

## Gloucester City News Obituaries

### April 2023

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#### **Charles W. McKenna Jr. (April 6<sup>th</sup>)**

Charles Walter McKenna Jr., 84, of Gloucester City passed away on March 25, 2023.

Loving and devoted husband of 56 years to the late Frances Ann McKenna. Loving father of Dr. Ann Marie “Amy” Bescherer (Dr. Rudolph Jr.) and Allison B. Mankoski (Mark). Loving Pop-Pop of Mark S. Mankoski, Jr. and Morgan P. Mankoski. Dear brother of Anita Wheeler (late Kendall). Predeceased by his parents, Charles W. McKenna Sr. and Edna Mae McKenna (nee Stephenson).

Walt was a graduate of Gloucester Catholic High School Class of 1958. He proudly served our country in the US Air Force. Walt worked many years in printing industry as a journey lithographer for Sherman Otto Press in Philadelphia. He always had an interest in modern history, as well as model cars and trains.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Disabled American Veterans online at [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org) or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at [www.stjude.org/donate](http://www.stjude.org/donate).

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 W. Carle Sr. (April 6<sup>th</sup>)**

**James W. “Jim” Carle Sr., 86, of Bellmawr** and Mickleton, passed away on March 20, 2023.

Beloved husband of Joann M. Carle (nee Bauman). Devoted father of James W. Carle Jr. (Gidget) of New Smyrna Beach, FL, William A. Carle, Sr. (Maria) of Barrington, Joseph P. Carle (Marianne) of Surprise, AZ, and the late Daniel C. Carle and former wife Carol Tohanczyn Carle. Loving grandfather of Ryan, Stephen (Kelsi), James G, Julie, William A. Jr., and Megan. Loving great grandfather to Kenzie and Callie. Dear son of the late William A. and Adaline R. (nee Angelo) Carle.

Jim was the former co-owner and operator of Delaware Valley Soda & Bulk CO2. He also worked as a funeral assistant at Gardner Funeral Home.

Jim was very active in the community as a member of the Lions Club for over 40 years and the Knights of Columbus. He was also active with the Men of Malvern, both as a retreatant and as a former captain of the Our Lady of Lourdes Group of Men of Malvern Retreat House. Family and friends attended his visitation in the

Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede. His Memorial Mass was celebrated in Annunciation BVM Church, Bellmawr. Interment was private at the request of the family.

In lieu of flowers please donate in honor of Jim Carle Sr. to Amigos de Jesús at [www.amigosdejesus.org](http://www.amigosdejesus.org), to which Jim was a lifetime donor. Family and friends may share memories at [www.GardnerFuneralHome.com](http://www.GardnerFuneralHome.com).

***Katherine E. Cass (April 6<sup>th</sup>)***

Katherine E. "Cass" Greene, 83, passed away on March 22, 2023.

Born in Barrington, she was the daughter of the late Lawrence and Lucille (Peterson) Flood. Cass is survived by her daughters, Denise A. Mason (Michael) and Susan L. Vandy; step-son, Stephen T. Greene, Jr. (Jeff Boudreux); and grandchildren Andrew Boyce, Christopher Boyce and Alexandra Mason. She was predeceased by her husband, Stephen T. Greene Sr., in March, 2016; her brother, Joseph Flood; her sister, Marion Kaisla; and her step-son, Tommy Greene.

Cass retired after 22 years with the Mount Laurel Police Department, where she had worked as the secretary of the Chief of Police. She treasured all of her family and friendships, both old and new, and will be deeply missed by those who cherished her.

Honoring her wishes, there will be no viewing. Services will be held at a later date.

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***Patricia Underwood (April 13<sup>th</sup>)***

Patricia Ann Underwood (nee Riley), 70, of Gloucester City, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on March 26, 2023.

She was born on January 27, 1953, in Camden to the late James Joseph Riley and Veronica Jane (nee Borzner) Riley. Patricia was a 1971 graduate of Gloucester Catholic High School. She was well known in the medical community as a longtime assistant to Dr. Robert Brown and Dr. Carl Vitola.

She loved traveling, going on cruises with her family, sewing and spoiling friends, family and grandkids with gifts and food. She enjoyed hosting holiday feasts and relished her roles as wife, mother, friend, co-worker, fun aunt and especially mom-mom.

Patricia is survived by her loving husband of 51 years, Tom Underwood Sr.; children, Tom Jr. (Laura) and Bill (Jeannie); grandchildren, Jessica, Kristin and Matthew; and brothers Joseph (the late Charlene), Robert (Donna) and Michael (Lynn). In addition to her parents, Patricia was predeceased by her brother James (Jeannie).

Her Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City, where family and friends also attended her Visitation. Interment followed at New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Msgr. Lucitt's Needy Children's Fund, P.O. Box 87, Gloucester City, NJ 08030.

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***Barbara DiAmore (April 13<sup>th</sup>)***

Barbara A. DiAmore (nee Gregg) of Runnemede passed away unexpectedly at Cooper Hospital on April 2, 2023.

Born in Philadelphia and raised in Haddon Heights, Barbara has been a resident of Runnemede for over 50 years. She retired from Bishop Eustace Prep in 2018.

Barbara is lovingly survived by her husband of 53 years, Dr. Joseph R. DiAmore; her children, Cynthia DiAmore and Joseph J. DiAmore; her grandson, Michael Joseph DiAmore-Gallegos; her three brothers, John

(Patricia) Gregg, Daniel (Carol) Roccato and Richard Roccato (Gregory Schwab); her brother-in-law, David Marcoccia; along with several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister, Kathleen Marcoccia.

Relatives and friends attended her viewing in St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Haddon Heights where her Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. Entombment followed at Jesus, Bread of Life Cemetery, Mt. Laurel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made either the Reading is Fundamental Foundation ([www.rif.org](http://www.rif.org)), 750 First Street NE, Ste. 920, Washington, DC 20002 Attn: Development Department, or Morris Animal Refuge ([www.morrisanimalrefuge.org](http://www.morrisanimalrefuge.org)), 1242 Lombard St., Philadelphia, PA 19147.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Healey Funeral Home, Haddon Heights.

### ***Charles W. Oehlert (April 20<sup>th</sup>)***

Charles W. Oehlert, 65, of Bellmawr, formerly of Gloucester City, passed away peacefully on April 5, 2023.

He was born on May 31, 1957 in Camden to the late Edward C. Oehlert, Sr. and Olive F. (nee Lonabaugh) Oehlert. Charles honored his country by serving in the U.S. Marine Corp. as an Aviation Mechanic and Quality Assurance Supervisor after graduating from Gloucester City High School in 1975. He later transferred to the PA Air National Guard in 1994, where he coordinated and developed operational maintenance requirements on all ACFT and related support equipment, before his retirement from the military in 2011. He had been working in financial management and accounting for DLA before full retirement in fall of 2018.

Charles enjoyed woodcraft, from making furniture to building models, and spending time with his buddies and grandchildren. He also had a passion for drafting and creating his own plans for various furniture and outdoor structures. He enjoyed parties and family gatherings where he could tell his latest “Dad Jokes.”

Charles also enjoyed his desserts, more desserts followed by more desserts. He was a huge fan of country western movies and was currently revisiting his love for playing guitar.

Charles is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Judith “Judy” (nee Ranieri) Oehlert; children Victoria Oehlert, Deanna Scoleri (Dominick) and Charles P. Oehlert; grandchildren Emma Scoleri and Samuel Scoleri; brothers Edward C. Oehlert, Jr (wife) Alexander Oehlert (Virginia), John Oehlert (Donna) and Wayne Oehlert (Jennifer); and sister-in-law, Jackie Oehlert.

Charles was predeceased by his brothers, Patrick and Ronald Oehlert, and sister-in-law Georgeanne Oehlert. His Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Mary’s Church, Gloucester City, where his family and friends also attended his Visitation. Interment was in the BG William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Charles to the Wounded Warrior Project at [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

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***John E. Rodgers (April 20<sup>th</sup>)***

John E. Rodgers, 72, of Cherry Hill, formerly of Gloucester City, passed away on January 26, 2023.

He was born on March 4, 1950, in Camden to the late James Rodgers, Sr. and Mary (nee Webb) Rodgers. John honored his country by serving in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He later worked as a self-employed carpenter in commercial construction.

John is survived by his daughter, Angela M. Mach (Dante); and granddaughter Bria Mach and grandson Dante Mach. He was also predeceased by his son, John Rodgers; brother, James Rodgers, Jr.; sister, Dorothy "Dottie" Sattler; and nephew, James Rodgers.

Graveside Services with military honors were at the BG William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown.

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***Mary Jane Nash (April 20<sup>th</sup>)***

Mary Jane Nash (nee Uibel), 93, of Gloucester City passed away on March 21, 2023.

Beloved wife of the late Charles M. Nash. Loving mother of Charles T. Nash (Mary Jane) and Judith N. Bollinger (David). Proud grandmother of Jessica B. Paul (Alex), Charles W. Nash (Gina) and D. Jeffrey Bollinger (Lauren). Great grandmother of Charles H. Nash, Avery J. Paul, Boden J. Paul, Tucker A. Paul, David R. Bollinger and William N. Bollinger.

For more than 50 years Mary Jane was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, Gloucester City, serving as Church Organist, Choir and Junior Choir Director, Member of the West Jersey Presbytery, Officer, Sunday School Teacher, Bible School Director and was on many committees.

At the time of her death she was a devoted member of Logan Memorial Presbyterian Church, Audubon. Along with her husband, she developed their family business, Nash Engraving. In 1985 they added a separate company, Nash Industries, an engraving supply business.

Mary Jane was very active in her community serving on various committees of the Gloucester City Board of Education, PTA, Den Mother for Cub Scouts, and Lions Auxiliary. She played a vital role in The Helping Hand Food Pantry for many years. In 1998 she and her husband were named Gloucester City Citizens of the Year. Relatives and friends are invited to a Memorial Service at Logan Memorial Presbyterian Church 18 W. Merchant Street, Audubon, on Monday, May 15. The family will be available to receive visitors from 11:30 a.m. to noon, when her Funeral Service will be celebrated. A luncheon will follow at the Kove Restaurant 20 West Atlantic Ave., Audubon.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Children's Fresh Air Home PO Box 413 Haddonfield, NJ 08033, or online at: [freshairhome.org](http://freshairhome.org).

***David L. Kaufmann Jr. (April 27<sup>th</sup>)***

David L. Kaufmann Jr., 68, of Gloucester City, passed away on April 16, 2023.

He was born on September 21, 1954, in Camden to the late David L. Kaufmann Sr. and Helen (Dilts) McDonald. David honored his country by serving in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, and later worked as a professional mover with Aron Movers in Oaklyn.

David is survived by his sons, David L. Kaufmann III, Michael R. Kaufmann and Timothy E. Kaufmann; his sister, Debra Walker; his brother, Dale McDonald; and grandchildren Raymond L. Kaufmann Jr. and Gianna V. Kaufmann. He was also predeceased by his son, Raymond A. Kaufmann Sr. on December 9, 2016; and his brothers Joseph P. Kaufmann and Walter E. McDonald Jr.

Honoring David's wishes there will be no viewing or services at this time. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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***David E. O'Shea (April 27<sup>th</sup>)***

David E. O'Shea, 72, of Mays Landing, formerly of Gloucester City, passed away on April 13, 2023.

Born in Philadelphia, he was the son of the late Norman D'Angelo and Marie O'Shea. Loving brother of Lorraine Henderson, Thomas O'Shea, Dennis Henderson (Steffi) and many dear friends. David was also predeceased by his beloved wife, Frances A. (Shaw) O'Shea, on October 12, 2020.

David had worked as a Fire Safety Manager for 35 years with the Trump Marina & Resort Casino in Atlantic City. Relatives and friends attended his viewing in St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City, where his Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. Interment was in New Saint Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Msrg. Lucitt's Children's Christmas Fund, P.O. Box, Gloucester City, NJ 08030, or Saint Jude's Children's, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38150 ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)).

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***James J. Rafferty (April 27<sup>th</sup>)***

James J. Rafferty, 74, of Oaklyn, formerly of Gloucester City, passed away on April 16, 2023.

Jim was born in Camden on February 16, 1949, to the late James E. Rafferty III and the late Catherine "Cass" Rafferty (nee Nolan). Loving father to Theresa Collins (Christopher) and James Rafferty (Allyson). Beloved Pop-Pop to Evangelina, Francesca, Carmella and Constance. Cherished brother to the late Patrick (Linda), the late Hughie (Kitty Gallagher), Martin, the late Michael (Kathy), Catherine Narducci (Michael), Anne Peeke, Joseph (Barbara) and Mary Francis (Brian). Beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Jim attended Gloucester Catholic High School and graduated from Glassboro State with a bachelor's degree in education. In 1971 he began teaching and coaching football and then later track at Delsea Regional High School. Jim valued education, respect, and effort, which he emulated and expected from others in his classroom and on the field.

"Coach Raff" was a dedicated football and girls track coach to the Crusaders, and his game day speeches were unparalleled. He spent his final coaching years as a football coach at Bishop Eustace Preparatory School. Overall, Jim cared deeply for his students and athletes, leaving a lasting imprint on many. After 46 years of teaching history and sociology at Delsea, Jim retired in 2017.

Jim was passionate about his community. He dedicated over 25 years to Oaklyn as a Councilman, was a longstanding member of the Revelers and the Knights of Columbus, and managed the Gloucester City Swim Club for several years. He was also a dedicated parishioner of Saint Rose in Haddon Heights, Saint Mary's in Gloucester City, and formerly St. Aloysius Church in Oaklyn.

He spent many summers Jim bartending at the Shamrock and living at the "Gloucester House" in Wildwood, which he cherished. Jim's greatest joy and title was always Dad and Pop-Pop. His unconditional love and support of his children and grandchildren is unmatched.

When raising Theresa and Jimmy, he spent hundreds, if not thousands of hours on the road, on the field, or in the gym watching Theresa play softball and Jimmy wrestle. In his later years, he was the biggest cheerleader at his granddaughters' events, never voluntarily missing a game or elementary school event.

Raff's deepest love, after his children, was people. Walking into a local restaurant or diner with Dad was like being with a local celebrity. He always knew someone, and would eagerly say hello, shake their hand, and check on them. He had a giver's heart, was reliable in good times or bad, and the love he shared with others fueled his soul. He wanted everyone around him to succeed, and consistently encouraged his friends, family, and students to "find a way to win." Jim was steady, resilient, and courageous.

A man of character. If you needed a meal, a ride, a listening ear, or a word of encouragement, Jim would give you it, as well as the shirt off his back. His ability to bring calmness to chaos, his text messages (with epic emojis) and calls, and his gentle, loving approach to life will be sorely missed.

Some of Dad's favorite memories include post Delsea football family gatherings at the Oberg's house after a Big Red victory, summer vacations with his kids, the Ruffs in Sea Isle City on 34th Street, attending his children's weddings, and watching his children become parents.

One of his proudest accomplishments was all of his brothers and sisters graduating college. As the oldest of the nine Rafferty children, he supported Jim and Cass's mission to ensure all the kids went to college.

Although James "Raff" is no longer with us, he certainly left a lasting mark. Whether you knew him as Mr. Rafferty, Coach Raff, Councilman Rafferty, Uncle Jim, or Pop-Pop, he always had a positive approach to life and infectious personality. Jim had a unique way of making everyone feel "the best."

Family and friends attended his viewing in St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City, where his Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. Burial was in New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Adam Taliaferro Foundation (<https://taliaferrofoundation.org>) as Jim loved children and education.

The family encourages friends to visit to read "A Father's Example: Decades of Love, Leadership, and Light," which a tribute to Jim from his children.