

Gloucester City News Obituaries July 2023

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Andrew C. Biello (July 6th)

Andrew C. Biello, 86, of Gloucester City passed away on June 18, 2023.

Born in Philadelphia, Andrew is the son of the late Paschal and Anna (nee DeCarlo) Biello. He is survived by his loving children Lisa Biello and Paschal "Pat" Biello (Diane), and his cherished grandchildren Nicole and Dante Biello.

Andrew was a patrolman for 15 years with the Philadelphia Police Department and later worked at the Four Seasons Hotel in Philadelphia as the director of security. Family and friends knew him as either Sonny or Andy. He was a good and honorable man who loved spending time with his family.

Memorial services will be celebrated for Andrew on Saturday, July 8, at 11:30 a.m. in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, Gloucester City, where family and friends may visit from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Interment will be held at a later date privately.

Family requests memorial donations in memory of Andrew to: St. Jude Children Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or <https://www.stjude.org/donate>.

Condolences and Memories may be shared at www.mccannhealey.com.

Eileen A. Tourtual (July 6th)

It is with great sadness that I, Steven Tourtual, announce the death of my beloved mother Eileen Tourtual (née Boker). She was born in Philadelphia and raised in Gloucester City.

She is the daughter of the late Fredrick and late Mary Boker. Eileen was also known as "Babe." She is the sister of the late Donald (late Margaret) of Gloucester City, late Fredrick Boker (Lorraine) formerly of Brooklawn, Harold Boker (Betty) of Port Orchard, WA. Irene Clark (Frank) of Gloucester City, Chuck Boker of Vineland, Arlene Johnson (Robert) of Westville, John Boker of California, and Art Boker (Jackie) formerly of Bellmawr.

Eileen graduated from Gloucester City High School in 1962 and married William Tourtual, who graduated from Gloucester City High School in 1960. They were married for 60½ years. They had three boys. Unfortunately, their first child, William J. Tourtual Jr., only lived for five days. However, she is also survived by her two sons, William G. Tourtual (Robin Tama) of Philadelphia and Steven J. Tourtual (Nancy) of Mount Laurel.

Eileen was a stay-at-home mom, until her children graduated high school. Then, she took a job in an insurance office and later at Macy's cosmetics department. She grew up in humble surroundings, but was able to rise above it

and raise her family with dignity. She enjoyed traveling throughout Europe, Canada, Central American, Caribbean, and the United States.

When her children were young, she and her husband would surprise them with trips to Disney World. She loved going to the gym, doing aerobics classes, and walking with her husband. She and her husband Bill made countless sacrifices. So, their children could have a better life than they had. They also enjoyed spending time with their grandnephew and grandniece Anthony and Maddie D'Andrea.

"My mom was the person I could depend upon when I was in trouble at 3 a.m. and she would never bring it up again, or hold it against me. She was also the type of person to help with my tuition, pay off my credit card debt, and even pay for a stranger's groceries, if they looked like they were struggling. She always challenged me to be better, to work hard, and to stay sober. She and my father made sure that they were home when the trash collectors and landscapers were coming. So, they could provide them with cold bottles of water and cash for a coffee break. She will be deeply missed, but her family knows that the Lord will redeem her. Also, a special thank you to the entire team from Bayada at Inspira for your compassionate care. You are appreciated," Tourtual said.

At her request, services will be private. There will be no viewing.

In lieu of flowers, all donations can be made to Bayada at Inspira Hospice, 600 Jessup Rd, Suite 100A, West Deptford, NJ 08066.

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Evelyn K. Cimini (July 6th)

Evelyn K. "Dolly" Cimini (nee Infante), 95, surrounded by her family at home passed peacefully on June 28, 2023.

A longtime resident of Mt. Ephraim, Evelyn was the loving wife of the late Edward J. Cimini. Loving mother of Andrew Cimini (Diane) and Theresa Moen. Cherished grandmother of Kelly Sturdy, Kristen Bennett (Jason), Michael Moen (Lindsay) and Jordan Edward Gerald Cimini and great-grandmother of Tyler Moen, Zander Sturdy and Elliott Moen. Dolly is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews as well as her beloved friend, Valerie Flynn. Predeceased by her six brothers and sisters.

At her request, services will be private at New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Best Friends Animal Sanctuary online at www.bestfriends.org/sanctuary.

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Gary J. Myers (July 6th)

Gary J. “Smoggy” Myers, 61, of Deptford, formerly of Gloucester City, passed away on June 27, 2023.

Loving husband of 12 years to Margie Myers (nee Schlechter). Loving father of Ryan Myers (Rachel), Sean Myers and step-father of Danny Keenehan and Keri Keenehan. Cherished son of Clara Quinn (nee Procida) and the late Frank W. Myers, Sr. Beloved brother of Frank W. Myers, Jr. (Laraine) and Raymond Myers (Lisa).

Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews and his fur babies, Charlie, Jackson, and predeceased by his dog, Chase.

Gary was a longtime resident of Gloucester City before moving to Deptford. He was a graduate of Gloucester High School Class of 1980. A lover of good music, Gary enjoyed listening to Led Zeppelin and ACDC. He loved metal detecting, hockey, horse racing, and all the “backyard games,” including horseshoes and cornhole.

Relatives and friends attended his viewing in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St, Gloucester City, followed by a time of sharing and celebration of his life. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The National Canine Cancer Foundation online at www.wearethecure.org.

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Gian Carlo Viglino (July 6th)

Gian Carlo Viglino, 40, of Kendall Park, formerly of Middletown, passed away on June 17. Born in Perth Amboy, he is the son of the late Carlos and Theresa Viglino (nee Cardilla). He is survived by his loving family, including his sister, Luisa Viglino; aunt, Lucy Major; uncle, Matt Major; cousin, Alex Major, as well as his future brother-in-law and good friend, Erik Levitsky.

Gian was cared for by the staff of the Dungarvin Group Home in Kendall Park, and will be missed by the staff and his friends there. Gian was a very social person, who liked going to diners and being able to talk with new friends. He was known for his unwavering ability to remember every detail about everyone he met. He had a remarkable memory that he used to bring joy to others by sharing his vast knowledge of Disney and Marvel.

Gian was an avid collector of stuffed animals and Power Rangers paraphernalia, and always made sure he had the latest gaming system. He was brilliant and a fierce advocate for himself, never letting his disability hold him back from achieving his goals.

Despite his struggles, he had an exceptional talent for listening and was always aware of what was happening in everyone's lives. He had a heart of gold and was always there to support his loved ones. Gian's candid and genuine nature made him fun to be around. Gian had a special bond with his sister, whom he loved deeply. He was never afraid to face any challenge, and he often reassured others by saying, "It will be okay; I will call my sister."

“Gian passing has left a void in our hearts, but his memory will live on. He will be remembered for his kindness, endearing personality and his love for his family and friends. We will miss him dearly, but we take comfort in knowing that he is at peace now and reunited with his loved ones who have passed before him,” his loved ones said.

Relatives, friends and caregivers from Dungarvin attended Gian’s viewing in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City. Cremation and Inurnment were held privately.

Family requests memorial donations in memory of Gian to the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association, at www.pwsausa.org/get-involved/donate/.

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James J. Hooker (July 6th)

James J. Hooker, 73, of Gloucester City passed away on June 18, 2023.

Loving and devoted husband of 45 years to Claire Hooker (nee Neri). Predeceased by his son, Patrick Hooker (surviving Julie), and survived by children Danielle Hooker McCormick (Jeff), Alicia Peppin (John), Jennifer Hooker (Scott Wasson), Craig Williams and Jim McNally.

He is the cherished grandfather of Ethan, Ellie, Regan, Jack, Alex, Abbie, Kryn, Luke, Gabe, Ethan, Finn, Killian, Neveah, Annabelle and Cassie. Beloved brother of Geraldine Rudesill (late Bubba), Robert Hooker (Carol) and Janie Mackie (Leroy).

Jim was born in Quanah, TX, to the late Robert and Jane Hooker. He was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School Class of 1968. Shortly after graduation, Jim enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and proudly served our country during Vietnam.

He was a dedicated employee of the United States Postal Service for 35 years, retiring from the Bellmawr Post Office in 2012. Jim loved to write poetry and short stories and would often share them on social media.

At his request, cremation will be private. A celebration of his life is being planned and will be announced in the near future.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Animal Welfare Association, 509 Centennial Blvd, Voorhees, NJ 08043 or online at www.awanj.org.

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

Leon J. Graves (July 6th)

Leon J. Graves, 89, of Bellmawr, NJ, passed away peacefully on June 22, 2023.

Born in Gloucester City, he was the son of the late Charles and Sarah (nee Hutchinson) Graves and was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Barbara Graves (nee McCaughey). He is survived by his loving children, Kathleen Cornell (Richard) and Jeffrey Graves (Lora), and his cherished granddaughter, Catherine Cornell (Rohit).

When Leon was a young man, he joined the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). He was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served in Berlin, Germany, using his electrical skills to install communication systems.

Upon Leon's return from Berlin, he found employment with the then Bell Atlantic Corporation, where he worked as a corporate communications installer until his retirement.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Leon's memory to: EB Research Partnership, <https://www.ebresearch.org/>.

Honoring his wishes there will be no visitation, and his burial will be held privately at a later date in Eglington Cemetery, Clarksboro.

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Vu Hoang Lam (July 6th)

Vu Hoang Lam, 54, of Maple Shade, formerly of Philadelphia, passed away on June 19, 2023.

Vu is survived by his sister, Thuy Da Lam. He was predeceased by his parents Be Van Lam and Huynh Thi Hong Yen. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins in Australia, the UK and Vietnam.

Vu once said to his aunt that sadness cannot change much of one's situation and that laughter is the best. He loved taking photographs of his family and telling funny stories. He was brave battling his illnesses. An image of a young man—handsome, happy, with a sense of humor—will always remain in his family's heart.

At the request of his family, services will be private.

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

Aldo Gioiosa (July 13th)

Aldo Gioiosa, 87, of Sewell, formerly of Westville, passed peacefully on June 29, 2023, surrounded by his family.

Loving husband of 59 years to the late Maria Gioiosa (nee Pisani). Loving father of Adriana Stazzone (late Andres), Robert Gioiosa (Marlene), Claudio Gioiosa and the late Stella Pronesti (surviving Roque). Cherished grandfather of Eliana Bistotto, Anabella Pronesti, Melissa Fabro, Catherine Pronesti, Reina Stazzone, Melanie Gioiosa and Cynthia

Gioiosa, and great-grandfather of Benjamin Bistotto, Enzo Fabro, Jayden Pronesti, Stella Pronesti, Lautaro Bistoto and Luca Fabbro. Predeceased by his sisters, Dora and Ana Gioiosa.

Aldo was an avid soccer fan, especially of his home country Argentina.

Relatives and friends attended his Mass of Christian Burial at St. Margaret Church, Woodbury Heights. Inurnment will at New St. Mary's Cemetery Mausoleum, Bellmawr.

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Audrey Lynn Coulson (July 13th)

Audrey Lynn Coulson, 33, of Lawnside passed away on June 28, 2023.

She was predeceased by her mother, Donna Lynn Coulson. Audrey is survived by her father, Theodore R. Blackson III; brothers, Theodore R. Blackson, IV, Brandon Coulson and Ryan Coulson; as well as many loving aunts, uncles and cousins. Audrey's family loves her and misses her dearly.

At the request of her family, services at this time are private. A public memorial is being planned for the future.

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

Holly Mae Boddingham (July 13th)

Holly Mae Boddingham, 32, of Gloucester City, passed away suddenly on June 27, 2023 in Camden.

Holly was a fun-loving girl with a uniquely vibrant and friendly personality long to be remembered by all who knew her. Growing up she was involved in Girl Scouts, countless theater and dance productions and loved attending live music concerts.

Despite the best efforts and support of her heartbroken family and friends, Holly spent her entire adult life battling addiction. Holly is predeceased by her beloved mom, Jean M., and grandparents Robert P. and Pat Boddingham and Tony Levecchia. She is survived by her son Prince Xavier, parents Bob and Eugenia, brother Bobby, grandmother Renie Levecchia and many loving relatives.

Friends and family attended her Memorial Gathering at Creran Celebration in Gloucester City. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the New Beginnings Recovery Program at <https://newbeginningsscmd.com/>.

Margaret Oliveri (July 13th)

Margaret Oliveri, 73, passed away on June 25, 2023.

She was born in Newark on January 6, 1950. Loving daughter of the late Anthony Oliveri and Elaine Oliveri (nee Ball). Beloved sister of Anthony Oliveri. Cared for and loved by Oaks Integrated Care in Bridgeton and Millville and the NJ Bureau of Guardianship Services.

Her Graveside Service was in Waterford Memorial Park, 679 Pestletown Road, Waterford.

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

Edward P. Emory II (July 20th)

Edward Paul Emory II, 42, of Runnemede, sadly left us on July 8, 2023.

Eddie, a Louisiana native, had strong ties to the community working at Sunrooms of America. One of the many things he cherished was spending free time coaching Runnemede Boys and Girls soccer. An avid explorer, he loved camping, concerts and adventures.

Dearest father of two children, Edward Emory III and Charlee Emory. He is also survived by the mother of his children, Toni Emory; by his sisters, Paula, Jennifer and Alayna Emory; his nephew Christopher Emory; and his loving and devoted parents, Edward Emory Sr., Linda Potter and Jerry Potter.

Funeral Services were on Wednesday evening, July 19, at the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede.

JoAnne C. Brophy (July 20th)

In the early morning of July 10th, 2023, Joanne C. Brophy passed away peacefully and was reunited with her late son, John Anthony Brophy.

JoAnne, of Gloucester City, was 59 years old at the time of her passing, surrounded by family and staff at the Hospital of University of Pennsylvania, who provided excellent care for many years. JoAnne is the treasured wife of 38 years to Jay F. Brophy. Cherished daughter of Veronica Kent (nee Dooley) the late Robert Kent (surviving step-mother Dorothy).

She is the adored mother of Jay F. Brophy (Megan Murphy), the late John A. Brophy, and Shane P. Brophy (Alyssa Smith). Devoted grandmother to her beloved Layla Marie Brophy, Madison, Mychael and Mason Hatton. Loving sister to Barbara Lacovara (John), Nancy Liberto (Salvatore), Kelly Thorn (Mark), and Kathy Franceschini (Vincent). Survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

JoAnne was born in Camden and was a lifelong resident of Brooklawn and Gloucester City. She excelled in field hockey and was a lifelong cheerleader. JoAnne graduated from Gloucester Catholic High School in 1982, marrying her high school sweetheart, Jay, in 1985.

She loved spending summers in North Wildwood with her family and friends. A day on the beach must include her favorite drink Diet Green Tea! Her pride and joy was her family – especially spoiling her grandchildren and her grandpuppies.

JoAnne worked in the Camden County Health Department before her medical retirement at the age of 49 following a diagnosis of lung cancer. For nine years, JoAnne fought recurrences of the disease, astounding and surpassing the expectations of her doctors at the University of Pennsylvania.

JoAnne was tough. Her will to survive is a true testament to human beings' ability to persist through adversity. Even more impressive still, despite these challenges, JoAnne never failed to bring joy to others. JoAnne is remembered for her endless generosity, fierce protectiveness of her loved ones, and undying loyalty to all who were lucky enough to know her. The title, "Saint JoAnne," does not begin to describe the extraordinary impact JoAnne has had on so many. In the final years of her life, JoAnne enjoyed precious summers with her granddaughter and children at her happy place, Wildwood.

Relatives, friends, and classmates of Gloucester Catholic High School attended her viewing in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City. Her Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Saint Mary's Church, Gloucester City. Interment with her late son, John, was in New Saint Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

Family requests memorial donations in lieu of flowers to Saint Mary's Church, 426 Monmouth Street, Gloucester City, NJ 08030.

Condolences and Memories may be shared at www.mccannhealey.com.

Dolores Smith (July 27th)

Dolores H. "Dee" Smith, 83, of West Deptford, formerly of Exton, PA, passed away on July 20, 2023.

Loving wife of 38 years to the late Robert J. Smith. Loving mother of Stephen Smith and Karen Krokenberger. Cherished grandmother of Matthew Krokenberger, Caroline Smith and Katherine Smith. Beloved sister of Harriett Southwick and Deborah Harris (Dale). Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Dee was a graduate of Gloucester Catholic High School Class of 1958. She worked many years as a key punch operator for Chemical Leaman in Exton, PA. Dee enjoyed playing bingo, reading books and loved Disney.

Relatives and friends attended her viewing in the McCann Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth Street, Gloucester City, where her Funeral Service was celebrated. Interment was private.

Family requests memorial donations to Alzheimer's Association online at www.alz.org or to the Ronald McDonald House of Southern NJ online at www.rmhsnj.org.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.mccannhealey.com.

James F. Hagerty (July 27th)

James Francis Hagerty, 69, of Williamstown passed away peacefully on July 18, 2023. He was born and raised in the Gloucester Heights section of Gloucester City.

As a Gloucester High School graduate with the Class of 1972, James excelled as an athlete in football. James (#89) and his team went undefeated for three consecutive seasons, 1969, 1970, and 1971. To this day, the teams are still recognized as the best team in Lions history. With his vast knowledge of football, he enjoyed watching his favorite team, the Philadelphia Eagles. After high school, James started working at Johns Manville. James dedicated 48 years of service to the company and retired in 2021.

James was predeceased by his parents James and Rosemarie (nee Anderson). Survived by his wife of 22 years, Elizabeth Hagerty (nee Hasselman); his children James (Nicole) Hagerty, Stacy (Francis) Scher, Kelly (Robert) DeTurk, Jennifer Sheppard and Donald Bailey; his siblings John (Patricia), Michael (Karen), Walter (Sis), Denise (David) and Linda (Michael).

He was the caring grandfather “Pop-Pop Jim” to Jay, Frankie, Makenna, Brendan, Cole, Bobby, Caden, Josh, Kane, Elizabeth, River, Garrett, Haven, Mia, Aaliyah, Dominic and Colton and great grandchildren Lilliana and Jaymeson, and is also survived by many nieces, nephews, family members, and friends.

Family and friends attended his viewing on July 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the McGuinness Funeral Home, Sewell, followed by his Funeral Service. Interment was private.

Joann M. Carle (July 27th)

Joann M. Carle, 84, of Bellmawr and Mickleton, passed away on July 17, 2023.

Beloved wife of of the late James W. Carle, Sr. Devoted mother 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 grandmother of Ryan, Stephen (Kelsi), James G, Julie, William A. Jr. and Megan. Loving great grandmother to Kenzie and Callie. Dear sister of Paul Bauman and the late Gerard Bauman, Elizabeth Arrington, Claude Bauman, Thomas Bauman, John Bauman and Rosemary Stork.

Joann was a former Eucharistic Minister at Annunciation BVM Church and a volunteer at the Cathedral kitchen in Camden.

Relatives and friends attended her visitation in the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede.

Her Funeral Service was celebrated at Annunciation BVM Church, Bellmawr. Interment of cremated remains took place at Calvary Cemetery.

Robert O'Brien Jr. (July 27th)

Robert J. "Bob" O'Brien Jr., 83, of Gloucester City passed away on July 15, 2023.

Loving husband of 42 years to Cynthia O'Brien. Loving father of Shannon Nagy (Richard) and Robert J. O'Brien III (Casey). Cherished grandfather of Justin. Beloved brother of Maureen O'Brien, Mary Ann Guinoiseau (Gilbert), the late Daniel O'Brien and the late Margaret Mary O'Brien. Bob is also survived by many nieces and nephews who were dear to his heart.

He was born in Philadelphia, PA on June 25, 1940 to the late Robert J. and Margaret O'Brien (nee Cooney). A longtime resident of Gloucester City, Bob graduated from Gloucester Catholic High School Class of 1958. Over the years, Bob was an avid supporter of Gloucester Catholic and enjoyed keeping up with their athletics.

He worked many years as a jewelry buyer, and traveled all over the world. Family was the most important thing in the world to Bob, and he treasured the large O'Brien family gatherings that were always filled with laughter and love.

Relatives and friends attended his visitation in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, where his Funeral Service was celebrated. Interment was private.

Family requests memorial donations in lieu of flowers to St. John of God Community Services, 1147 Delsea Drive, Building A, Westville NJ, 08093 or online at www.sjogcs.org.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.mccannhealey.com.