); and her great nieces and nephews, Jackson, Lorelai, Joshua and Miles.

Relatives and friends attended her viewing at the Etherington & Creran Funeral Homes, where they shared reflections of Wendy's Life. Interment was private.

Andrea Ruiz (April 17th)

Andrea C. Ruiz, 88, surrounded by the family she loved so dearly, passed peacefully at home on April 5, 2025.

Born in Havana, Cuba, to the late Geronimo and Flora Tang, Andrea later made Gloucester City her beloved home for over six decades, a city she grew to cherish as deeply as it cherished her. Andrea was the heart and soul of her family. She was the devoted and loving wife of 62 years to the late Mr. Juan Ruiz, a partnership rooted in unwavering faith, hard work, and endless love. Together they built a new life in the United States after migrating in the mid-1960s and in Gloucester City they raised three children, instilling in them values of perseverance, humility, and compassion.

She was the deeply devoted mother of Camden County Commissioner Virginia Betteridge (husband Mr. Thomas Betteridge), Mr. John P. Ruiz (Dr. Alexandra Kropotova), and Dr. Brian E. Ruiz (wife Mrs. Annmarie Ruiz). Her pride and joy were her cherished grandchildren: Mrs. Megan Purewal (husband Dr. Miteswar Purewal), Mr. Sean Betteridge, Ms. Taylor Ruiz, Ms. Brooke Ruiz, Mr. John Carlo Ruiz and Mr. Rian Ruiz, and her beloved great-grandchildren: Mateo, Havana, Reya and Jianna Purewal.

To know Andrea was to instantly fall in love with her. Her warmth and gentle charisma drew people in effortlessly. She never once complained, not in times of hardship, nor even during illness. Her strength was subtle but absolute, a quiet and constant force that held her family together. Her life was a masterclass in grace under pressure, in selfless giving, and in finding joy in even the smallest blessings.

Andrea lived passionately and loved fiercely. She was always curious and eager to learn new things, constantly seeking challenges that would stimulate her creative mind. An avid and skilled artisan, she had a passion for knitting, crocheting, embroidery, and sewing. During the pandemic, she hand-sewed masks and distributed them throughout the community, another expression of her love for others.

Baseball was Andrea's favorite sport, and the Philadelphia Phillies were her team. She was a fixture at the Gloucester City Little League fields, cheering on her sons and their teammates with contagious energy and unwavering loyalty. Even in her final days, she continued to watch and cheer for her beloved Phillies.

Her legacy of Sunday dinners, her culinary gifts, her radiant smile, and her fierce devotion to family and community will live on in all who knew her. Her nieces and nephews, whom she loved as her own, were blessed by her presence, her stories, and of course, her unforgettable meals.

Relatives and friends celebrated Andrea's life during her Visitation at St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City, where her Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. All services were held at the church she so dearly loved. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, please honor Andrea's generous spirit with a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org/give) or Wounded Warrior Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org). Kindly memo donations with Andrea C. Ruiz.

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

Carl Lee Jr. (April 17th)

Carl W. Lee Jr., 58, of Gloucester City passed peacefully on March 18, 2025.

Loving father of Amanda Lee and Melissa Brandt. Best friend and life partner of Dawn Lee. Beloved son of the late Carl W. Lee Sr. and the late Emma Lee (nee Dobbins). Beloved baby brother of Deborah Phillips, Patricia Cree, and the late Barbara Lauletta. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Carl was a graduate of Camden County Vocational School, and worked many years as a truck driver for Allied Beverage in Mt. Laurel. Carl was an avid fisherman and loved being out on the boat on the Delaware and Maurice rivers. He enjoyed gardening in the yard and playing his music loud. Carl was always willing to help others in need.

Relatives and friends attended his visitation in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St, Gloucester City, where family and friends shared stories of Carl. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers please remember Carl with a donation to C.A.S.T for Kids Foundation – “Enriching the lives of children with special needs through fishing.”

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Dianna Lynn Burns (April 17th)

Diana Lynn Burns (nee Jordan), 64, of Voorhees, formerly of Hammonton, passed away on February 25, 2025.

Beloved daughter of the late George and Marjorie Jordan. Loving wife of the late William Lewis Burns. Adored mother of Liam Samuel Burns, Colin James Burns and the late Marjorie Burns. Dear sister-in-law of Maria Burns. Dianna was born and raised in Hammonton. She attended and graduated Oakcrest High School, where she played varsity tennis on the tennis team. Dianna was a secretary at Harrah's Resort and Casino in Atlantic City. She enjoyed Cape May and being by the shore!

At the request of Dianna's sons, cremation is private and there are no services.

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Galen Spencer-Linzie (April 17th)

Galen Thandiwe Spencer-Linzie of Gloucester City passed suddenly at the age of 31 on March 11, 2025. Formerly of the Williamsburg neighborhood of Brooklyn Borough in New York City, Mt. Laurel and Bloomfield.

Beloved and cherished son of Andrea Lee Spencer-Linzie and the late Phillip Craig Spencer-Linzie. Beloved brother of Justin Spencer-Linzie. Also survived by many loving grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family of the Spencer and Linzie families.

Affectionately known as GSL and G-Spence, Galen was born in Westwood. He was a graduate of Moorestown Friends School Class of 2011 and received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Bucknell University in 2015. Galen was currently working in advertising and marketing. He had a passion for the arts, music and sports.

Galen loved spending time with his friends, traveling, making new relationships, and developing and designing art. Galen in his later life gained an interest in politics, social justice, and ways to generally create a better world for our communities. He was working on setting up a podcast channel and twitch stream that would allow him to communicate those views and create content with others on the web.

He was a compassionate person and strong willed in his views. He was a loving brother, a great son, and an even better friend to those around him. Galen's laugh could be heard a mile away and a smile that would turn the worst day for someone into something manageable. Galen was an avid runner and loved to make sure he stayed in shape through jump roping, playing basketball, or going to the gym.

His favorite teams were the Yankees, Denver Broncos, and of course the Los Angeles Lakers. If you knew Galen, you knew his favorite player was Kobe Bryant and would let you know otherwise if you did not believe Kobe was one of the best players the NBA has ever seen.

Galen had many talents and interests including playing lacrosse and basketball at Moorestown Friends, as well as learning and playing the saxophone in the band at MFS and Bucknell University. He enjoyed performing and playing with his family and fraternity to the delight of those around him. Galen also played the guitar and taught himself to play the drums as well.

Galen's art was a reflection of his joy and dedication, leading to distinctive pieces that captured his genuine perspective. He took this passion and followed his heart into his professional career of graphic design and brand management.

He was always ready for the next adventure with enthusiasm and positivity with everything he did. Galen was a smart, kind, thoughtful, gregarious, and caring individual who loved everyone around him. Galen was a light in many hearts and will continue to burn brightly forever and also in Heaven.

Relatives, friends and former classmates attended a Remembrance of Galen with his family in the D'olier Room at the Moorestown Friends Meeting House, where a formal Memorial Service was celebrated.

In lieu of flowers, please remember Galen with a donation to a GoFundMe that has been set up to honor his life at <https://gofund.me/d9a1ac28>.

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Kevin Snyder (April 17th)

Kevin Carl Snyder, 68, of Gloucester City, formerly of Westville, passed away on April 8, 2025.

He is survived by his children, Kevin Snyder (Melissa), Karl Snyder (Stephanie), Erin Springer and Casey Snyder; grandchildren, Mackenzie Snyder, Kaden Snyder, Mason Snyder, Maddie Snyder, Eliza Snyder, Jase Fisher, Samuel Springer, Michael Springer, Chloe Springer and Jacob Springer; and his siblings, David Snyder (Marie), Bill Snyder (Cathy) and Dawn Bosco (late Scott).

He is predeceased by his siblings, Don Snyder (surviving Eileen), George Snyder, Bob Snyder, Rick Snyder, Pat Melchiorre (late Vince), Nancy Bosco and Susan Green (surviving John).

Kevin worked many years as a carpenter and cabinet maker.

A Memorial Service will be held for Kevin on Saturday, May 3, at 11 a.m. in Blessed Hope Community Church, 115 Andaloro Way, Westville, NJ 08093. Doors will open at 10 a.m. and a luncheon will follow services.

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Meredith Solly (April 17th)

Meredith S. "Butch" Solly, 87, of Haddon Heights and formerly a longtime resident of Riverside passed peacefully at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center on April 6, 2025, Butch passed peacefully at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center.

Loving and devoted husband of 56 years to the late Mary Louise Solly. Loving father of Gregory C. Solly (Joann) and Maria R. Engler (Michael). Cherished grandfather of Charles Solly, Benjamin Solly, Daniel Solly, Rhys Engler and the late Bran Engler.

Butch proudly served our country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was a retired chemist and worked many years at Knox Gelatine Company in Camden. Butch was a longtime member of Knights of Columbus, Council #1436 St. John Neumann in Delran, where he served as Past Grand Knight in 1974-1975.

Relatives and friends attended his viewing in St. Vincent Pallotti Church, Haddon Township, where his Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. Interment followed in St. Peter's Cemetery, Bridgeboro Road, Riverside.

In lieu of flowers, please remember Butch with a donation to ALS Association online at www.als.org. Please memo, Meredith S. Solly.

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James Maxim Jr. (April 27th)

James B. Maxim Jr., 95, of Jackson, PA, passed away on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at Gracious Living Estates.

He was born in Trenton and raised by the late James B. and Carolyn L. (nee Moore) Maxim. His wife of 72 years, Gatewood A. (nee Brown) Maxim, survives. Also surviving are his two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia Marie and Ralph Jenkins, Montrose, PA and Dorinda and Steve Cliver, NJ; five grandchildren, Justina, Rhianna, Conrad, Jose and Gabrielle; and nine great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter, Janice Rodriguez, and grandson, Nathan Rodriguez.

Jim was a graduate of Clarks Summit High School, Class of 1946. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War from 1950-52. He married Gatie in 1952 and raised their daughters in Woodbury. Jim was an Insurance Agent for Prudential, retiring in 1992. He and his wife enjoyed winters in Florida, traveling the country and going on cruises. He and Gatie were avid country line dancers after his retirement.

As per Jim's request, there will be no services. Donations in His name can be made to: True Friends Animal Welfare Center, 16332 SR 706, Montrose, PA 18801.