Gloucester City News Obituaries
May 2026

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Dolores Bricker (May 7th)

Dolores Ann Bloom Bricker, 64, a lifelong resident of Gloucester City passed away under the care of her son and husband on April 27, sadly losing her battle with Stage 4 lung cancer after a very hard fight.

Dolores loved to crochet, arts and crafts, photography, nature, jarring and animals, and had all kinds of pets, from cats to dogs to guinea pigs throughout her life. She enjoyed taking pictures of nature, family and her pets. She was kind and loved her family deeply, even donating on of her kidneys to her son.

She was predeceased by her parents, Edward and Dolores Metzinger (nee Bloom). She is survived by her husband, Harry; her son Michael Kennedy; her siblings, Robin Brangan (Al), Donna Bloom, Betty Lindsay (Rich) and Daniel Bloom (Sabina); her granddaughter Caitlin and many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends attended her Funeral Services at the McGee Celebration Etherington Funeral Home, Gloucester City. A Graveside Tribute will be held privately at a later day in the New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

Concetta Benham (May 14th)

Concetta "Connie" Benham (nee Marena), 83, of Bellmawr, formerly of Mount Ephraim, passed suddenly on May 4, 2026.

Loving wife of 40 years to the late Howard J. Benham Jr., and loving mother of Derek Benham (Janice) and Lisa Peters. Cherished grandmother of Bryce Benham, Hailey Peters, Shaun Maloney and Luke Maloney. She is predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Dorothy Marena. Connie was a graduate of Audubon High School, Class of 1960. She worked for many years as a secretary at RCA in Camden, where she would meet her husband, Howard.

Relatives and friends attended her viewing at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City. Her Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Annunciation Church, Bellmawr. Interment was in New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

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

Robert Ackley (May 20th)

Robert William Ackley, 83, of Westville passed away in the comfort of his own home while surrounded by loving family on Friday, May 8, 2026.

Bob was born in Woodbury. He was raised and resided in Gloucester City before moving to Bellmawr in 1963 then moving to Westville in 1987 where he lived until his passing. Bob was known for his affinity and work with automobiles. He was the owner of Bob's Auto Service, he supported all types of auto racing, and he also worked as an official at Bridgeport Speedway, now known as Bridgeport Motorsports Park.

When he was not involved with cars, Bob enjoyed taking trips with his family to their Pocono house and attending his children's sports and artistic endeavors. Bob was also a member of the Westville and Bellmawr Lions Club. But above all, he cherished the time spent with family and friends, and will be deeply missed by those he leaves behind. Robert is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Rita; loving children, Rob (Gina) and Suzanne; dear grandchildren, Adam and Madison. He was predeceased by his brother, William Ackley; and sister, Joan Gaffney.

Relatives and friends attended Robert's viewing at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, where his Catholic Funeral Service was celebrated. Interment was at New Saint Mary's Cemetery in Bellmawr, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Robert's name may be made to Msgr. Lucitt's Needy Children's Fund, P.O. Box 87, Gloucester City, NJ 08030. Please write in memo: Robert W. Ackley. Condolences and Memories may be shared at www.mccannhealey.com under the obituary of Robert W. Ackley.

Daniel Duffy (May 26th)

Daniel G. Duffy, 86, of Westville, formerly of Gloucester City, passed away on May 13, 2026.

He was predeceased by his wife of 55 years, Helen Marie Duffy (nee Murphy); and his brothers, Edward Duffy (late Elsie) and Michael Duffy (surviving Susan). Daniel is survived by his children, Dan Duffy, John Duffy (Kelly) and Patrick Duffy; his grandchildren, Alec, Warren, Keegan, Kaitlyn, John, Fallon, Shane, Ellen, Erin and Teri; five great-grandchildren; his sister, Eleanor Megee (late Donald); and many loving nieces and nephews.

Daniel proudly served our country in the U.S. Navy. He worked for many years at Aluminum Shapes in Pennsauken before his retirement.

Relatives and friends attended his Catholic Rite of Committal and U.S. Naval Military Honors during the Graveside Service in New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

Donations in his name can be made to the NJ Veterans Memorial Home's Activities Fund, 524 Northwest Blvd., Vineland.

Condolences and memories can be shared at www.mccannhealey.com under the obituary of Daniel G. Duffy. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

John Castrataro (May 26th)

John Anthony Castrataro, 62, of West Deptford, formerly a longtime resident of Bellmawr, passed peacefully at Cooper Hospital, Camden, on May 19, 2026.

He was predeceased by his parents, Michael Castrataro Jr. and Nancy Fortuna Castrataro, and his brother, Joe Castrataro. John is survived by his children, Lisa Castrataro, Nichole Castrataro, Christopher Lacovara, Anthony Lacovara and Desiree Beebe; his grandchildren, Andre English, Lea English, Nicholas Lacovara, Giavonna Castrataro, Julia Wiggins, Brienna Lacovara, Salvatore Lacovara and Kye Sullivan; his longtime partner, Bonny Tittermay; his brother and sister, Michael Castrataro and Lisa Liquori; as well as many nieces and nephews.

John was a longtime auto mechanic and former owner/operator of John's Auto Clinic, Bellmawr. Above all else, John was a devoted Poppy to his cherished grandchildren and adored each and every one.

Relatives and friends can attend his Visitation on Saturday, May 30, from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. at Annunciation Church, 601 W. Browning Road, Bellmawr, where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will follow in New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

Condolences and memories can be shared at www.mccannhealey.com under the obituary of John A. Castrataro. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.