Gloucester City News Obituaries
July 2026

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Deborah Ann Bowe (July 2nd)

In the loving care of her husband Mike, Deborah Ann Bowe (nee Durso), 70, passed peacefully at home in Audubon on June 16, 2026.

Formerly of West Philadelphia, Debbie was the loving and devoted wife of 41 years to Michael J. Bowe. She was the cherished daughter of the late Anthony “Whitey” and Madeline Durso (nee Palmerio). Beloved sister of Susan Leblang (Michael) and Anthony "Ace" Durso. Loving aunt of Debra Ann Leblang.

Debbie was born in Philadelphia to Anthony and Madeline Durso. She was a graduate of Haverford High School, and worked for many years in sales. She was a longtime member of Calvary Chapel of South Jersey and devoted fan of the Phillies.

Relatives and friends attended Debbie’s Memorial Service in Calvary Chapel of South Jersey, West Deptford. Interment will be held at a later date in Brig. General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, North Hanover Twp.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Calvary Chapel of South Jersey, 1210 Hessian Ave, West Deptford, NJ 08093 or online at www.ccsouthjersey.org/giving or to Wounded Warrior Project online at www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate Please write in memo, Deborah Ann Bowe.

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

John Sweeten (July 2nd)

On June 22, 2026, John Richard “Jack” Sweeten, 66, beloved husband, son, brother, and friend, passed away at home. Born in Milwaukee, WI, Jack later made his home in Brooklawn and eventually Gloucester City, where he built a life defined by creativity, dedication, and deep devotion to those he loved.

A graduate of Gloucester City High School, Class of 1978, Jack continued his education at an art college in Philadelphia, nurturing the artistic talent that would remain a lifelong passion. Jack loved music – especially drumming – and his artistic spirit showed in everything he touched. Whether behind a drum kit, sketching, or simply appreciating the beauty in everyday moments, Jack brought color and rhythm into the world around him.

Jack worked as a pressman for over 40 years, a career marked by skill, reliability, and pride in his craft. He spent many years with AFL Printing and Bartash Printing before retiring from Inserts East after a long and dedicated tenure. His colleagues knew him as steady, hardworking, and always willing to lend a hand.

Above all, Jack loved his family. He was married to his devoted spouse, Janine Sweeten (née Paullin), for 30 years, a partnership grounded in love, loyalty, and shared joy. His warmth, humor, and kindness made him a steady presence and a source of comfort to those closest to him.

Jack is survived by his father Richard M. Sweeten (late Carol); his mother Thelma Graham (late Allen); his sister Nancy O'Donnell (Jim); his brother Jim Sweeten (Carolyn); and his special niece Tanya Carmona (Jesus), along with many cherished grand-nieces and nephews.

At Jack's request, services are private at this time. A celebration of his life will be announced at a later date, allowing family and friends to gather and honor the legacy he leaves behind.

Jack's memory lives on in the art he created, the music he loved, the work he took pride in, and the family who will forever hold him in their hearts.

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Kathleen Ann Brandt (July 2nd)

On June 24, 2026, Kathleen Ann Brandt (née Dickson), 70, passed away suddenly at her home in Gloucester City.

Born in Woodbury to the late John D. Dickson, Sr. and Anna T. Dickson (née Ashe), Kathleen was a lifelong resident of Gloucester City. She graduated from Gloucester High School with the Class of 1973 and went on to earn her Associate's degree.

Kathleen dedicated over 29 years of service as a secretary for the Gloucester City School District, where her familiar face and warm presence welcomed generations of students and staff. To know Kathleen was to know her vibrant spirit and love for life's simple pleasures. She took great pride in watching her grandchildren excel with their sports and extracurricular activities. Kathy thoroughly enjoyed hunting for treasures at yard sales, and loved arts and crafts. Above all else, she cherished her grandchildren, who brought immense joy to her life. Kathleen will also be fondly remembered for her uniquely endearing trait – always being lovingly, fashionably "late for everything."

She is survived by her loving children, Michael Burkhardt, Steven Burkhardt (Trish), Andrew Brandt (Eileen) and Jenna Brandt (Jenn); her cherished grandchildren, Domenica Chapman (Zack), Steven Burkhardt, Jr., Michael Burkhardt, III, Trevin Burkhardt, Ni'Asia Connelly and Bria Brandt; her devoted companion, Kenny Settar; her brother, John Dickson, Jr. (Alice); and her sisters, Peggy Chiodi (Randy) and Denise Robinson. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Kathleen was predeceased by her brother, David Dickson, and her sister, Barbara Ann Pollander (surviving Bruce).

Relatives and friends are invited to her viewing on Thursday morning, July 2, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, where her Funeral Service will be celebrated. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Kathy's memory to Susan G. Komen online at www.komen.org. Condolences and Memories may be shared at www.mccannhealey.com under the obituary of Kathleen Ann Brandt.

Kimberly Fletcher (July 2nd)

Kimberly E. Fletcher was born on June 7, 1968, to Sandra Pountney and the late Raymond Fletcher Jr.

Kim was a member of the Brooklawn United Methodist Church, where she attended evening services with her mom. She enjoyed her time when working at Manor Care in West Deptford, where she developed meaningful relationships with some of the residents. Kim found pleasure in feeding others. At Christmas time, Kim would bake large batches of various cookies with her mother and deliver these to residents of Manor Care and others in the community. She tried to make other holidays special as well by making and delivering cupcakes.

Kim loved her son Shawn and would sing "I knew I loved you before I met you" by the band Savage Garden to him as a child. When he was in school, Kim would bake for other children who weren't as fortunate on their birthdays. Kim also had a love of animals which inspired her to become a vegetarian, and had a special bond with the family cat, Pixie.

She is survived by her son Shawn Johnston, mother Sandra Pountney, two sisters, Cherie Lynch (Ed) and Shana Fletcher, three nieces and one great niece.

Relatives and friends attended Kim's visitation in the Brooklawn United Methodist Church, where her Funeral Service was celebrated. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Brooklawn United Methodist Church. Please write in memo, Kimberly E. Fletcher.

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Valerie Joyce Mason (July 2nd)

On June 3, 2026, at the age of 58, Valerie passed peacefully at AristaCare in Cherry Hill. Formerly of Cinnaminson. Survived by her daughters, Adrienne Hunt and Alexandra Mason; her longtime companion, Reginald Trent; Brothers, Michael Mason and Robert Mason, Jr. Predeceased by her parents, Robert Mason, Sr. and Barbara Mason. At the request of her family, services will be private.

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

Eileen A. Koontz (July 16th)

In the loving care of her family, Eileen A. Koontz, 66, passed peacefully on July 1, 2026, at home in Gloucester City.

Born in Camden to the late Edward P. Ryan, Sr. and Lorraine A. Ryan (nee Costello), Eileen was raised in Fairview and was a graduate of St. Joseph's High School, Class of 1978.

Loving wife of 31 years to James M. Koontz. Loving mother of Kelly Loebell (Ted). Beloved grandmother of Ayden, Emma and Evan. Loving sister of Edward Ryan (Susan), Robert Ryan (Kathleen) and Susan DeMaria (John). Beloved sister-in-law of Robert Koontz (Barbara). Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

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

In lieu of flowers, please remember Eileen with a donation to Samaritan Hospice

https://www.samaritannj.org/giving/donate-now/#1 or by mail to Samaritan Gift Processing Center, PO Box 71425, Philadelphia, PA 19176-1425. Please write in memo, Eileen A. Koontz.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.mccannhealey.com under the obituary of Eileen A. Koontz.

Timothy Durkin Brennan (July 16th)

Timothy "Tim" Durkin Brennan, age 78, passed away peacefully on July 7, 2026, in Voorhees Township, NJ.

Born in Camden to the late Thomas Brennan and Gladys Brennan (née Durkin), Tim was a longtime resident of Stratford. A proud graduate of Gloucester Catholic High School Class of 1965, Tim went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree from Rutgers University. He honorably served his country as a veteran of the Air National Guard. Tim spent his professional career working as an auditor for the State of New Jersey's Division of Taxation.

Outside of his professional life, Tim was a man of diverse interests. He loved playing racquetball, spending time at the shore and on the beach, and he had a passion for treasure hunting with his metal detector. He was an avid gardener who took pride in growing tomatoes and green beans, and he spent many joyful hours coaching and cheering at his kids' sporting events.

Tim shared 56 beautiful years of marriage with his beloved wife, Charlene E. Brennan (née Kelley). He was a devoted father to his sons, Mike Brennan (Michele) and Jon Brennan (Jeannine). He was also the cherished Pop-Pop of Rachel, Emily, Ava and Aidan Brennan.

Tim was predeceased by his parents, Thomas Brennan and Gladys Brennan (née Durkin), and his sister, Catherine Brennan, who passed away in 2017.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Tim's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at www.stjude.org/donate.

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

Augusta Lawson (July 23rd)

Augusta Lawson (nee Calloway), 93, longtime resident of Mount Ephraim passed away on July 11, 2026.

Born in Camden, Augusta graduated from Audubon High School. She worked for Juno Lighting in the Pureland Industrial Park in Swedesboro.

Augusta was predeceased by her beloved husband, Tommie as well as her five siblings, Duke, Harry, Bill, Doris and Elizabeth "Biff." Augusta is lovingly survived by her three sons, Tommie Jr. (Debbie), Charles (Cathy) and Ray (Teri); her grandchildren, Christopher (Kelly), Michelle (Shaun), Crystal (Joe), Tommie Joel, Ray, Danny and Kasey (Caryn); her great grandchildren, John, Kendra, Makylah, Calem, Avery, Jaelyn and Shaun; as well as many special nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Relatives and friends attended her viewing at the Healey Funeral Home, Haddon Heights, where her Funeral Service was celebrated. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Homeward Bound, 125 County House Road, Blackwood, NJ 08012, or online at: https://www.homewardboundnj.org/donate.

Jim DiAmore (July 23rd)

The Brooklawn Police Department is deeply saddened by the passing of Jim DiAmore, a longtime friend and unwavering supporter of our department and the Brooklawn community.

"For many years, Jim served our community as a trusted pharmacist, always greeting everyone with kindness, compassion, and a genuine willingness to help," BPD officers said. His dedication to caring for others extended far beyond his profession, touching the lives of countless families throughout Brooklawn.

"We extend our heartfelt condolences to Jim's family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. His legacy of service, compassion and community pride will continue to live on. Rest in peace, Jim."

Ruth Elbradey (July 30th)

On July 18, 2026, Ruth A. Elbradey (nee Fager), 69, returned home to the Lord. She was born on July 9, 1957 to Donald Fager Sr. and Ruth Armenia (nee Carr) in Camden. Ruth is remembered for her courage, intelligence and absolute love for her family.

She is survived by her brother, Charles Fager Sr. (Elisabeth); her daughter, Sarah Elbradey; her grandsons Mohamed and Ahmed Osman, as well as her nephews and cousins.

Ruth will also be remembered for her love of true crime books, music, ceramics and Jeopardy. She will be loved and missed by all who knew her.

Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later time.

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