

Gloucester City News Obituaries January 2018

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GEORGE WILLIAM SMITH (Jan. 4th)

Honoring his wishes no funeral services have been held for George William Smith, 77, of Brevard, North Carolina, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on December 27, 2017; surrounded by family and friends, following a short illness.

George was born in Camden, New Jersey on November 8, 1940 to George William Smith Sr. and Evelyn Mary Smith (Quinn). He graduated from Gloucester City High School in 1960.

George was married to Barbara A. Smith (Jones) on September 10, 1960; they were married 57 years. George was the owner of Superior Pizza in Westville, New Jersey for several years before he retired from General Electric. After retiring from General Electric, he and his wife Barbara moved to Ft. Myers, Florida and owned Alpha Chem-Dry Carpet Cleaning with their son Brian. Upon his passing, George resided in Brevard, North Carolina with his wife Barbara. George fervently studied Christian apologetics and was passionate about spreading the Gospel to future generations.

George was preceded in death by his daughter Donna Smith. He is survived by his wife Barbara, daughter Barbara Tumolo (Bruce), and son Brian Smith (Melissa). He is also survived by his granddaughters Stephanie and Amanda; grandsons Shawn, Gavin, Andrew, Dylan and Shane; brother Edward Smith; and sister Gail Kay.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Brevard Wesleyan Church, 583 N. Broad Street, Brevard, North Carolina, 28712.

HELEN I. MACBRIDE (Jan. 4th)

Funeral services were held at Gardner Funeral Home, 126 South Black Horse Pike, Runnemede for Helen I. MacBride, 89, of Mt. Ephraim who passed away on December 28, 2017.

Beloved wife of the late George MacBride. Devoted mother of Nancy Schiavo (Michael). Loving grandmother of Christina Perozzi (John), and Michael Schiavo (Lauren). Great grandmother of John, Tyler, Leah, Julianna and Maci. Dear sister of the late Peggy O'Connor. Also survived by cousins, nieces and nephews.

Interment Woodbury Memorial Park, Woodbury.

Donations to the Samaritan Healthcare & Hospice, 5 Eves Drive, Suite 300, Marlton, NJ 08053.

JOSEPH J. CUCINOTTI (Jan. 4th)

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Joachim Parishes, Bellmawr for Joseph J. Cucinotti, 89, of Gloucester who passed away peacefully on December 27, 2017.

Beloved Husband of Gilda M. (nee Acconciamesa) Cucinotti for Sixty-Seven years. Devoted Father of Joseph J. Cucinotti (Deb), & Linda Kenney (Ken). Loving Grandfather of Joseph (Renee), Kevin (Hannah), Amanda (Tim) & Brittany. Loving Great Grandfather of Gianna, Elizabeth, & Elijah. Also many Nieces and Nephews.

Interment New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

Family requests in lieu of flowers donations to the American Diabetes Association, 1060 Kings Hwy. N. # 309 Cherry Hill, N.J. 08034 or the Alzheimer's Association, Delaware Valley Chapter, 399 Market St. Suite 102, Phila. Pa.19106,

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Mahaffey-Milano Funeral Home, 711 E. Kings Highway, Mt. Ephraim.

JULIA M. VETTER (Jan. 4th)

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 29 at 11 a.m. at Gardner Funeral Home, 126 South Black Horse Pike, Runnemede for Julia M. Vetter, 69, of Bellmawr (nee Harris) who passed away on December 24, 2017.

Beloved wife of the late Craig. Devoted mother of Brian DeRock (LeeAnn), Julie Abbonizio (Art), Chris Vetter, John Vetter (Jen), Joe Vetter (Judy), Dave Vetter (Ann), and the late Tommy DeRock. Loving grandmother of Ryan, Shawn, Shana, John, Jacob and Brian. Dear sister of Eleanor Welsh (Larry) and Ralph Harris (Terry). Also survived by many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Julia enjoyed playing the accordion since she was a child.

There will be a viewing from 9-11a.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Interment Bethel Cemetery, 481 Delsea Drive, Sewell, NJ 08080.

ANNA MAY QUINTON (Jan. 4th)

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City for Anna May Quinton, 86, of Gloucester City (nee Greenan) who passed away on December 28, 2017.

Loving wife of 65 years to the late Frank Quinton, Jr. Loving mother of Anna (James) Summers, Frank (Joan) Quinton III, Kathleen (John) Koc, Virginia (William) James, Joseph (Deanna) Quinton, Barbara (Jeffrey) Creato, Judith Arthur, Carolyn (John) Monteleone. Predeceased by her daughters, Janice Nichols and Patricia Underwood; sister, Virginia Hawe and brother, Peter Greenan. Cherished grandmother of 28 and great-grandmother of 26. Survived by many nieces and nephews.

Anna was born and raised in Camden City. She graduated from Camden City High School Class of 1949. Anna was a longtime resident of Gloucester City and parishioner of St. Mary's R.C. Church. She was a member of the Gloucester City Art Club and enjoyed painting, crocheting, making floral arrangements and crafting. Interment New Saint Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

Family requests in lieu of flowers donations to, American Cancer Society, 1851 Old Cuthbert Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

Funeral Arrangements were entrusted to McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth Street, Gloucester City.

CLAIRE A GIROUARD (Jan. 11th)

Memorial services will be held Friday, January 12 at 7 p.m. at the McGuinness Funeral Home, 34 Hunter Street, Woodbury for Claire Anne Girouard, 47, of Thorofare, who passed away on January 6, 2018 surrounded by her loved ones.

A loving and caring wife, mother and daughter, Claire was devoted to her entire family. She cherished her time with them and loved to cook for them...some of their favorites being potato leek soup, crabs, clams and spaghetti, steak kabobs and chicken cutlets. When the family had parties, everyone looked forward to her warm and friendly personality. Claire shared her great sense of humor with everyone. Claire was young at heart and enjoyed playing the claw machine, 8 ball pinball and loved to be at the beach. Her talent for interior design was envied by many and her beautiful touches were found all throughout her home.

Beloved wife of 26 years to Joseph Sr.; cherished mother of Joseph Jr., Mitchell, Christopher and Ciara; loving daughter of Claire Lorraine (nee Heimerl) and the late, David Haines; loving sister of Dave, Jr.; dear daughter in law of Elizabeth (nee Smith) and the late Rudolph J. Girouard. Claire is also survived by her step mother, Charlene Haines, many loving in laws, nieces, nephews and her beloved dog, Sam.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Claire's visitation on Friday, 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to St. Christopher's Hospital for Children at www.scfchildren.org.

DONALD J. KAVANAUGH SR. (Jan. 11th)

Funeral services were held at Gardner Funeral Home, 126 South Black Horse Pike, Runnemede for Donald J. Kavanaugh, Sr. "Don", 80, of Bellmawr, who passed away peacefully on January 1, 2018.

Preceded in death by his devoted wife of 50 years, Dorothy J. Kavanaugh (nee Koczur). Loving father of Donald, Jr. (Kimberley), Thomas (Stacey) and Wayne. Caring grandfather of Zachary, Matthew, Ryan, Kyle, Ryan and Danielle. Preceded in death by his father Joseph Kavanaugh, his mother, Evelyn Braun and his sister, Joan Galt. Don was born in Norristown, Pa. He served in the Army from 1956 to 1958 as a Helicopter mechanic. Don was a truck driver by trade and even owned his own dump truck at one time. He worked for St. Johnsbury Trucking Company for 27 years and was a member of Teamsters local 676.

Don was an active member of the Democrat Club in Mount Ephraim, serving as President in the 70s, and had earned the recognition of being a lifetime member. He also was a member of the Knights of Columbus and served as Color Corp.

Don enjoyed watching wrestling and westerns. He was a member of different leagues, such as bowling, shooting darts and shooting pool.

Interment private at the request of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Lighthouse Hospice, 1040 Kings Highway, North, Suite 100, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

BRIAN ELLIS (Jan. 11th)

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City for Brian Ellis, 37, of Gloucester City who passed away on December 27, 2017.

Loving father of Alexia Marie Ellis and Danica Olivia Ellis. Cherished son of Michael J. Ellis and Bethany Ellis (nee Taylor). Beloved brother of Michael D. Ellis, Lisa Lynn Ellis, Teresa Michelle Ellis and Shawn Madjewski. Also survived by many loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

Brian loved working with his hands. You could always find him in the driveway working on cars or putting swing sets together. If there was anything to do outside he was there doing it. When summer came around, the beach is where you could find him, soaking up the sun and listening to music. If he wasn't doing that than he was teaching his daughters to ride the waves. Brian had a great big heart and was willing to help anyway he could.

Interment will be private.

Funeral Arrangements were entrusted to McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth Street, Gloucester City.

ANNA K. FARRELL (Jan. 11th)

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Church, 426 Monmouth Street, Gloucester City for Anna K. Farrell, 86, of Southampton and formerly of Gloucester City who passed away on January 2, 2018.

Anna Kathleen Farrell was born in Lindenwold, on June 24, 1931. A resident of Somerdale, she was a 1950 graduate of Haddon Heights High School and married Stephen J. Farrell in 1953. Most recently, a resident of Leisuretowne in Southampton, she was a former resident of Gloucester City from 1953 to 2009.

Predeceased by her husband, Stephen J. Farrell in 2010 and sons, John J. Farrell in 1966 and Stephen M. Farrell in 2016.

Survived by her daughter, Kathleen A. Farrell (Elizabeth J. Carroll), sons Joseph J. Farrell (Bonnie Pirolli Farrell) and Paul J. Farrell (Denise Barker Farrell), her daughter-in-law, Paula Theleen Farrell and her grandchildren, Megan T. Farrell, Stephen C. Farrell, Devon M. Farrell, Amanda G. Farrell, Sean M. Farrell, Ryan C. Farrell and Conor J. Farrell.

Interment New Saint Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Visiting Nurse Association of Ocean County: 800 Main Street, Suite 210, West Orange NJ 07052.

Funeral Arrangements were entrusted to McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth Street, Gloucester City.

HARRY MONROE (Jan. 11th)

Funeral services were held for Harry G. Monroe, 99, of Bellmawr, who passed away on December 28, 2017.

Harry worked as a punch press operator for the Cutler Metal Company of Camden. He served in the US Army during WWII. Harry enjoyed bingo; going to the casino and the racetrack. Beloved husband of the late Mildred. Survived by his son Harry F. {Ann}; 3 daughters Ester {Philip} Patello; Joan {Joseph} Zinkouski and Helen {William} Belka; 14 grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

RITA A. FLYNN (Jan. 11th)

Funeral Mass was held at St. Joachim Parish, Bellmawr for Rita A. Flynn, (nee Rizzio), 93, of Mt. Ephraim, formerly of Bellmawr who passed away on January 1, 2018.

Beloved wife of the late John Rowello. Devoted mother of Joseph A. Longo (Jody) and the late Steve Rowello. Caring mother in law of Norma Rowello. Loving grandmother of Jennifer, Jesse, John Paul, Jason, Lauren and Samantha. Great grandmother of Samuel, Celia, Emily, Benjamin, Julie, Wesley, Jackson, Marlene, Scarlett, Olivia, Jaxson, and Lucas. Sister of the late Angie, Mary, Anne, Dorothy, Anthony, and John. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Rita loved to travel and enjoyed dancing, singing, music, and elephants. Rita had a spirited personality and a sense of fun especially with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Interment New St. Mary's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Liver Foundation, 1528 Walnut St., Suite 2020 Philadelphia, PA 19102.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Gardner fuernal Home, 126 South Black Horse Pike, Runnemedede.

ROY WILKINS (Jan. 11th)

Roy Wilkins, 84, of Gloucester City passed away December 31, 2017. Roy was a U.S. Navy Veteran and loved living in Gloucester City for many years. He had a passion for cars. Roy loved to eat at the Gateway Diner and Black Horse Diner. We will miss you dearly, and you will always be in my heart. Junior knows you will be looking down on us.

All my love, Joann

ROY WILKINS (Jan. 11th)

I'm writing this with a heavy heart. Roy you were very special to my family. We were very sad to get the call on 1/31/2017 of your passing. For the last 3 years we brought in the New Year together. U always saying " Don't let the big guy know but give me my good luck kiss". Roy please always look over our family as we will keep the memories from the last 6 years we have known you close to our hearts. You were a great man and not a sole on earth could say different. We wish we could of got to say goodbye but goodbye is forever. So with that being said see you later pal. We love and miss u dearly so don't forget that. Until we all meet again u live up ur dreams u didn't get a chance to here on earth.

Love you forever and a day,
Ur main man (Chris), Chrissy, Ur girl (Tyra), and Kayla.
(Joann Zanetich's family)

WILLIAM E. SCHEMEL (Jan. 11th)

Funeral services were held at Mahaffey-Milano Funeral Home, 11. E. Kings Highway, Mt. Ephraim, for William E. Schemel, "BILL", 92, of Mt. Ephraim who passed away peacefully at home on January 2, 2018.

Beloved Husband of Peggy (nee Herman) Schemel. Devoted Father of Kathy (Tom) Taraschi, Sue (Mike) Carrocino & Dawne (Matt) Johnson. Loving Grandfather of Stephanie, Ryan, Michelle, Scott (Lindsey), Alex, Matt & Julie. Dear Brother of the late Ray Schemel and Lynn Hughes.

Mr. Schemel was a member of the S.J. Enduro Riders, Camden Co. President for the State Federation of Sportsman's Clubs, & a member of the Retreat Hunting Club. Also a member of the Square Circle Sportsman Club, and retired from Local 454.

"UNCLE BILL" was very much devoted to spending time with his family & friends including the great times in Cape May.

LINDA CRATE (Jan. 25th)

Graveside services were held at Laurel Lawn Cemetery for Linda Crate, 68, of Camden City who passed away on January 13, 2018.

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

FRANK J. CICCHINI (Jan. 25th)

Funeral services will be held at Gardner Funeral Home, 126 South Black Horse Pike, Runnmede on Thursday, January 25 at 11 a.m. for Frank J. Cicchini, 86, of Mt. Ephraim. Who passed away on January 20, 2018.

Beloved husband of the late Edna (nee Schomber). Devoted father of Virginia Cicchini (John), Francine Wood (Joe), and Toni Scardino (Mike). Stepfather of Gail Sprague (Clinton), Carol Hultz (George), and the late Robin Fayer. Loving grandfather of 9 and great grandfather of 12. Dear brother of the late Nancy Harrington. Also survived my many nieces and nephews.

Frank proudly served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict.

There will be a viewing on Thursday from 9am to 11am at the funeral home.

Interment New St. Mary's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations to Regal Heart Hospice at 1032 W Collings Ave, Oaklyn, NJ 08107.

JOANNE E. HARDYMON (Jan. 25th)

Catholic Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, January 24, 8 p.m. at McCann-Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth Street, Gloucester City for Joanne E. Hardymon, 75, (nee Loungo), of Audubon Park who passed away on January 21, 2018.

Joanne was born in Camden City and was the daughter of the late Anthony L. and Anna J. Loungo. Devoted mother of John, Deborah Sosi, Mark A. (Kelly) and Anthony Hardymon. Dear Sister of Joseph W. Loungo, Sr. (Peg) and the late Ida Watkins. Loving grandmother of Mark, Anthony, Samantha, Heather and Angelina. Beloved great-grandmother of 5. Survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited on Wednesday, 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Cremation and Inurnment private at New Saint Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

Memorial Donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital: P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis TN. 38101 – 9908 or online at www.stjude.org/tribute. There will also be St. Jude Tribute Envelopes provided at the viewing for memorial donations.

JOSEPH R. WARD (Jan. 25th)

Funeral services were held at McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth Street, Gloucester City for Joseph R. Ward, 57, of Wenonah who passed away on January 15, 2018.

Survived by daughters, KatieMae Dierker (Daniel) and Jaclyn M. DeRisi (David); grandchildren, Beau and Grace; father, William H. Ward, Jr.; siblings, Bill, Margie (Ken), and Betsy; cousin Carol Marol and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his mother, Margaret Ward (nee Hatty).

Joe was a graduate of GCHS '78 and 25 year letter carrier in Clementon. He enjoyed fishing, boating, crabbing and an avid Eagles fan who loved attending games with his brother Bill.

Interment New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

ROBERT J. KAIN (Jan. 25th)

Religious services were held for Robert J. Kain "Bobby", 63, of Gloucester City who passed away on January 17, 2018.

Loving father of Robert F. Kain of Gloucester and Madison "Maddie" Kain of Gloucester. Beloved son of Robert W.J. Kain and Ruth M. (nee Brill) of Deptford. Brother of Maureen Underwood (Harry) of W. Deptford, Theresa Kain-Henry (Tom) of W. Deptford, Vincent Kain (Beth) of Glassboro, Julia McHenry (Patrick) of Gloucester, Ronnie Kain (Pat) of Deptford, Edward Kain (Cathy) of Somerdale and Marie Poloney (Adam) of Pitman. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Bobby was a 1972 Gloucester Catholic High School graduate and a longtime bartender at The Shamrock Café in Wildwood, NJ. He had a great sense of humor and was a Huge Philadelphia Sports Fan.

Interment New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers donations to the family, c/o Edward Kain.

PAULINE M. SHINAULT (Jan. 25th)

Memorial services were held at Etherington-Creran Funeral Home, 700 Powell Street, Gloucester City for Pauline M. Shinault, 43, (nee Cowgill) who passed away peacefully on January 16, 2018.

Beloved wife of Jonathan A. Shinault. Cherished mother of Jonathan A., Jr. Loving daughter of Mary Collins (nee Beebe) and the late Phillip Cowgill. She was the dear sister of Keith Cowgill and is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Born and raised in Gloucester City, Pauline was an avid Disney fan. She enjoyed country music, reading and crocheting, but most of all loved spending time with her family and friends.

In lieu of flowers donations to the Lynch Syndrome International at <https://lynchcancer.com> or Lynch Syndrome International, P.O. Box 19, Madison, CT 06443.

FRANCIS P. STIBI (Jan. 25th)

Catholic Funeral Services were held at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth Street, Gloucester City for Francis P. Stibi, 88, of West Deptford. Formerly of Camden who passed away on January 15, 2017.

Loving husband of 56 years to Lillian Stibi (nee Graves). Loving father of Lena Sturgis (Derek, Sr.) and Rose Stibi-Raiken (Steve). Beloved grandfather of Derek Sturgis Jr., Erika Raiken and Steven Raiken and great grandfather to five granddaughters. Predeceased by his parents and his siblings, Marie Marsden, Rose Anderson, William Stibi and John Stibi.

Francis was born in Camden and was a resident of East Camden. He proudly served our country in the US Army. Francis started his career as a Camden City Firefighter Engine 6 on January 1, 1956 and retired on January 1, 1990 after 34 years of dedicated service. He will be remembered for always having a "pocket full of change."

Interment will be private.

VIRGINIA CHRISTY (Jan. 25th)

Private services were held for Virginia "Ginny" E. Christy, (nee Schuetrum), 92, of Gloucester City, who was welcomed home to the Kingdom of Heaven on January 14, 2018.

Beloved wife of the late John S. Christy Sr. Devoted mother of John S. Christy Jr and his wife, Jirapat, Marilyn Christy and Russella Kowalski. Also survived by three cherished grandchildren: Christy, Holly and Eric Kowalski Jr. Ginny was predeceased by her loving son-in-law, Eric Kowalski Sr.

Ginny worked as a clerk for the Carnegie Illinois Steel Company in Philadelphia. She was an active, dedicated member of Mt. Ephraim Baptist Church, where, over the many years there, she served as Sunday School Superintendent of the Primary Dept, Deaconess and a member of the Mission Board. She was a 1970 graduate of Philadelphia College of Bible (Cairn University). Ginny was a member of the Faithful Followers of Laurel Hill Bible Church; the Conservative Baptist Missionary Society and an active member of the Philadelphia Bible Society.

Ginny was a humble woman of strong faith and love for her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She was a fervent prayer warrior for all those in need and always had a Christian pamphlet or scripture handy to give to anyone she would meet. Some of Ginny's most significant characteristics were her easy laughter, continuous frugal living and her calm strength and certainty in any circumstance. Ginny had a wonderful, long life and thoroughly enjoyed the various volunteering positions she had with Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center, nursing homes and Meals on Wheels. Ginny loved to travel as often as she could, enjoyed Big Band music, parades and the Philadelphia String Bands.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to: Mt. Ephraim Baptist Church, 25 South Black Horse Pike, Mt. Ephraim, NJ 08059.

WILLIAM CHARLES ABRAHAM (Jan. 25th)

Private services were held for William Charles Abraham, 97, of Haddon Heights who passed away on January 18, 2018.

Long-time resident of Haddon Heights. Husband of the late Rose Abraham. Father of Constance Harley (Edward), Deborah Canna (Frank) and Bill Abraham (Dorothy). Grandfather of five and great grandfather of seven. Attended Calvary Baptist Church, West Collingswood Heights, NJ. World War II veteran of the United State Army Aircorp.

Interment at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery.

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