

Gloucester City News Obituaries December 2019

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Deborah A. Bartley (Dec. 5th)

Be bright, sunny and positive. Spread seeds of happiness. Rise, shine and hold your head high. She was a wildflower in love with sunshine. Deborah A. Bartley was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend whose spirit led her where love is without borders.

All journeys have secret destinations in which the traveler is unaware. On Monday November 25, 2019, we let our balloon go, from Cooper Hospital in Camden, to touch the sky and forever fly in a place full of beauty, whimsy and wonder.

A mother's love remains infinite transcending from generation to generation. Debbie is survived by her mother Betty Baker (nee Hagan) and is the daughter of the late George Laute.

Debbie is the mother of Robert and his wife Jamie, Richard and his wife Veronica, Brooke and her husband Jason, Tara and her husband Stephen Vance, and Devan Thomas. She is the proud grandmother of Rick, Mason, Destiny, Jason, Riley, Jordyn, Nevaeh, Stephen, Kyle, Haley, Jasper, Robert, Ronnie, Ryan, Ryder, Rebecca, River, Richard, Alex, Jarid and Nash. She is also survived and will be sadly missed by her brother Harry and his late wife Denise Laute, Lisa and her husband Chris Mauser, and the late Georgeann Laute.

Debbie spent all of her 57 years in Gloucester City buying a lifetime supply of Avon products. She enjoyed crafts and passed her time knitting.

A Remembrance Ceremony for Deborah was held at Etherington & Creran Funeral Homes, 700 Powell St. Gloucester City.

The time-honored tradition of reuniting those we love with nature was held privately. Our hearts' journey touched the sky in a balloon release following our time together at the funeral home.

Stephen W. Flinn (Dec. 5th)

A Funeral Service will be held Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, with a visitation from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., for Stephen W. Flinn, 65, of Gloucester City, who passed away on November 25, 2019.

Loving husband of the late Fay D. Flinn (nee Martin). Beloved son of the late Raymond and Joan Flinn. Beloved brother of Dennis Flinn, Liz Dykie, Kevin Flinn, Joan Bohrer, Joyce Ann Buzby and Meg Boice. Cherished uncle of many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. Also survived by loving members of the Martin family and his dear friend, Ruth Ferry.

Steve was a quiet kid and quiet man with a passion for the outdoors! He was an environmentalist who had a love for kayaking in the pines, camping, hiking and his dogs; Wimpy, Major and Stewart. Steve also enjoyed traveling the USA by train to enjoy the beauty of this country.

He brought joy to many kids as Santa Claus. Steve had a deep love for his Fay, the love of his life, whom he missed each and every day. They are together again preparing to celebrate Fay's birthday on 11/30.

Steve was a member of Iron Workers Union 502 for over 40 years and was previously employed by Central Metals in Camden.

Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to the New Jersey Sierra Club, PO Box 269, Garwood, NJ 07027 or online at www.sierraclub.org/new-jersey.

Frank Serio (Dec. 5th)

A Funeral Mass was held at St. Teresa Church, Runnemede, for Frank Serio, 81, of Runnemede, who passed away peacefully at home on November 23, 2019.

Beloved son of the late Vincent and Angelina (nee DiTullio) Serio. Devoted brother of Michael Serio and the late Rose Klose. Loving brother-in-law of John Klose. Dear uncle of John Klose Jr. (Valerie) and Angela Gkonos (James). Great uncle of Haley, Abigail, Brittany and Andrew.

Frank proudly served in the US Army during the Vietnam era. Frank retired from the Philadelphia Police Department after 20 years of service and he was a member of the FOP.

Interment was at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Chews Landing.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede.

Hugo H. Stein (Dec. 5th)

A Funeral Service was held at the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, for Hugo H. Stein, 92, of Audubon Park, formerly of Bellmawr, who passed away on November 22, 2019.

Beloved husband of the late Anne (nee Daily). Devoted father of Hugo Stein, Jr. (Patty), Suzanne Slotterback (Jerry), Kathleen Egbert (Wes), Michael Gaffney and Erich Stein. Dear grandfather of CariAnne Slotterback and Marie Gaffney. Loving son of the late Harry and Marie Stein. Brother of Monika Garagon and the late Ida Desch.

Mr. Stein proudly served in the US Marine Corps for 20 years where he served as a drill instructor. He was a master machinist at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. In his free time, Mr. Stein enjoyed fishing and going to the casino.

Interment was private.

Family requests in lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Mr. Stein's memory to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

Lloyd C. Watkins (Dec. 5th)

Funeral Services were held at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, for Lloyd C. "Butch" Watkins, 78, of Gloucester City who passed away suddenly on November 22, 2019.

Born in Staten Island, NY, he is the son of the late, George and Martha (Domas) Watkins. Butch is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Mary J. Watkins (nee Farley); his children, Michael Watkins, Barbara (the late Deven) Lopez, David (Myra) Watkins; step-son, Jason (Christina) Jerome; sister, Catherine (Jim) Keichline; grandchildren,

Ashley Di Leonardo, Joseph (Leann) Bush, Sarah Bush, Steven Bush, Zita Watkins, David Watkins, II and Andrew Jerome.

Butch is also survived by his bothers-in-law, Bill (Louise) Donley, Tim (Liz) Jackson, Bob (Terry) Force, Tom (late wife Sue) Farley and numerous nieces, nephews and family in West Virginia, Ohio, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and all his friends from Bob's Little Sports Shop. He was predeceased by his siblings; George Watkins, Jr., Joan Ellen Mazzella, Isabell McKinney, Edna May Watkins, Lucy Watkins, William Watkins, Joseph Watkins and Mary Ellen Watkins.

Butch worked for many years as a pressman with Lehigh Press in Pennsauken.

Burial will be held privately at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Butch to the Msgr. Lucitt's Needy Children Christmas Fund: P.O. Box 87, Gloucester City, NJ 08030. Please write in memo: Lloyd C. Watkins.

Mae Elizabeth Monforte (Dec. 5th)

A Funeral Mass was held at Annunciation BVM Church, Bellmawr, for Mae Elizabeth Monforte, 99, of Bellmawr, who passed away on November 22, 2019.

Mae was born to Olivia and William Glemser in Camden NJ on May 19, 1920. This diminutive, dynamic lady lived her 99.5 years devoted to family, faith, friends and the Phillies. In 1938 Mae married Louis Rocco Monforte then centered her life around him and their sons, Louis (Carol) of Brooklawn, and Joseph (Pat) of Cave Creek, AZ. She adored her granddaughters Caroline Tisot, Marybeth Morrison, and Beth Kurta and her five great-grandchildren.

A spiritual woman, Mae was a founding and active member of St. Joachim Parish (formerly Annunciation BVM Church) who walked to daily Mass as long as she was able. Following her husband's death in 1999, Mae became a regular at the Bellmawr Senior Center. A faithful Phillies fan, she listened to their ballgames on the radio for 91 years. Mae will be missed by the multitude of those who loved her.

Interment was at St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede.

Patricia Ann Sampson (Dec. 5th)

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City, for Patricia Ann Sampson (nee Nolan), 89, of Gloucester City who passed away on November 28, 2019.

Loving wife of 59 years to the late Riley K. Sampson. Loving mother of Maryann Deacon, Patricia Sampson, Teresa Andrews, Betsy Sherrer (Karl), Kathleen Murchake and Gerald Sampson (Rose). Cherished grandmom of Nicole, William, Christina, Melissa, Dillon, Alyson, Jamie, Tommy, Madison, Julia and Leah. Predeceased by her nine brothers and sisters.

Pat was a graduate of Gloucester Catholic High School Class of 1948. She was a lifelong parishioner of St. Mary's Church.

Interment was at New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to St. Mary's Church, at the above church address. Please memo, Patricia Ann Sampson.

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

Sandra Lee Adams (Dec. 5th)

After a long illness with Parkinson's Disease, Sandra Lee Adams (nee Hannold) of Magnolia passed away on November 21, 2019.

Born July 12, 1955 in Woodbury, Sandra's parents were the late James Ernest Hannold and Mary Ellen (nee Pine) Hannold, past residents of Gloucester City and Magnolia.

Sandra, known as "Sandy," was married to Thomas R. Adams for 45 years, and is survived by her son Timothy James Adams and wife Missie, and her granddaughter, Elmira Adams of Magnolia. Sandy is also survived by her loving daughter, Jennifer Adams of Blackwood, brother in law Robert Adams of Audubon, his daughter Samantha Adams and son, Ben Adams, brother in law Ed Adams and his wife Kristi Petrarca Adams of Patchogue, NY, mother in law Catherine Adams, a past resident of Stratford.

Sandy is also survived by her two loving sisters, Mary Lou (nee Hannold) Adams and husband Bill Adams of Gloucester City, and Terri Lynn (nee Hannold) Taggart and husband Paul Taggart of Fort Myers FL; her goddaughter Michelle (nee Adams) Biehl and husband Kevin Biehl of Audubon. Sandy's godmother is Olive (nee Pine) Driscoll, and husband Joseph Driscoll of Bellmawr, and Aunt Lois (nee Hannold) Shelton of Runnemede, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Sandy was a professional guitar player and paralegal, and a member of The Association of Independent Music Publishers. She resided in California for 20 years and was well known and respected in the music business. She was a copyright administrator at GospoCentric Records in California. She was a former Miss Magnolia, and a lifetime member of The Magnolia Historical Society. She was a kind and compassionate person, and will be missed by all who knew her.

Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Lawrence Church, Lindenwold. Interment was at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Berlin.

Family requests memorial donations to Jazz Bridge, 4220 Main St. Box 1, Philadelphia, Pa, 19127, or donate online at jazzbridge.org.

Warren A. 'Tex' Theckston (Dec. 5th)

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, December 7, at 10:30 a.m., with visitation at 10 a.m., in St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City, for Warren A. "Tex" Theckston, 82, of Gloucester City, who passed away on November 26, 2019.

Born in Camden, he was predeceased by his wife, Jacqueline Taylor Theckston, and was the son of the late Howard and Caroline (nee Wiedeman) Theckston. Tex is survived by his loving children, James Theckston, Dorothy Passini (Dennis), Teresa Theckston and Jaqueline Sherriton (Brian); step-children, Gerald Sheridan, Eileen Nemeroff (David) and Kathy Chiodi (John); grandchildren, Nichole, Nicholas, and Edward Sheridan, Daniel Theckston, Matt Nemeroff, Katherine Bradley, Olivia, Joshua, Jenna and Philip Sherriton: brother, Howard Theckston, Jr.; and sister,

Carol Monforte. Tex was also predeceased by his step-children, Margaret Sheridan and Edward Sheridan; granddaughter, Heather Nemeroff, and his brother, Norman Theckston.

Tex was an entrepreneur in Florida and Gloucester City.

Burial will be held at a privately later date in New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Tex to help with his daughters needs thru: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/diggers-for-teresa> or sent to Mr. Frank Lopergolo, Detect America, 144 East Arbor Avenue, Vineland, NJ 08360, Attn: Diggers for Teresa Theckston, or to her sister: Jacqueline Sherriton, 820 NW 120 Avenue, Plantation, FL 33325.

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

Harry Wiltsey (Dec. 5th)

Private services and burial will be held at a later date for Harry Wiltsey, 77, of Gloucester City who, surrounded by his loving family, passed away on Nov. 25, 2019.

Loving husband of the late Kathleen Wiltsey. Cherished father of Harry Wiltsey, Jr., Christian Wiltsey (Lisa) and Jason Wiltsey (Jennifer). Devoted grandfather of Jason Wiltsey, Jr. Dear Brother of Thomas Wiltsey and Matilda Meloni.

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

David A. Baxter Jr. (Dec. 12th)

A Funeral Service was held at Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, for David A. Baxter Jr., 74, of Bellmawr, who passed away on December 2, 2019.

Reunited for eternity with his beloved wife, the late Helen (nee Buckholdt). Devoted father of Natalie Hartey and David A. Baxter III. Loving Pop-Pop of Caitlin, Shane, Erin, David IV, Steven, Matthew and Morgan.

Dear brother of Joan Bozarth. Loving uncle of Scott, Brian, and Susan.

Interment was at Arlington Cemetery, Pennsauken.

Eleanor DiGuiesppe-Giacobbe (Dec. 12th)

A Memorial Mass was held at St. Teresa Church, Runnemede, for Eleanor DiGuiesppe-Giacobbe, 67, who passed away at her home on December 2, 2019, with her family surrounding her.

Beloved wife of Joe Giacobbe. Devoted mother of Nicole Lund (Dan) and Len Rizzo. Loving grandmother of DJ Lund and EllieAnn Rizzo-Potts. Dear sister of Barbara, Anthony "Skip" and Maria. Step-mother of Joe Giacobbe and Karen Books. Step-grandmother of Sophia and Jake Books.

Ellie worked as a nurse most of her life. She was also a local business owner. Ellie loved music, especially the piano, the violin, and the Beatles. She loved art, antiques, dogs, and her family.

Friends and family celebrated her life at the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede.

Interment was private.

Elizabeth Landis (Dec. 12th)

A Prayer Service was held for Elizabeth M. Landis (nee Heering), 84, formerly of Bellmawr, who passed away on November 28, 2019.

Devoted wife of the late Harry M. Landis, Jr., who predeceased her on August 13, 2016, after 66 beautiful years of marriage. Loving mother of Harry M. Landis III (daughter-in-law Linda) of Blackwood, Keith T. Landis of Miami, FL, Mark A. Landis of Hammonton, and Eric M. Landis (daughter-in-law Helen) of Brooklawn. Proud grandmother of Jennifer Winstel (Ryan), Harry M. Landis IV (Christina), Lisa Gottlieb (David), Danielle Landis, Nicole Landis, Eric M. Landis, Jr. (Emily), and Gabrielle Landis; great-grandmother of Madison Winstel, Ryan Winstel, Jr., Kaelyn Winstel, Faith Landis, Mason Gottlieb, Connor Gottlieb, and Chase Gleason.

Dear sister of Lottie McNesby, Harriet Davis, the late Ludolf Heering, and the late Emil Heering. She is also survived by her former daughter-in-law Donna Leonetti, numerous nieces and nephews, as well as her very special niece, Lottie Bradley.

Elizabeth loved her family dearly and took great pride in caring for them and her home. She enjoyed being outside, particularly on the beach or tending to her gardens. She was an excellent cook and homemaker. Elizabeth had a knack for baking and could always be counted on to whip up a cake with special decorations. She was a talented crafter and decorator.

Interment at the Brig. General Wm. C. Doyle Veteran's Memorial Cemetery will take place privately at a later date.

Helen M. D'Abbraccio (Dec. 12th)

A Memorial Mass was held at Annunciation Church for Helen M. D'Abbraccio (nee McGhee), 71, of Bellmawr, who passed away on December 3, 2019.

Beloved wife of the late Mario D'Abbraccio. Devoted mother of Wayne MacManiman, Jr. (Catherine) and Elizabeth Colligan. Loving Nana of Caroline, Maura, Briget, Emily and Jessica. Dear sister of Robert McGhee (Patricia), Deborah DiVento (the late Mario), Karen Haralson (Tirrell) and Alfred Hindle (Loretta). Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Helen was a choir member at Annunciation BVM Church and former choir director at Mary, Mother of the Church.

Interment was private.

Family requests in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Helen's memory to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, ATTN: Donor Services, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX, 75266-0309.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede.

Helen M. Lewis (Dec. 12th)

A Funeral Mass was held at Annunciation Church, Bellmawr, for Helen M. Lewis (nee Nardone), 94, of Bellmawr, formerly of Wilkes-Barre, PA, who passed away on November 29, 2019.

Beloved wife of the late John F. Lewis, Sr. Devoted mother of Helen Marie Lewis (LeRoy Spurgeon), John F. Lewis, Mary Theresa Jablonski (Frank), and Jean Boyer (the late Chuck). Loving grandmother of Mary Theresa, Robert Francis, John Paul, Monique Danielle, Matthew Bryce, and the late William Daniel and great-grandmother of Mina Marie and Xavier William. Dear sister of Mary Grace Adamo, and the late William Nardone and Jean Pierog. Also survived by close friends James and Helen Miller, many nieces and nephews, and her faithful companion Herman.

Helen worked for the LARC School and St. John of God. She loved to cook, shop, and travel but most of all, enjoyed spending time with her family.

Interment was at New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Helen's memory to the Special Olympics NJ, 1 Eunice Kennedy Shriver Way, Lawrenceville, NJ, 08648.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede.

Steven Thomas James (Dec. 12th)

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City, for Steven Thomas "Worm" James, 56, of Gloucester City, who passed away on December 4, 2019.

Cherished son of the late William F. James and Rosemary James (nee Keoghan). Cherished brother of Therese (Mike) Smollock, late William P. James (surviving Virginia), Michael (Jo-Ann) James, Kathy James, Patrick James, Maria (Tom) Kerchersky, David James, Christopher James and Marybeth (Scott) Jeffries. Also survived by numerous loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins.

Steven was a lifelong resident of Gloucester City and a 1982 graduate of Gloucester City High School. He worked as a laborer for the Gloucester City Water Department from 2013-2019. Steven was a former coach for youth baseball and midget football in Gloucester City. He was a former volunteer firefighter in Gloucester City. Steve was a former member of the Broomall String Band. Most importantly, Steven was a kind and gentle soul with a super huge heart. He was always generous to his family and friends. Steven is now reunited with his beloved brother Bill, his dad and mom.

Interment was at New Saint Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

Family respectfully requests in lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Steven's memory to the Msgr. Lucitt's Needy Children's Christmas Fund: P.O. Box 87, Gloucester City, NJ 08030. Please write in memo: Steven Thomas James. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

Jean H. Kennedy (Dec. 12th)

A Funeral Service was held at the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, for Jean H. Kennedy (nee Heckman), 91, of Runnemede, who passed away on November 30, 2019.

Beloved wife of the late James J. Devoted mother of James Jr., Kelly, Michael (Rachel), and Tim (Terri). Loving grandmother of Sean (Emily), Lauren, Ryan, David, Nicole, and Meagan. Dear sister of Ralph Heckman and the late Ruthaleen, Mae, and Gary. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Jean was a member of Runnemede Senior Citizens and Trinity Lutheran Church. She was a volunteer at the Lutheran Home in Moorestown.

Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Trinity Lutheran Church, 200 E. Clements Bridge Road, Runnemede, NJ 08078.

Patricia Ann Fennimore (Dec. 12th)

A Private Service was held at the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, for Patricia "Pat" Ann Fennimore, 63, of Audubon, who passed away suddenly on Friday, November 29, 2019.

Patricia was a loving daughter, mother, and grandmother. She was born on March 29, 1957, to Miriam and Edward Laskas and was a graduate of Audubon High School Class of 1975.

On September 19, 1980, she gave birth to twin boys Chad and Shaun Fennimore. She worked for Live Message America/MAP Communications Inc. for over 20 years. On November 25, 2007 Shaun's daughter, Kendra Elizabeth, was born giving Pat's her first grandchild.

On March 19, 2016, Shaun and his wife Michelle (Lawson) Fennimore had their first child and Pat's second grandchild, Shaun Michael. Pat is also survived by her longtime companion, Joseph Stojansal, his daughter Jewelia Stojansal, and Joseph's family members.

Pat's true passion was spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and Joseph's family. Her second love was shared between "The Wizard of Oz" and Toby Keith. Her genuine kindness and empathy for others will be cherished by every person who cared and loved her. She valued every friendship/relationship she had. The endless feeling of love and support she gave others was as genuine as her life long selflessness. That compassionate spirit will live on with the countless people she touched.

In lieu of flowers the family request memorial contributions to the Salvatore W. Marchese II Education Fund, c/o TD Bank, 129 S. Black Horse Pike Runnemede, NJ 08078.

Richie Karban (Dec. 12th)

A Prayer Service was held for Richie Karban, 71, of Audubon Park, formerly of South Philadelphia, who passed away on December 4, 2019.

Son of the late Bennie and Ola Karban. Lovingly survived by his courageous wife and best friend, Helen (nee March); sister, Sis Kirby (the late Harry); daughter, Regina Ruccio (Robert); sons, Bob March and Richard Karban; grandchildren, Kyla (Adam), Robert, Alexandra, Alyssa, Michaela and Erin; and great grandson, Noah.

Richie loved his garden and visiting numerous racetracks and casinos.

Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the Joseph Karban Memorial Fund #3331, 2100 Main St., Suite 134, Stevens Point, WI, 54481.

Robert J. Hepner (Dec. 12th)

Funeral Services were held at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, for Robert J. "Headcase" Hepner, 65, of Gloucester City, who passed away on December 3, 2019.

Born in Fort Monmouth, he was the son of the late Mary Jane Hepner. He is survived by his beloved wife of 24 years, Maryanne (Raube) Hepner; loving children Jessica McNair (Rob), Lisa St.Clair (Lee), Kelly Reed (John), Roy Bond, Jr. and eight grandchildren.

Robert worked as a self-employed truck driver for many years before he joined Double K Transportation in Gloucester City five years ago. A true gear head, he loved to ride his Harley and will be missed by his riding buddies the "Wild Hogs, Lee St.Clair, Joel Italian, Tony Elam and Robert Dolbow.

Burial will be held at a privately later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Robert to the American Diabetes Association, 150 Monument Road, Ste. 100, Bala Cynwyd, PA, 19004, or the American Liver Foundation, Mid Atlantic Division, 1528 Walnut Street, Suite 2020, Philadelphia, PA, 19102.

Robert N. Smizer Sr. (Dec. 12th)

A Funeral Service was held for Robert N. Smizer Sr., 84, of Westville, who passed away on Sunday, November 24, 2019.

Bob will be remembered most by those who had the opportunity to know him as a hard worker. He was strong willed and independent. After spending much of his life around cars, whether it was attending Midget Racing events with his father and eventually becoming a mechanic, he proudly opened up his own business, Glenview Auto, where he refurbished and resold cars.

When not at his shop, fixing something or tending to his yard, Bob enjoyed spending time with his family and watching Nascar. Long drives on Saturdays and trips to the Depot Campground in Cape May were among some of Bob's most cherished things to do with his wife, Marie.

He is the beloved husband of 60 years to Marie E. Smizer (nee Gormley); devoted father to Robert Smizer, Jr. (Sherrie), Richard Smizer (Pamela), Jim Smizer (Kristine) and Stephen Smizer (Nichole); dear brother to Bonnie Winters (Henry), Ed Smizer (Pauline) and Dolly; loving grandfather to nine grandchildren and cherished great-grandfather to one great-grandchild.

Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Bob's name to the American Stroke Association, 1 Union St., Suite 301, Robbinsville, NJ 08691, www.strokeassociation.org.

Stephen P. McNulty Sr. (Dec. 12th)

A Funeral Service and Celebration of Life were held at McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, for Stephen P. McNulty Sr., 64, of Mount Laurel, formerly of Northeast Philadelphia, who passed away on December 1, 2019.

Loving husband of Patricia Cunningham-McNulty (nee O'Donnell). Beloved father of Stephen P. "Skip" McNulty, Jr., Ryan P. McNulty, Kenneth J. Cunningham, Jr., Samantha M. McNulty, Paige K. Cunningham and Chad T. Cunningham.

Cherished son of John L. McNulty, Sr., (wife Linda) and the late Barbara Rush (nee Miller). Loving brother of John L. McNulty, Jr. and Geneane Yourl (Tim). Beloved uncle of Peter Yourl. Beloved son-in-law of Thomas O'Donnell, Jr. and the late Kathleen O'Donnell. Beloved brother-in-law of Deborah Mulgrew (Joseph), Kevin O'Donnell (Vicki), Kelly Duffy (John), Michael O'Donnell (Denise) and Thomas O'Donnell (Ruth).

Steve was born and raised in Northeast Philadelphia and was a 1973 graduate of Abraham Lincoln High School. He proudly served our country in the U. S. Navy. Steve's interests included trains and boating.

Interment was private.

Stephen T. Pratt (Dec. 12th)

A Funeral Service was held at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, for Stephen T. Pratt, 64, of Gloucester City, who passed away on November 30, 2019.

Loving father of Stephen J. Pratt and Stephanie Pratt (fiancé Brandon Croker). Beloved brother of Edward Pratt, Donald Pratt and Iva DePoder. Predeceased by his parents John and Doris (Speyerer) Pratt; and his siblings, John Pratt Jr., Doris Korkowski, Robert Pratt and Valentine Pratt. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and his faithful grandpups Tiny, Tank and Suki.

Stephen was employed for over 30 years as a machinist for M&R Spring in Palmyra.

Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to the American Heart Association, 1 Union St #301, Robbinsville Twp., NJ, 08691.

Louise Fowler (Dec. 19th)

Funeral Services were held at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, for Louise Fowler (nee Hickson), 73, of Gloucester City, who surrounded by her family at home, passed away on December 11.

Loving and devoted wife of 24 years to Earl T. Fowler, Sr. Loving mother of Michelle and Thomas Quinn, Dawn and Vincent Digiacommo, Stephanie and John Bryszewski, Kimberly and Michael Morrell and Earl Jr. and Kelliann Fowler.

Cherished grandmother of Megan Cairns (Mike), Erin Boyle (Kevin), Thomas Quinn III (Jordan), Derick Fowler (Ashley), Amber Digiacommo, Vincent Digiacommo Jr., Dominick Digiacommo, Samantha Bryszewski, John Bryszewski, Jr., Hannah Bryszewski, Michael Morrell, Colin Morrell, Earl Fowler III, Abigail Fowler and Wyatt Fowler. Cherished great grandmother of Olivia, Sophia, Anastasia, Ethan, Delaney, Thomas IV, Blake, Brianna, CJ, Max and Junior.

Beloved sister of Susan Allcott, Lynn Verlander and sister-in-law of Jerry. Predeceased by her sister, Joyce Conover and her brother, Louis Hickson. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Interment was at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Hurffville.

In lieu of flowers donations are requested to SCUCS, 537 W. Nicholson Rd, Audubon, NJ 08106. Please memo, Louise A. Fowler.

Louise B. Smith (Dec. 19th)

The Celtic tree of life symbolizes strength, a long life and wisdom. Its roots are firmly planted deep into the soil of generations past and its branches reach skyward, to touch the heavens, connecting this life to the next. For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose.

Consider the trees and how easily they let go of the season's bounty. Louise B. Smith (nee Bascon) faced the path of time for 92 years. She believed in her roots, her heritage and connected her generations. On Thursday, July 28, 1927, Louise came to this world as a tourist. She enjoyed life, went sightseeing, did good deeds and left us on Wednesday, December 4, 2019. To the world you are a mother but, to your family, you are our world.

Louise's formative years were planted in Canton, NY. She had spent her early years there and was an integral part of her children's lives. She was a den mother and had been a part of the cub scouts and boy scouts. At home she enjoyed being mom, baking and cooking. Louise researched and studied her genealogy, her family history and was able to travel the world pursuing it in the old country through Europe, Ireland in particular.

Ralph Waldo Emerson had said "...It's not the length of life but the depth..." Louise filled her life with her family, her late husband Paul and her late son Terry.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her son Ronald and his wife Phyllis, as well as her daughter-in-law Joyce Smith. She is the proud grandmother of Terry, Jr. and his wife Danielle, Jaclyn and her husband Tom Mansell, and Kyle Smith.

Burial and love's reunion will be held privately in a place where she will always have her name, where a life infused with love reaches beyond time. It is there that generations to come will find a connection to their roots and feel the sense of belonging to a greater force called family.

As an expression of sympathy and in lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society 1851 Old Cuthbert Rd. Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 www.cancer.org or to The American Heart Association 1 Union St. #301 Robbinsville, NJ 08691 www.heart.org The goodbye experience was co-created with Creran Celebration Etherington & Creran Funeral Homes, 700 Powell St., Gloucester City.

Michael Malinowski Sr. (Dec. 19th)

A Funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Morton, PA, for Michael Christopher Malinowski Sr., 40, of Morton PA, formerly of Gloucester City, who passed away suddenly on December 3, 2019.

He was predeceased by his father Robert Malinowski Sr. Survived by his cherished wife Melissa (nee Aglidian) Malinowski; adoring children, Harper, Cooper, Matthew, Michael Jr., and Bailey Malinowski; his beloved mother Lucille (nee Pratz) Malinowski; loving brother of Robert Jr., and Theresa Malinowski; his in-laws, Sally and Hans Aglidian, Thomas Aglidian (Maureen) and Shannon Hollar (Alex).

Mike was a 1997 graduate of Gloucester City High School where he played football, baseball and ran track. In his teenage years he began his volunteer work with the Gloucester City Fire Department, Pine Grove Station 52 and 54, and ended his tour as a Captain in 2015.

Mike became captain of the Morton-Rutledge Fire Company 13 in 2019, and was on the Board of Directors. He did training and fundraising for the department, which included, horseshoe tournaments, spaghetti dinners and an Aunt Mary Pat benefit. He absolutely loved the department more than anything else and would do anything for anyone who needed it.

He enjoyed carpentry and helped fix up the crew room and the firefighter memorial located at the fire company. He was handy and built patio chairs and a table for his home. Mike loved to cook and barbeque. He would not only cook for the crew and for his family, but for the last two summers he would BBQ for the Knowlton Swim Club to raise money for the swim team.

Mike was a Disney, Star Wars and Marvel fanatic. He had seen every Marvel movie. His favorite character was the Punisher. Mike and his wife Melissa were married in 2015, then had a ceremony at Canada in EPCOT and a honeymoon at Disney World in April 2017. He worked for the Meizinger Construction Service, Inc. and Mission BBQ in Springfield.

Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers contributions in his name can be made to the Morton- Rutledge Fire Company 38 Alfa Terrace Morton, PA 19070.

Theodore S. Wypych (Dec. 19th)

A Funeral Service was held at Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, for Theodore S. Wypych, 76, of Bellmawr, formerly of Camden, who passed away on December 10, 2019.

Beloved husband of the late Joanne (nee Olesiewicz). Devoted father of Marie-Ellen (Greg), Lisa (Paul), Suzanne (Michael), Deborah (Michael) and Nancy (Richard). Loving Dziadzi of Alexandria (Nick), Corinne (Julio), Kelsey, Samantha (Alex), Theodore John and Camryn, and great grandfather "Big D" of Gavin. Brother of the late Nicholas. Also survived by nieces, nephews, and many friends and acquaintances.

Theodore was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was co-owner of Specialty Wire Works in Camden and retired from Rapid Forms. His friends knew him as "Teddy Crocker" for his love of baking. Theodore loved his family fishing trips, scratch-offs, and enjoyed his happy hour at Benedict's Place. He loved to talk on the phone, and particularly enjoyed weekly conversations with Paul.

Interment was at New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Theodore's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Virginia G. Giacobbe (Dec. 19th)

A Funeral Mass was held at St. Rose of Lima Church, Haddon Heights, for Virginia G. "Ginny" Giacobbe (nee Vernamonti), 86, of Mount Ephraim, who passed away on December 9, 2019.

Beloved wife of 66 years of Dominic Giacobbe. Devoted mother of Charles (Linda), Christopher (Pamela), Thomas (Margaret), James (Lisa), Dominic (Jackie), Elaine Colton (Paul) and William Rodgers. Loving grandmother of 15 and great grandmother of four. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Giacobbe was a member of the PTA in the Mt. Ephraim schools. She was also a volunteer for Mt. Ephraim midget football and little league.

Entombment was at New St. Mary's Mausoleum, Bellmawr.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Gardner Funeral Home, 126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede.

Dianne E. DeMore (Dec. 26th)

Funeral Services will be celebrated Saturday, Dec. 28, at 11 a.m., with visitation from 10 to 11 a.m., at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City, for Dianne E. DeMore, 68, of Brooklawn, formerly of Gloucester City, who passed away on December 18, 2019.

Born in Camden, she was the daughter of the James William Hilliard. Dianne is survived by her beloved mother, Catherine Sturgis; loving children, Edward DeMore, John DeMore, James DeMore (Margaret), Elizabeth Scargle (Bill), David DeMore (Dawn), Charles DeMore (Jennifer), Jessica Cutuli (Carmen) and Tammi Brewer (John).

She is also survived by 22 grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and her sisters, Rosemary Hilliard, Isabella Hilliard and Mildred Wallace. Dianne was predeceased by her husband, Edward DeMore, on July 31, 1984, and her brothers, William Hilliard, Jr. and John Hilliard.

Dianne worked for many years as a sorter with Evergreen Post Press in Bellmawr.

Her urn will be buried on Thursday, Jan. 2, at 9 a.m. in Union Cemetery, Gloucester City.

Francis 'Frank' J. Keith (Dec. 26th)

Mass of Christian Burial was held at Annunciation Church, Bellmawr, for Francis "Frank" J. Keith, 57, of Brooklawn, who passed away on December 16, 2019.

Loving and devoted husband of 27 years to Joan Keith (nee Murphy). Loving father of Michael J. Keith and Emily E. Keith. Cherished son of the late John and Rita Keith. Beloved brother of Michael J. Keith (Addie) and the late Delores Ward (surviving Tom). Dear brother-in-law of Debbie Mason, Michael Murphy (Marie), Jerry Murphy (Sherle) and the late Peggy Ribchinsky (late Mike). Cherished son-in-law of Anna Murphy and the late Gerald Murphy. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Frank was a graduate of Gloucester Catholic High School. He worked over 25 years in transportation for Virtua Hospital of Voorhees. Frank was a proud member for over 30 years in the Sons of American Legion Squadron 72 in Brooklawn. He was a Past Squadron Commander in the Sons of the American Legion for 11 years and Squadron Adjutant for 30 years. He volunteered many years as a coach for the Gloucester City Mustangs and baseball and softball in Brooklawn.

Relatives, friends and members of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 72 attended his viewing Dec. 22 at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth St., Gloucester City.

Interment was at New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

Memorial donations may be made to The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Foundation, P.O. Box 781352, Philadelphia, PA 19178-1352. Please memo, Francis J. Keith.

John Middleton (Dec. 26th)

A Funeral Ceremony was held at Creran Celebration Etherington & Creran Funeral Homes, 700 Powell St., Gloucester City for John “Jack” Middleton, 80, of Gloucester City, who passed away on December 15, 2019 at Inspira Medical Center in Woodbury.

He was a peaceful man who died peacefully in the presence of his brothers.

John J. Middleton was often seen riding his bicycle through the streets of Gloucester City. He worked as a janitor for the City of Camden for over 30 years. John is the son of the late John (Emma Vorndran), brother of Ronald (Barbara), Raymond (Ruth), and William Middleton. He is also survived and will be sadly missed by his dear friends Barbara and Gloria, as well as his many nieces and nephews.

Interment and graveside tribute was at Cedar Grove Cemetery, Gloucester City.

Patricia A. Whittaker (Dec. 26th)

Take advice from the ocean; be sure (shore) of yourself, come out of your shell, take time to coast, avoid peer (pier) pressure, see (sea) life's beauty, don't let the tide down, and make waves. The most beautiful stones have been tossed by wind, smoothed and polished by water. Just like those stones, we too have been polished by the gifts of our mother – the wisdom of her years, the strength of her values and the patience of her understanding.

Patricia A. Whittaker (nee Mondile) was the pillar of her family. She was strong, smart, crafty and passionate. Cooking barefoot was only one of her several superpowers. She was action, emotion and devotion.

Seeing death as the end of life is seeing the horizon as the end of the ocean. It is there that a comforting sense of peace and well-being flows from these living waters. Soft reflections and memories of our special times. On Sunday December 1, 2019, Pat had reached the horizon and after 69 years, we turned her over from time to eternity.

Mrs. Whittaker was born in Camden and had raised her family in the Delair section of Pennsauken for over 20 years. Some old fashioned things are hard to beat and a little bit of country is good for your soul. Of all the paths she took in her life, the old dirt road took Pat and her husband Jim to 31 acres in Wading River.

Her career path kept her moving right along, working as a registered in-home and visiting nurse. She had contributed to the benevolence of our nation's veterans and had been a longtime member of the Amvets Post 101 Ladies Auxiliary in Pennsauken. Most of all she liked getting her feet dirty camping and her bottom wet on the boat.

She gives you life. She gives you respect, love and gratitude. She believes in you, will nurture you and fight for you. Pat is the widow of her late husband James and is the mother of Charlene Francis and her husband Richard, Charles Hunter and Theresa Hunter. She is the proud grandmother of Melissa Francis, Tina and her husband Andrew Rosenman, Richard and his wife Erin Francis, Jr. and great grandmother of Jacob Francis, Liam and Hanna Rosenman. She is also survived and will be sadly missed by her sister Helen and her husband Jim Johnson, Kathy Hickman and Leonard and his late wife Barbara Mondile.

Love is like a candle. Though it may light a thousand more candles, its flame is never diminished. Burn what is left of me and scatter my ashes to the wind. The time-honored tradition of reuniting those we love with nature was held privately. If you must bury something, let it be my faults and weaknesses.

The goodbye experience was co-created with Creran Celebration Etherington & Creran Funeral Homes, 700 Powell St., Gloucester City.

Rocco V. D'Aversa (Dec. 26th)

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City, for Rocco V. D'Aversa, 95, of Mt. Ephraim, who passed away December 13, 2019 with his children by his side at Elmwood Hills Healthcare Center in Blackwood after fighting a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Husband of the late Marie D'Aversa (nee Scarduzio). Beloved father of Leon D'Aversa of Mt. Ephraim and Darlene (Carl Jr.) Capasso of West Deptford. Beloved grandfather to Joseph (Lauren) Capasso Cape Coral, Fl. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Rocco was a U.S. Army veteran. He retired from Campbell Soup company after 25 years of service, a job he loved to go to every day. He enjoyed raising and racing homing pigeons with his best friend Joe. He enjoyed fishing every summer, golfing, the casino, gardening and spending a shore vacation with his daughter and grandson.

Interment was at New St. Mary Cemetery, Bellmawr.

Contributions in Rocco's name may be made to Alzheimer's Association South Jersey regional office 3 Eves Dr., Suite 310 Marlton, New Jersey 08053 Phone: 856-797-1212.

Shari M. Piriz (Dec. 26th)

Burial will be held privately at a later day for Shari M. Piriz, 58, of Voorhees, formerly of Marlton, who passed away on December 16, 2019.

Devoted daughter of the late Harry and Arlene Lefkowitz (nee Smith). Cherished brother of Steve Lefkowitz (Beth). Devoted aunt of Matt Lefkowitz.

Honoring her wishes, there will be no viewing or services.

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