

## Gloucester City News Obituaries

### November 2023

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#### ***Sidney Anne Hughes (Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>)***

Sidney Anne Hughes (nee Walton), 84, of Gloucester City, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on October 22, 2023.

She was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, and friend. She married her high school sweetheart "Jack." They had four children and shared 66 years of marriage.

Sidney was a very creative and independent woman. One of her favorite jobs was as a store detective at Strawbridge & Clothier, she was also a dental assistant, a hostess, and first and foremost a wonderful mother. She was an avid golfer, bowler, and loved spending time in the sun at the beach and the lake.

She is the beloved wife of 66 years to John "Jack" L. Hughes Jr. Devoted mother to Hope (late Steven) Poole, Jonathan (Marian) Hughes, Jennifer (Stephen) Ravelli, and the late Blake Leslie. Adored grandmother of Isaiah, Rebecka (Jacob), Jonathan (Maggie), Jackson, Timothy and Harris. Treasured great grandmother of Olivia Iris. Predeceased by her parents Anna and Roy Walton and her brothers William and Harry. She will be missed by family and friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend her Visitation on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Brooklawn United Methodist Church 213 Maude Avenue, Brooklawn, followed by her Funeral Service. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers for Sidney, buy a loved one flowers and tell them you love them! In addition, donations are welcome to the Samaritan Hospice <https://www.samaritannj.org/giving/donate-now/> or the ALS Association of Greater Philadelphia <https://tinyurl.com/Sidney-Hughes-Memorial>.

#### ***Eugene McLaughlin (Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>)***

Eugene J. "Jeep" McLaughlin, 94, of the Lakebridge section of Deptford passed away on October 28, 2023.

Beloved husband of Jean McLaughlin (nee Moen). Father of Joseph McLaughlin (Marilyn) of Tennessee, Ronald McLaughlin (Barbara) of Virginia, Paula Green of Florida, Richard Hubbs of Gloucester City and Alice Sharp (John) of Washington Twp. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Eugene was a U.S. Navy Veteran, a life member of the Brooklawn Fire Company, a member of the New Jersey State Fireman's Association for 67 years and a lifelong member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westville. He had worked as an installer for Western Electric Company for more than 30 years. Upon retirement he enjoyed volunteering on the U.S. Battleship New Jersey and travelling with Jean.

Relatives and friends attended his viewing in the Chapel at Boucher Funeral Home, Deptford, where his Funeral Service was celebrated. Interment was at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Hurffville.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Battleship New Jersey, 62 Battleship Place, Camden, NJ 08103, or the Brooklawn Fire Company, 100 S. Wilson Ave., Brooklawn, NJ 08030.

***Michael J. Spontak (Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>)***

Michael John Spontak, 82, of Westville passed peacefully on October 23, 2023, at home with his family by his side.

He was a graduate of Pottsville High School and continued to Bloomsburg University and Rowan College to receive his master's degree. Michael retired from a career teaching at Audubon High School. He enjoyed spending his time fishing, playing billiards, and spending time with family.

Michael is survived by his loving wife, Jeraldine Spontak (nee Tavener); his children, Michael Spontak and Luke J.A. Spontak; granddaughter, Brooke Spontak; great grandson, Archie Schultes; and his sister, Delores Shollenberger.

Services will be private.

***Robert M. Grubb (Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>)***

Robert M. Grubb passed away peacefully after a short illness on October 25, 2023, with his wife Nancy and daughter Sharon by his side.

Bob was the son of Alma (Stevenson) and William Grubb of Gloucester City. He was predeceased by brothers William and Charles and granddaughter Brittany. He is survived by his wife Anne "Nancy" Grubb (Dunn), sons Robert and Michael Grubb, daughters Sharon Grubb and Deborah Demore, as well as four step children (Kelly Fowler, Nicole Raven, Ed Bush and Jack Bush), 16 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Bob was raised in Gloucester City and moved to West Deptford, where he remained until 2021. He then moved full time to Apollo Beach, FL. After graduating from Gloucester City High School in 1958, Bob served in the U.S. Army from 1958-1960. Most of his working career was spent at Owens Corning Fiberglass in Barrington and American Biltrite, Inc. in Moorestown.

Bob will be deeply missed as his smile and joy for life were contagious to all who met him.

One of his Celebration of Life services will be on Nov. 18 in the Haddon Heights Fire Hall, 608 Station Ave., Haddon Heights.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to NJ VFW Veterans Assistance Program.

***Frank Weichmann (Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>)***

Frank Weichmann, a member of the Gloucester City High School Class of 1991, passed away on Nov. 2, 2023.

Everyone needs someone to lean on. We need someone too. Just to help get us through. Life is ours and we live it our own way. But, there will come a day when youth will pass away. What will they say about me? Nothing is forever in this world, not even our problems.

Believe me, every heart has its secret sorrows which the world knows not. Often times we call them cold when they are only sad. Because Frank could not stop for death, he suddenly stopped for him in the early morning on All Souls Day in Philadelphia. The carriage held but just Frank and immortality.

Frank was born in Camden and spent his formative years in Brooklawn before moving to Metuchen. He graduated from Gloucester High School in 1991, and attended Frostburg State University, Frostburg, MD where he played football and graduated with a bachelor of arts in 1997.

Frank was an assistant football coach at Wesley College in Dover, DE, and had worked as a webmaster at KMC Telecom, as a Chief Information Officer at Getting Hired in Hanover, MD, and most recently as the Chief Product Officer at Kamine Technology Group in Bedminster.

Frank was a member of the Brooklawn Memorial AA and Mens Club. He was a novice homebrewer, enjoyed woodworking, movies, and was an avid record collector with his own show "Ten at Ten with Bubber J." Frank was a lifelong, passionate Philadelphia Eagles and Phillies fan.

Frank is the son of Judith (nee Tubbs) and the late Robert W. Weichmann. He is survived by Rupal Bhatt, his brothers Robert W., Jr. and his wife Teresa, Jack and his wife Rene Weichmann, and his lifelong best friend Gregg Bevan. He is also survived and will be deeply missed by his girlfriend Katie Mercer.

Funeral services will be private.

***Thaddeus P. Kozlowski (Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>)***

Thaddeus P. Kozlowski, 95 of Runnemede, NJ passed away at home on November 10, 2023.

He was predeceased by his dear wife, Irene B. Kozlowski (nee Wengiel) in 2022. Thaddeus is survived by his daughter, Melinda, and son-in-law George Wise. He leaves two grandchildren, Irene Wise and Anthony Kozlowski; a great grandson, Matthew Kozlowski; a sister, Ernestine (the late Fred) Panza; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his son, Mark Kozlowski; grandson, Matthew Kozlowski; his brothers, Raymond and Benjamin; and sisters, Kate Yucha, Jannette Leshinskie and Louise Buda.

Relatives and friends attended his viewing in the Evoy-Banasz Funeral Home, Haddon Heights, where his Funeral Service was celebrated. Entombment was at Locustwood Cemetery, Cherry Hill.

***William Stillman (Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>)***

William “Bill” Stillman, 92, of Bellmawr passed away on November 9, 2023.

Loving father of Daniel Sheeran (Sherry), Debra Medvedik, Casey Stillman, Nichole Parks (Richard) Paige Stocker (Brian). Grandfather to nine grandchildren. Brother to Ruth and Joan (Harry). Also survived by several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, William and Florence (nee Beitzel) Stillman, and siblings Russell “Jackie,” Dorothy, Florence, Thelma, Robert “Bobby,” Jay and Ethel.

Bill was born in Philadelphia before moving to South Jersey his junior year of high school, and graduated with the Class of 1949 from Haddon Heights High School. A lifelong resident of Bellmawr, he served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and was an insurance agent for Prudential for the better part of 40 years.

His most notable ability was being able to get things for free. He could convince almost anyone to do things for him at little to no charge. He was all about getting a “good deal,” Bill spent his retirement doing endless home renovations and landscaping upgrades and he took pride in his gardening. He enjoyed his afternoons at the Gateway Diner, spending hours nursing a cup of tea and talking with friends and former coworkers.

He saved ample time for all his lady friends throughout the years. Bill loved to walk for exercise and worked daily to stay fit. He was an avid Philadelphia Phillies and Eagles fan. He especially enjoyed his time with his grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The highlight of his nights were spent sharing a meal with family and friends. He enjoyed most nights at his sister Ethel’s house for dinner surrounded by his family, nursing a cup of tea and talking for hours.

Bill spent his final days at the Shady Lane Home in Clarksboro, where the staff cared for “Pop” like family and catered to his every want and need. He was loved by so many. His children were by his side at his passing.

Friends and family attended Bill’s viewing in the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, where his Funeral Service was celebrated. Interment was at Gloucester County Veterans Cemetery.

***Rory J. Perkins (Nov 30<sup>th</sup>)***

Rory J. Perkins, 63, of Milton, FL, formerly of Colorado, passed away suddenly on October 20, 2023.

Born in Long Beach, CA, he was the son of Patria R. (nee LaVallee) Perkins-Finley and the late Richard J. Perkins Sr. Beloved companion of Diana Perkins. Loving father of Natalie Ryder (Troy) and Ryan J. Perkins (Katie). Rory is also survived by his brothers, Richard J. Perkins, Jr. (Laurie), Randy J. Perkins (Kathleen), Rod J. Perkins (Allison) and Rex J. Perkins (Renee) and many nieces and nephews. He was also predeceased by his sister, Diane L. Lineman (Ron).

Rory worked for several years as a machinist with Lockheed Martin, Littleton, CO. He moved onto work as a self-employed handyman, later getting his CDL and was an over the road driver for a few years. Above all Rory loved family. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, cooking and his daily phone calls with family.

Honoring his wishes there will be no viewing or services in Florida. There will a Celebration of Rory's life held at a later date in Colorado.

Family requests in lieu of flowers memorial donations in Rory's memory to: a local Catholic Church to help feed the poor and elderly. Please memo: Rory J. Perkins.

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.

***Rosalie Burris (Nov 30<sup>th</sup>)***

Rosalie Burris, 85, of Voorhees, formerly of Millville, passed away on November 20, 2023.

She was the wife of the late Richard Burris.

Graveside services were celebrated in Siloam Cemetery, Vineland.

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