

## Gloucester City News Obituaries

### July 2024

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#### ***Joseph Guldin Jr. (July 4<sup>th</sup>)***

Joseph Eugene Guldin Jr., 69, of Brooklawn, formerly of Gloucester City, passed away on June 24, 2024.

Loving and devoted husband of 48 years to the late Dorothy May (nee Hennessy) Guldin, who had passed on November 11, 2017. Joseph is survived by his loving children, Dorothy M. Gougolis (Christos) and Christopher A. Guldin; and his cherished grandchildren, Hailey, Gage, Devon, Jillianne and Michael. Beloved brother of Anthony Guldin, Walter Guldin, Irene Perez, Elizabeth Guldin and Kathy Fera. Joseph was also predeceased by his son, Joseph E. Guldin III, in August of 2021.

Joseph was born in Camden on September 2, 1954, to the late Joseph E. Guldin Sr. and Dorothy L. (nee Mowery) Guldin. He went on to proudly serve our country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Joseph was a maintenance worker with the Crescent Trailer Park in Gloucester City. He had also worked as a carpenter and mason worker. He was a longtime member of the Gloucester City American Legion Post # 135.

At Joseph'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 Wounded Warriors Project: <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/> or to the Purple Heart: [www.purpleheart.org](http://www.purpleheart.org). Memo Joseph E. Guldin Jr. Condolences and Memories may be shared at [www.mccannhealey.com](http://www.mccannhealey.com) Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

#### ***Robert Vasile (July 4<sup>th</sup>)***

Robert F. Vasile, 73 of Runnemede passed away on April 16, 2024.

Beloved son of the late Sylvester D. Vasile and Laura (nee Stone) Vasile. Loving companion of Patricia Chorzelewski. Father of Patty Ann Nees (Jason), Michelle Rios (El), Dawn Anderson (Chris) and Nicole Vasile. Brother of the late Lucille Keefe, Donny, Eddie and George. Survived by sisters Jean Wise and Patricia Powell.

Grandfather of seven and grandfather of three.

Services were private. Arrangements entrusted to the Norton Funeral Home, Williamstown, NJ 08094.

***Shirley Ann Glennan (July 4<sup>th</sup>)***

Shirley Ann Glennan (nee Muldoon), 87, of Gloucester City passed peacefully on June 21, 2024, surrounded by and in the loving care of her family.

She was the loving and devoted wife of 63 years to Eugene E. Glennan. Loving mother of Edward E. Glennan and his wife, Cheryl, and Robert M. Glennan and his wife, Susan. Cherished grandmother of Sean, David, Michael and Patrick. Beloved sister of the late Robert Muldoon (surviving Thelma) and the late Patricia Dornich (predeceased by John).

Shirley, a loving wife, mother and grandmother, born in Staten Island, NY, and raised in Gloucester City, left this world in the loving care of her family. She was the best friend of her future husband for 10 years before her marriage of 63 years to Eugene. Her life was full of love for her husband and truly for her family. Friends were always a part of her loving care as well.

Shirley worked at her mother's luncheonette where circumstance allowed her to meet her future husband. Shirley also worked for the Teamsters Union office in South Jersey. Following her career at the original Subaru headquarters in Pennsauken and eventual retirement from Unisys Corporation, Shirley chose to spend quality time with Eugene and her grandchildren. Shirley and Gene were frequent visitors to the Atlantic City casinos, where they were always enjoying day trips together and with friends.

Shirley was a humble, loving, and a warm person to everyone she met and became friends with so many people. For those who got to know her, indeed they were blessed and were better in life for that friendship. She was always there to smile and give warmth to others. Although an incredible void has been created without her presence here on Earth, she will be forever remembered for the kindness and laughter she shared.

At her request, Interment will be private in Brig. General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery, Arnetown. In lieu of flowers to the family, please consider a donation in Shirley's memory to St. Mary's Church, 426 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, NJ 08030. Please memo, Shirley Ann Glennan.

Condolences and memories may be shared at [www.mccannhealey.com](http://www.mccannhealey.com). Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

***Jeanne Dolores DeChristy (July 18<sup>th</sup>)***

Jeanne Dolores DeChristy (nee Gallagher), 83, of Westville, passed away on June 16, 2024.

Jeanne was born on August 20, 1940 to Christopher and Genevieve Gallagher of Gloucester City. She graduated from Gloucester City High School in 1958 and later went on to receive her Associate's Degree from Camden County College.

Jeanne started her 25-year career in the casino industry at Bally's Park Place in Atlantic City in 1979. She worked her way from Pit Clerk to Hotel Cashier Manager until ultimately retiring from Showboat Casino in 2004. After retiring, she continued working as an instructional aide at West Deptford Middle School.

In 2014, Jeanne retired from the school district and spent her time with family, caring for her cats, traveling and reading. Throughout her life, Jeanne enjoyed being at the Jersey Shore, living in Brigantine for over 20 years, and visiting new countries. She loved to tell stories about her two favorite trips to Ireland and Morocco.

Jeanne is predeceased by her father, mother and brother, Christopher Gallagher Jr. She is survived by her daughter, Sheryl DeChristy, and granddaughters Gabrielle and Alexis.

Services were at St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City, including her visitation and Mass of Christian Burial.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Women's Alzheimer's Movement at [donate.thewomensalzheimersmovement.org](https://donate.thewomensalzheimersmovement.org).

Memories and condolences may be shared at [ellisstiefelfuneralhome.com](https://ellisstiefelfuneralhome.com).

### ***Joan Dermond (July 18<sup>th</sup>)***

Joan E. Dermond (ne e Houck), 92, of Runnemede passed away on July 12, 2024.

Beloved wife of the late William Dermond Jr. Devoted mother of Deborah Chandler, William Dermond (Marie), Linda Lolli (the late Danny), Kim Ricciardelli and the late Michael Dermond. Loving grandmother of nine grandchildren and great grandmother of six great-grandchildren. Dear sister of the late Eleanor Wallace.

Services were private at the request of the family.

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

### ***Luke Collazzo (July 18<sup>th</sup>)***

Luke E. Collazzo, 54, of Blackwood, formerly of Glendora, passed away on July 5, 2024.

Beloved husband of 26 years to Andi (nee Bataille). Devoted father of Robby. Dear brother of Bonnie Patrinicola (Frank) and Lou Callazzo (Rita). Loving son of the late Louis and Jane. Uncle of Angelo, Amanda, Louie, Giovanna, Mark, Keith and Eric. Son-in-law of Janet and Robert Bataille.

Luke was a teacher at Audubon High School, where he also coached golf and deck hockey. He was the AEA President and founding Member of Project Memorial. Luke was a member of the BBC and Men of Malvern Retreat House. He also coached Gloucester Township deck hockey.

His viewing was held in the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede. His Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Teresa Church, Runnemede. Interment was at New Saint Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Luke's memory for Robby's college fund to: Franklin Templeton, 529 College Saving Plan, PO Box 33030, St Petersburg FL 33733-8030 or American Heart Association, PO Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692, [www.heart.org](https://www.heart.org).

***Margaret Bignell-Keenan (July 18<sup>th</sup>)***

Margaret E. Bignell-Keenan (nee Hoffman), 93, died on July 3, 2024.

Born in Camden, NJ, she lived in Philadelphia until moving back to Camden in 1943. She was a resident of Pennsauken for more than 43 years before moving to Gloucester City in 1999, and then to Blue Bell, PA – her final residence since July 2021.

Margaret was married to Edward B. Bignell and Robert F. Keenan, both of whom are deceased. She was also predeceased by two brothers, Woodrow Hoffman and Joseph Hoffman, dear sisters-in-law Marion (Patrick) Rowan, Jane (Albert) Babcock and Claire (Henry) Murphy, all deceased. She is leaving behind loving memories for her cousin, Theresa Toole, and all her nieces and nephews.

Margaret worked at RCA/GE in Moorestown for over 35 years. She was a volunteer tutor for Focus on Literacy and the George B. Fine School in Pennsauken and St. Peter's School in Merchantville. She was an active participant with the Gloucester City Seniors Association and held a position as the Municipal Coordinator to Camden County for Gloucester City.

Margaret traveled extensively within the United States and many parts of the world, including Alaska, Canada, Mexico, South America, Ireland, Europe, New Zealand, Australia, Bermuda and the Caribbean Islands. Relatives and friends attended her visitation in St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City, where her Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. Interment was at New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Margaret's memory to St. Mary's Church, 426 Monmouth St, Gloucester City, NJ 08030.

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Services were private. Arrangements entrusted to the Norton Funeral Home, Williamstown, NJ 08094.

***Shirley A. Fox (July 18<sup>th</sup>)***

Shirley A. Fox (nee Connelly), 84, surrounded by her loving family at her side, passed peacefully on July 10, 2024.

A longtime resident of Gloucester City, Shirley was the loving and devoted wife of the late Harry F. Fox Sr. Loving mother of Harry F. Fox Jr. and his wife, Susan, and Nancy Smatana and her husband, Steve. Cherished Grandmom and Nana to Ryan (Shannon), Danielle (Jon) and Lyndsey. Adored great-grandmother of Aiden, Addison, Liam, Mackenzie and Riley. Beloved sister of Wayne Connelly and sister-in-law of William Fox, Robert Fox and Rebecca Teeman. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews and her dear friends, Tom, Janet and Amy Cooney, Charlotte Brown and Joyce Conway.

Shirley was a graduate of Gloucester City High School Class of 1957 and was a former co-treasurer for her class alumni. She enjoyed her class luncheons and reunions. On September 10, 1960 she married the love of her life, Harry F. Fox Sr. Together they enjoyed traveling and being surrounded by family and friends.

Shirley was a former bank teller for Gloucester City Savings and Loan. She was an active member of the Gloucester City Senior Citizens Association and enjoyed singing in the First Baptist Choir in Gloucester City. Shirley's greatest joy was the time spent and memories made with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Relatives and friends attended her viewing at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, where her Funeral Service was celebrated. Interment with her late husband Harry was in Lakeview Memorial Park, Cinnaminson.

Please consider remembering Shirley with a donation to Vitality Hospice, 460 Veterans Dr., Burlington, NJ 08016. Please memo Shirley A. Fox.

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

### ***Virginia Durdu (July 18<sup>th</sup>)***

Virginia K. Durdu (nee Burns), 67, passed away on July 4, 2024, in the care of the Palace Rehab and Care. Maple Shade.

Formerly of Mantua and Magnolia, Virginia is the loving mother of Lynwood R. Jakubec Jr. (Shannon Shoemaker) and Karen Smith (Anthony Puleo Jr.).

Cherished grandmother of Jeremy, Morganna, Allison, Daymion, Gabrielle, Kody, Donavin and Gavin. Beloved sister of Lillian Burns. She was predeceased by her brother, Fredrick E. Burns, Jr and her sister, Ruthann McIlvaine.

Virginia was born in Philadelphia, PA to the late Fredrick and Virginia Burns. She worked many years as a bus aide for Holcomb Bus Company. She enjoyed bowling, crafting and crocheting.

At her request, services were private. A memorial celebration of her life is being planned for a later date.

Condolences and memories may be shared at [www.mccannhealey.com](http://www.mccannhealey.com). Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

***Ronald Pritchett (July 25<sup>th</sup>)***

Ronald “Ron” Joseph Pritchett, 80, of Williamstown died peacefully on July 10, 2024, surrounded by his loving family.

He was a devoted dad, fun-loving pop-pop, cherished brother, loyal friend to many and all-around legend.

Ron’s family invites everyone to gather, share stories and celebrate his life at his beloved Gloucester City High School, 1300 Market St., Gloucester City, NJ 08030 on Saturday, Aug. 17, from 4 to 6 p.m. For information email [thelavinsons@comcast.net](mailto:thelavinsons@comcast.net).

Born on January 15, 1944 to Dorothy and Frank Pritchett in Camden, Ron spent his early years growing up in Collingswood and graduated from Collingswood High School before earning his teaching degree from Rutgers University. He went on to earn a Master’s degree from Glassboro State College and a Doctorate of Education from Nova Southeastern University.

Ron spent his entire professional career at Gloucester City High School, the majority of which as principal. He began teaching science before taking on the position of assistant principal and then principal in 1982. Dr. Pritchett was respected and loved by generations of families who came through the doors of Gloucester City High. The Gloucester City community was such an important part of his life that he continued to serve as a member of the Gloucester City Rotary Club long after he retired.

He attended weekly meetings and served as treasurer of the Gloucester City-Brooklawn Rotary Club up until his death. His involvement in Rotary spanned 42 active years and included two terms as president. Ron collected, restored and drove classic cars and was a longtime member of the Original Garden State Corvette Club, where he earned many trophies and awards for his cars. Always wanting to share his interests with others, Ron also volunteered as a fishing instructor for childhood cancer patients at Camp Happy Times.

Never satisfied with sitting still, Ron was not the typical retiree or 80-year-old. He was always full of life and energy and most people were surprised to learn his age! He often turned heads slicing through the Mullica River or Little Egg Harbor slalom-skiing. Even up until his last days, he could be found working out at the gym, on his boat fishing at the shore, playing in ping pong tournaments with his friends, water-skiing, working on his classic cars, attending Corvette Club meetings and car shows, cheering on the Phillies and tinkering in his garage or fixing anything that needed to be fixed.

He was everyone’s handyman. If anyone could fix it, Ron usually could, or he would spend hours trying. He loved helping people and working on projects. Always the scientist, he was interested in how things worked.

Ron’s “second home” throughout his life was in Holgate, Long Beach Island, where his parents built a home in the early 1960’s. He spent his childhood on the beach with his siblings, driving boats, fishing and working summer jobs at the local Acme.

He later brought his own family to LBI and continued to share his happy place with his family, where they enjoyed many good times boating, water-skiing, fishing, crabbing, body surfing, grilling, biking and playing competitive card games, especially 31. Everyone in Holgate knew Ron and Ron loved spending time there with family and friends.

Those who knew Ron, also knew that he lived each day to its fullest, rarely sitting down, but always taking time to talk to or help a friend. He put love, energy and passion into everything he did. He had numerous hobbies and interests that filled his time and calendar but, above all, he made sure his family came first.

He was a caring dad and a devoted pop-pop, who cheered on his grandchildren's sports, came to their dance recitals and music performances, helped with difficult schoolwork, worked on their cars and lent a helping hand with scout projects. His six grandchildren were his pride and joy, sharing his love of ping pong, boating, dancing and Philly sports. Each one of his grandchildren were truly lucky to get to spend so much time with their pop-pop on a regular basis.

Ron will be dearly missed but certainly not forgotten by all who loved him. He is survived by his children Lorie Lavinson (Geoff), Carolyn Robinson (Mark) and Ronald Pritchett (Robin); his grandchildren Olivia, Alex, Ethan, Laurel, Alicia and Elizabeth; his sister Carolyn Burke (Steve); his partner Carol Ruggiero, several nieces, nephews and cousins, four step-sons and countless close friends, many of whom were like family to him. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Wayne, and his loyal dog, Cody.

His visitation for family and friends was in McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City. Funeral services and interment were be private.

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to the Ronald J. Pritchett Memorial Scholarship, care of Gloucester City High School, 1300 Market Street, Gloucester City, NJ 08030, Attn: Roxanne Reinhart.

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### ***Stephen Beck (July 25<sup>th</sup>)***

Stephen G. "Chickie" Beck, 70, of Westville, formerly of Bellmawr, passed peacefully on July 12, 2024.

Beloved husband of the late Laura M. Beck (nee Spaziano). Devoted father of Stephenie Barber (James). Cherished son of Doris and the late Stephen Beck. Loving brother of Penny, Doris, and the late John. Adored brother-in-law of Mike Spaziano.

Stephen spent his career working at Airgas, formerly known as Puritan Bennett. He enjoyed his time spent on his boat every weekend.

He loved to travel with his wife, especially to their favorite destination, St. Thomas. There will be a visitation on Saturday, July 27 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, where his Memorial Service will be celebrated at 12 noon. Interment is private at the request of the family.