

## Gloucester City News Obituaries

### December 2023

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#### *Cassandra Murphy-Betham (Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>)*

Surrounded by her loving husband and mother, Casandra Paige Murphy-Betham, 33, of West Deptford, formerly of Westville, passed peacefully on November 4, 2023.

Wife of husband Ian V. Betham, the love of her life. Cherished daughter of Stacey Murphy and the late Roland Webster. Loving sister of Zachary Murphy. Beloved maternal granddaughter of Ruth Murphy and the late Thomas J. Murphy and paternal granddaughter of Walter and Ceceil Nunes. Beloved niece of Eileen and Chuck Kaighn and LeeAnn Farrell.

Cassie was a graduate of Gateway Regional High School Class of 2008, and received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Rutgers University, graduating Magna Cum Laude.

Casandra was well known for bringing people together. She moved through her life taking everyone with whom she crossed paths deep into her heart and had an innate desire to help anyone who was vulnerable, lonely, or in need. She worked in various capacities of social work, always lending her voice to the voiceless, always advocating for others, and became a massage therapist as well in her quest to help others heal.

Casandra was a devoted daughter, granddaughter, and niece. She had an extremely close bond with her mom, brother, and grandparents in particular, spending time with them constantly and always connected her family life over into her social life so the two worlds blended and were never kept separate. Her mom was her rock and guiding light, so solid and so unconditionally loving that she even became a surrogate mom for so many of Cassie's friends who Cassie knew would be welcome in their home.

She directly derived her strong, nurturing spirit from her mother. Watching Casandra build her own family with her adoring husband and love of her life Ian was one of the most beautiful privileges to all who knew her. Their bond and devotion to one another was so pure, so effortless, even the most cynical of people couldn't help but concede that soulmates really do exist. Together they brought everyone who loved them along on their beautiful journey.

From the earliest days of pursuit and the beautiful innocence of realizing they had found their person in one another as they tumbled deep into love, to the wild freedom and spontaneity of their adventures leading up to marriage, to buying their first house and making it home together, the love they shared was and remains the gift that keeps on giving.

Casandra also built a huge extended family out of all the friends and loved ones she made, attracting the best people to her circle and connecting them all with one another. Because of Cassie's magnetism, she served as the glue between so many people who would never have met if not for her, her heart acting as the seed from which countless new bonds and even families grew.

She was an adoring aunt and “spirit mother” to her niece Willow and to many other children who were part of her extended chosen family including Henry, Owen, Kevin, Autumn, Natalia, and Baby Dom, and she was and will continue to be a brilliant pillar of light in all of their lives.

And to her best friend Amanda, Casandra was the other kind of soulmate; a sister, connected by heart, always able to feel each other as if they had twin souls, and with years' worth of future plans of being crazy old ladies together. Casandra's voice will be conjured in her best friend's mind for the rest of all time, and she will still be a crazy old lady, talking to the empty seat beside her knowing that in some way Cassie is there, and is probably cackling at how crazy she must look to anyone passing by.

Casandra also loved animals as much as she loved people and took so much joy from looking after “the zoo”, as she would sign on cards, drawing a little paw print for each of her cats and dogs.

Casandra will be remembered as the rock, the glue, the planner, the voice of reason, and the guaranteed sense of comfort and safety to all of her closest friends and family. Equally as important, she will be remembered as one of the most hysterically funny people any of them have ever known, always able to pull someone out of the darkness and remind them why life is so beautiful, so fun, and so very worth living.

Relatives and friends attended her viewing in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., where friends are family members shared their memories. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made via Venmo to: @CasandraMurphy. Condolences and memories may be shared at [www.mccannhealey.com](http://www.mccannhealey.com).

### ***David A. Cicero (Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>)***

After a beautiful day surrounded by his family, David A. Cicerto, 86, passed away peacefully in his sleep on November 11, 2023.

David was a longtime resident of Deptford, before recently moving to Sewell.

Loving husband of 63 years to Rosalie A. Cicero (nee Embiscuso). Loving father of Keith Cicero (Johanna Stutz), Lori A. Heberley (Grayson) and Tara Pietrowitz (John). Cherished grandfather of Hailee Pietrowitz, Kayla Pietrowitz, Morgan Heberley and Madison Heberley. David was the last of 10 children born to the late Carl and Margarita Ceciro (nee Montana). Beloved foster son of the late Earl and Millicent A. “Midge” Moore. Also survived by his foster siblings, Arlene Baker and Terry Moore, and many nieces and nephews.

David was born in Camden on Sept. 5, 1937, and spent his childhood years living in Five Points and Gloucester City. He then raised his three children in Collingswood.

David proudly served our country in the U.S. Army National Guard of New Jersey.

He worked as design engineer at RCA, GE, Computest, Siemens, Danyl and Schlumberger, before he retired to develop his own consulting company, Cicero Designs. His many hobbies included drawing, sculpture, and gardening.

Relatives and friends attended his visitations in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, where his Funeral Service was celebrated. Interment with military honors was at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Sewell.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in David's memory to the Gloucester City Little League, PO Box 183, Gloucester City NJ 08030. The donations will be used for the care, upkeep and improvements of the Earl Moore Memorial Field. Write in the memo: In Memory of David Cicero. Condolences and memories may be shared at [www.mccannehealey.com](http://www.mccannehealey.com).

***Eleanor K. McMichael (Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>)***

Eleanor K. McMichael (nee Brennan), 90, of Bellmawr passed away on November 28, 2023.

She is happily reunited with her beloved husband of 65 years, the late Donald E. McMichael Sr., and her sons who predeceased her, Stephen and Brian. Eleanor is survived by her loving children, Patricia, Donald Jr. (Marguerite), Theresa "Terri" and Kevin. Caring Grandmom of Melissa Randazzo (Greg) and Jennifer Smith (Derek). Devoted Mom Mom of Sean, Colin, Tyler, Ciara Colofranson (Anthony), Ryan, Carly (David Minney), Brianna, Brett and Ian. Special Great Mom Mom of Chase and Cali Rose, and special Great Grandmom of Vincent and Victoria. She is also survived by her daughters-in-law, Susan McMichael, Stacey McMichael and Linda LaFalce. Eleanor was also predeceased by her parents, William and Anna Brennan, and her brother, Owen Brennan.

Eleanor "Elly" attended both Gloucester Catholic High School and Camden Catholic High School. It was at Gloucester Catholic where she met the love of her life, Don, and they quickly became high school sweethearts.

They were lovingly together for 70 years (married for 65 years) until Don's passing in 2019. They were devoted Catholics and were longtime members of Annunciation Church in Bellmawr. However, their church of choice was always St. Mary's Church in Gloucester, where they each made all of their sacraments, including their lovely wedding in 1953. They went on to create a beautiful family together and had six children.

There was nothing more important to Elly than her husband and her children. She was a stay-at-home mom for most of her life, and enjoyed watching her children learn, play and grow. After her children were grown, she worked for a short time at Campbell Soup Company in Camden.

She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, and was happiest when gathering for birthday celebrations, holidays and family events. She also enjoyed sharing in the many accomplishments of her grandchildren and attended their various activities. Elly and Don were inseparable, and you could always find them walking hand-in-hand. The reunion in heaven had to be glorious, and they are now walking ever so happily with hands joined again.

Throughout her life, she enjoyed talking to everyone she encountered, dancing, speaking about the weather, cutting coupons, going to the food store, getting good deals and sales on everything, and sharing her bargains with family and those less fortunate. She enjoyed traveling, especially winter trips to Hilton Head, SC, hanging laundry on the clothesline, camping and skiing. She also had a variety of special, close friends and enjoyed dining, gathering and

traveling with them, including memorable weekend trips to Fortescue. Elly will be truly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Relatives and friends attended her viewing in St. Mary's Church, 426 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, where her Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. Interment was in New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, online donations may be made in Eleanor's memory to Samaritan Hospice Care at [www.samaritannj.org](http://www.samaritannj.org). In the designation box please select Samaritan Center at Voorhees.

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

***James J. Burkhardt (Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>)***

James J. Burkhardt, 63, of Camden, passed away suddenly on November 28, 2023.

Born in Camden, he was the son of the late Richard and Anastasia (nee Kennedy) Burkhardt. James is survived by his brother, Bernard Burkhardt, and sister, Maryann Zearfoss. He was also predeceased by his brothers, Richard, Michael, Larry and Robert Burkhardt.

James proudly served our country by serving in the U.S. Army. He later went on to work with DelVal Pools, Pennsauken, as a pool maintenance man.

Honoring his wishes there will be no viewing or visitation. A Graveside service with military honors will be celebrated on a date and time to be determined in the William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown.

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

***Julia Rusk (Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>)***

Julia Rusk (nee Verrecchia), 52, of Williamstown, formerly of Haddon Township, passed away on November 5, 2023.

She is survived by her husband, Charles "Chip" Rusk Jr.; children, Charles Rusk III, Brandi Smith (Ian) and Gianna Rusk (Jason); grandchildren, Travis and Parker Smith; her mother, Gilda Verrecchia; her siblings, Enrica Donaghy, Nicandro Verrecchia and John Verrecchia, as well many loving nieces and nephews. Julia was predeceased by her father, Alfredo Verrecchia.

Born in Camden, Julia grew up in Pennsauken and was a graduate of Pennsauken High School. She worked many years as a paralegal. Julia enjoyed visiting the beach, spending time with her grandchildren and cheering on her daughter over the years.

Relatives and friends attended her viewing in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, where her Funeral Service was celebrated. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery, Cherry Hill.

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

***Janet Gall (Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>)***

On Dec 3, 2023, Janet Florence Gall (nee Gibison), 90, was reunited in love with her late husband Auggie on their 63rd wedding anniversary. She peacefully went to be with the Lord surrounded by her family.

Born on August 7, 1933, she never missed a year on the Wildwood beach, even this past year. Janet was born in Gloucester City and raised on Hudson Street. She lived and raised her family in National Park for 53 years, and held her faith dear and was a lifelong member of the Bible Church of Westville. She loved music and cheered on the Bonsal Blues Band at numerous concerts, parades, and rehearsals.

She shared the joy of each special holiday with a card to her grandkids. She enjoyed her ice cream and sweets, and “Oh! Those Wildwood days!” She worked at Bell Telephone before spending many years in the lunch room at the National Park school. Foremost she was a homemaker and devoted wife, and her proudest and most joyful moments were as a mother and grandmother.

Janet’s family is her legacy and her life was her testimony. She was happily married to and adored her late husband Adolph “Aug” Gall Jr. Janet and her daughter Lorrie were inseparable and shared many adventures at Boscovs, the boardwalk, and “Red Rooster.” Janet is also the devoted mother of Gus and Lynne (Schwarz) and the proud grandmother of Emily, Matthew and Madi. Janet was predeceased by her sister Mary Havens. She invested so much in those around her and will be sadly missed by so many friends and neighbors.

Relatives, friends and neighbors celebrated Janet’s life at the Etherington Funeral Home, Gloucester City, during the visitation and remembrance ceremony. Burial was in Lakeview Memorial Park, Cinnaminson. Contributions can be made to Lorrie Gall, Creran Celebration, 700 Powell St., Gloucester City.

***Jeanette Obert (Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>)***

Jeanette “Jean” C. Obert (nee Newman), 77, of Folsom, NJ passed away on December 4, 2023, at home surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Camden, she lived in Bellmawr for many of her early years. Jeanette attended Mount Carmel Business School in Camden, earning her high school diploma in 1964. She married the love of her life in 1965 and they eventually moved to Folsom to raise their family.

She earned an associate degree in accounting in 1992 from Gloucester County College. Jeanette worked several jobs over the years, most recent as a bookkeeper at TTMS in Bellmawr. She spent most of her time as a homemaker and enjoyed her time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She is predeceased by her husband Edward J. Obert, her parents Raymond F. Sr. and Lena Newman (nee Bumarch), and her brother Robert W. Newman. Jeanette is survived by her daughter Jeanette Arcuri (Rich) of Folsom, her son Edward J. Obert II (Kim Santa) of Buena Vista Twp. and her brother Raymond F. Newman Jr. (Georgene). Loving grandmother to Jessica Jones, Alexandria Scott (Tyler), Edward J. Obert III and Neila J. Espin.

Family and friends attended her visitation and Funeral Services at the Marinella Funeral Home, Hammonton.

***Joann D. Lacroce (Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>)***

June 5, 1943 – December 6, 2023

Joann D. Lacroce (née Pezzuro), 88, of Mt. Laurel, formerly of Haddonfield, passed away peacefully from complications due to metastatic vulvar and breast cancer on December 6, 2023, at Samaritan Care in Mt. Holly. “We are tremendously grateful to the skilled and loving caregivers and friends who cared for her in her beloved home during her final weeks, and at the facility during her final hours. Amanda, Holly, Tenisha, Heidi, Carly, Cheryl, Mavis, Lisa, Jennifer, Sue and Tica are amazingly fierce and powerful women who, like Joann, are an inspiration,” family members said.

Born in Camden, Joann was a blessed only child to Concetta Pezzuro (née Romano) and J. Joseph Pezzuro. She spent her youth on her family’s farm on Route 70 in Marlton (now Cherry Hill) close to her mother’s parents and many beloved aunts, uncles and cousins, all proud of their “Siciliano” heritage.

Joann is a 1961 graduate of St. Mary of the Angels Academy for Girls in Haddonfield, which closed in 1972. Her Catholic education shaped her and she remained in contact with her classmates and attended reunions over the past 60 plus years. She was also a dedicated member of the Royaleers Drum & Bugle Corps.

Joann was a devoted American and proud of her father’s honorable service in the US Navy during WWII. She was happy to donate his uniforms to American Legion Post 331 in her cherished Stone Harbor, where she had a summer home for many years. Joann was a meticulous worker and skilled organizer both personally and professionally, as well as a thoughtful and loving friend. She made a strong impression on everyone she met and, like her father, was a natural “raconteur” with an extraordinary memory. She was highly social and loved music, especially the “new” rock-n-roll of the 1950s. Recently, she was a devotee of the legendary Deana Martin’s weekly YouTube performances.

Joann’s beautiful hazel eyes (from her dad) and her fiery red hair (from her mom) hinted at her seemingly inexhaustible energy, drive and determination. She was a force. She loved to travel, having been to Hawaii, Australia, Egypt and France, among many other places, often with her longtime companion Albert E. Nepi, who predeceased her.

Joann is also predeceased by her parents, aunts and uncles, son S. Joseph Lacroce, who heartbreakingly passed away from leukemia at the age of 12 in 1975, and daughter Anne Marie Linden (née Lacroce), who passed from metastatic breast cancer at the age of 47 in 2013.

Joann is survived by her daughter Lisa Lacroce Patterson of Princeton, her son-in-law Thomas Linden of Gillette, her former son-in-law John Patterson of Princeton, her ex-husband Sam Lacroce of Haddonfield and Stone Harbor, and the pride and joys of her life, her three grandchildren: Jackie Patterson of New York City, Audrey Patterson of Princeton and Patrick Linden of Gillette.

Joann “got by with a little help from” her many friends, especially her doctors and healthcare providers, and the gentle folks suffering from Extramammary Paget Disease (EMPD) across the globe who supported her from afar throughout her terrible illness.

Relatives and friends attended her visitation at Christ the King Church, Haddonfield, where her Mass of Mass of Christian was celebrated. Entombment was in Harleigh Cemetery, Camden.

Please consider making a contribution to the Skraban-Deardorff Syndrome Foundation, which was established in 2022 to research the rare genetic difference affecting Audrey and hundreds of others worldwide at [www.skdeas.org](http://www.skdeas.org) or by mail to Skraban-Deardorff Syndrome Foundation, 14039 Hwy 74 E, Suite A6 #123, Indian Trail, NC 28079.

***Andrew H. Kelly (Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>)***

Andrew H. Kelly, 74, died on December 11, 2023. He was born at Cooper Hospital on February 28, 1949, and was the son of the late Andrew and Naomi (nee Garrison) Kelly.

Andy is survived by his beloved wife Judy (Antonini) Kelly; his loving children, Angela Orsino (Frank), Maria Penney (Ron) and Andrew Kelly (Giselle); cherished grandchildren, Janelle (Soraya), Zachary (Ellen), Rebecca, Brianna, Vincent and Corinne; and his great grandchildren, Vivian, Violette and Valerie.

Andy was raised in Gloucester City and graduated from Gloucester City High School, Class of 1967. He continued his education at Pierce College and received a Business Degree from Rutgers University. His career as a Controller and Tax Accountant started at Camden Iron and Metal and ended at Stretch Devices, where he retired.

He really enjoyed the ocean and created many wonderful memories vacationing down at the Jersey Shore. He took many cruises with his wife Judy, and several with his family. He will be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Relatives and friends are invited to his visitation on Saturday, December 23, from 10:30 am to 11:45 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, 426 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12 noon. Interment will be held privately at a later date in New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

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.

***Anna W. Lyndell (Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>)***

Surrounded by her loving family at home, Anna W. Lyndell, 91, of Haddon Heights, formerly of Audubon, passed peacefully on December 9, 2023.

Loving and devoted wife of 56 years to the late Joseph P. Lyndell. Loving mother of Joseph P. Lyndell, Kathleen Lyndell Forrest, Mary Palma (John), Virginia LeMunyon (Michael), Theresa Patouhas (Nicholas), Ann Kmiec (Ronald Matthew) and Jacqueline Pizzo (James Buroojy). Cherished grandmother of 18 and great-grandmother of eight. She was predeceased by her brothers, Dr. Thomas Madden and Clarence "Bud" Madden, and son-in-law Kenneth Kmiec.

Anna was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in Camden. She had been a resident of Stanfill Towers in Haddon Heights for the last 20 years, where she served as past president and treasurer. Anna was a lifelong parishioner of St. Rose of Lima Church in Haddon Heights.

She loved the beach, trips to the casino, spending time and traveling with her friends, her strong passion for baseball (especially “Her Phillies”), but most of all being with her adoring family.

Relatives and friends attended her visitation in the St. Rose of Lima Church, Haddon Heights, where her Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. Interment was private in Calvary Cemetery, Cherry Hill.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Anna’s memory to ASPCA online at [www.aspca.org](http://www.aspca.org) or to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital online at [www.stjude.org/donation](http://www.stjude.org/donation) Please memo, Anna W. Lyndell.

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.

***Janet Shodder (Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>)***

Janet Alice Shodder (nee Keim) passed away peacefully from this life on December 8, 2023, two days shy of her 74<sup>th</sup> birthday, in her home at All American Assisted Living in Sewell.

Born in Camden on Dec. 10, 1949, to the late William and Christa Keim, she was raised in Gloucester City and was a graduate of Gloucester City High School Class of 1967. During her working career, Janet was employed by RCA and Campbell Soup Company in Camden, Cooke & Bieler, an investment firm in Philadelphia, and most recently by the Cherry Hill Fire Department. She was a parishioner at Holy Saviour Church, where she served as a lector.

Janet enjoyed music and took piano and singing lessons. She loved working on jigsaw and crossword puzzles and was always ready for a game of scrabble or pinochle. Janet was above all else a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and godmother. She leaves two children, Christine Feeney and her husband Martin of Marlton and Philip Shodder and his wife Valerie of East Greenbush, NY, and her children’s father, Emanuel (Bud) Shodder of Haddon Township. She also leaves four beautiful grandchildren, Elizabeth, Ariana, Tommy and Tyler.

Janet is survived by three sisters, Barbara Langley (Richard) of Newington, CT, Theresa Haworth (Gary) of Searsboro, IA and Loretta Wood (William) of Sewell; a brother, William Keim (Cerise) of Lexington, MA, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a brother, Thomas.

Janet will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by everyone who met her. She would want us to honor her legacy and keep her memory alive by taking care of each other.

Her Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Church of the Holy Saviour, Haddon Township. Entombment was in New St. Mary Cemetery & Mausoleum in Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Janet’s name to The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) at [www.NAMI.org](http://www.NAMI.org) or mail your donation to NAMI, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203.

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.



***Maury Burman (Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>)***

Maury L. Burman, 82, of Bellmawr, passed away on Nov 30, 2023.

Maury is survived by his beloved wife Joan (nee Fricke) Burman of 58 years; his loving children Robert (Andrea) Burman and Gayle (Kevin) Morais. Grandfather of Sarah, Daniel, Zachary and Emily.

He was predeceased by his sister Lenore (Donald) Schiff. Survived by his sister-in-law Sally (the late Hal) Singley; brother-in-laws William (Dixie) Fricke and Martin (Barbara) Fricke; his cousin Charlotte Getter and many loving nieces and nephews.

Maury was loved by many and always made friends wherever he went. He was a very loving and generous man who was always there for advice and support. He always had a good story, a joke to tell a quick wit and loved to laugh. He was extremely proud of his children and all of his grandchildren, and was an avid golfer that got out as much as he could.

He will be missed by all who knew him. Donations to the National Kidney Foundation in Maury's honor would be greatly appreciated. Services will be private at the convenience of the family.

***Joseph 'Ron' Canning Sr. (Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>)***

Joseph R. "Ron" Canning Sr., 87, surrounded by his family, passed peacefully on December 10, 2023.

Loving husband of 55 years to the late Frances Canning (nee Harvey). Loving father of Joseph "Ronnie" Canning Jr. and Pamela Gettings. Cherished grandfather of six and great-grandfather of 13. Beloved brother of Robert J. Canning.

Ron was born in Philadelphia to the late Joseph H. and Florence Canning. He proudly served our country in the U.S. Navy from 1955 to 1959. Ron was a dedicated patrolman for the Gloucester City Police Department with 25 years of service to the residents of Gloucester City, retiring in 1995.

Relatives, friends and current and retired members of GCPD attended his viewing in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, where his Funeral Service was celebrated. Interment with military honors was in New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Ron's memory to the Gloucester City PBA Local 40, PO Box 162, Gloucester City, NJ 08030. Please memo Joseph R. Canning Sr. Condolences and memories may be shared at [www.mccannhealey.com](http://www.mccannhealey.com).

***William A. Baker (Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>)***

William A. Baker, 82, of Haddon Township passed away on December 10, 2023.

Loving and devoted husband of 42 years to Arlene M. Baker (nee Moore). Loving father of William IV (Debbie), Karen Reis (Mark), Paula Kohn (Matt), Sean (Holly), Travis (Jennifer) and the late Trent Baker. Cherished grandfather of Zabrina Fagen (Kevin), Dezaree Waller (Frank), Christina, Steven, Finn, Luna and Abbey, and great-grandfather of Trent, Frankie, Layla, Rowan and Talulah. Beloved brother of Miriam O'Dennis (Bill). Son of the late William and Miriam (nee Deerr) Baker.

Bill was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School Class of 1960. He proudly served our country for 35 years in the U.S. Army, including Air Defense Artillery, 112<sup>th</sup> Artillery and the 114<sup>th</sup> INF. Bill was a member of the 114<sup>th</sup> Regimental INF Association and the Army & Navy Union Garrison 52.

Relatives and friends attended his viewing in Holy Savior Church, Westmont, where his Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. Interment with military honors was in Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery, Wrightstown.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Bill's memory to the Army Emergency Relief, 2530 Crystal Drive, Suite 13161, Arlington, VA 22202 or to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, PO Box 1510, Ranson, WV 25438-4510.

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.

#### ***Georgeanna Stafford (Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>)***

Georgeanna M. "Ann" Stafford, 83, of Gloucester City and Audubon passed away peacefully on Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023.

Ann was an avid sports fan and loved watching and cheering on the Philadelphia Eagles and the Phillies. She worked for Wawa for more than 20 years and enjoyed her job. Everyone loved her and clients would ask for her all the time. During that time she worked at the Westmont, Bellmawr, and Westville locations. Ann loved going to the casino and spending time with her large family. She will be very missed by all the lives she touched.

Ann was the beloved wife of 40 years to the late Stanley Stafford. Devoted mother to Donna Bobo (Bryan), Stanley Stafford Jr. (Barbara), George Stafford (Barbara) and Robert Stafford (Carol). Treasured grandmother of Steven, Kelly Malone (Eddie), Noelle Joseph (Charley), Jillian, Shane Bobo, Briana Panico (Bob), Carrie, Grace, Brooke, Beth Collins, Kate Dyson (Joe) and Joe Collins (Hailey), and devoted great-grandmother to eight. Ann was predeceased by her parents, George and Catherine McCormick.

Relatives and friends attended Ann's Memorial Service ceremony on Dec. 27 at the DuBois Funeral Home, Audubon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Ann's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, [alz.org](http://alz.org), or any charity of your choice.

#### ***Karen Ferraro (Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>)***

Karen Ferraro, 75, of Marlton passed away on December 19, 2023.

Born in Jersey City, she was the daughter of the late Salvatore and Patricia (nee Roydanca) Ferraro.

Karen is survived by her brothers, Salvatore and Michael Ferraro, and her housemates and the loving staff and caregivers of Quality Management Associates (QMA) who cared for her for 20 years at her home on Elmwood Dr. Everyone who knew her was immediately charmed by her. She was a legend at QMA.

Even though she did not communicate by speaking, Karen would smile, giggle, and bat her eyes at her staff, friends, and perfect strangers – especially to get what she wanted. Karen spent a great deal of her life at the Woodbridge Developmental Center and we are honored to have been able to give Karen the opportunity to live her best life in the community.

Thanks to Chimene, Kia, and the amazing staff at Elmwood who supported Karen through her recent hospital stay. Their tremendous advocacy allowed Karen to return to her happy place (her home) where she was able to enjoy her remaining days.

Her Funeral Service will be celebrated on Thursday, Dec. 28, at 12 noon in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, where friends may visit from 11 a.m. to noon. Burial will follow in Lakeview Memorial Park Cinnaminson.

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

#### ***Theresa A. Striker (Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>)***

Surrounded by her loving family, Theresa Striker (nee Downey), 82, formerly of Gloucester City, Runnemede and Woodbury, passed peacefully on December 18, 2023.

She was predeceased by her husband Francis H. Striker Jr., and survived by her children, Robert A. Watson Jr. (Elizabeth), Rebecca Zouck (George) and Benjamin J. Watson (Dawn). Cherished grandmother of Amanda, Stephanie (James), Veronica, Meghan, Erin, Elizabeth (Corey), Ben Jr., Stephen, Alison, Jacob, Mia and Liam; and great-grandmother of Stella, Caleb, Penelope, Gracie, Silas, Georgie Mae and Vivienne.

Predeceased by her siblings, Brother Michael Downey, OP, Patricia Stinsman, Paul Hartstein, James Hartstein, Joseph Hartstein, John Downey and Veronica Hartstein. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Theresa was born at home in Gloucester City to the late Joseph and Veronica Downey. She was a graduate of Gloucester High School Class of 1959.

Theresa worked over 25 years as an administrative assistant for Rutgers University in Camden, as well as a secretary for the Camden County Sheriff's Office. Theresa loved interior design, drawing and painting, and celebrating her Irish heritage.

Relatives and friends attended viewing on Wednesday, Dec. 27, in St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City, where her Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. Interment was private in New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Theresa's memory to Serenity Hospice, 56 Georgetown Road, Bordentown, NJ 08505. Memo Theresa A. Striker.

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.