

## **Gloucester City News Obituaries September 2012**

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### ***JAMES M. McHENRY (September 6)***

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, September 7, at 10 a.m. at Saint Joachim Parish: St. Anne's Church, Route 130 and Highland Ave., Westville for James M. McHenry, 60, of Woodbury, formerly of Westville, who passed away on September 2, 2012.

Survived by his sons, Vincent and Jonathan McHenry, and his sisters, Nancy Glocker (Gary), Mary Ann Knecht (Joe) and Patricia Elison (Chuck).

James proudly served our country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was a longtime member of American Legion Post 133 in Woodbury. He was currently employed at the Gloucester County Justice Complex in Woodbury.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his viewing on Thursday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and again Friday morning from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth Street, Gloucester.

Interment Gloucester County Veterans Cemetery, Monroe Township.

### ***BRET DEREK "BRETSTER" EVANS (September 6)***

At the request of the family, services were held privately for Bret Derek "Bretster" Evans, 31, of Gloucester City who passed away on September 1, 2012.

Best Daddy in the world to Gianna Madison Evans. Loving son of Robert and Susan Evans (nee Plusch). Dear brother of Robert (Lisa) Evans, Douglas Evans, Todd (Kim) Evans, Amanda (Shawn Bitner) Evans. Loving Uncle to Brooke and Harper Evans. Devoted nephew of John and Linda Plusch and Albert Plusch. Devoted boyfriend of Christiana Gilbert.

Family prefers memorial donations to Gianna Evans Memorial Fund: P.O. Box 1071, Bellmawr, NJ 08099-1071. Please make checks payable to Gianna Evans.

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

### ***WALTER F. RIGGINS, III (September 6)***

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, September 8, at 6 p.m. at McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth Street, Gloucester City for Walter F. Riggins, III, 58, of Vineland, who surrounded by his loving family, passed away on August 29, 2012.

Loving father of Scott F. Riggins (Lindsay) and Nicole Riggins (Jonathan Carroll). Cherished grandfather of Elise Carroll. Dear brother of Brian P. Riggins (Joan). Also survived by his aunt, Josephine Lanard and many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his visitation on Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of New Jersey: 226 Haddonfield Road, Suite 200, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002.

***ELSIE H. HAINES KURTYAN (September 6)***

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Emmaus Catholic Community Church, Mt. Ephraim, for Elsie H. Haines Kurtyan (nee Schultz), 66, of Mt. Ephraim, who passed away on August 27, 2012 after a 15 year battle with cancer.

Beloved wife of George C. Kurtyan. Devoted mother of Robert Haines (Roseann), Christopher Haines (Channa), and David Haines (Jennifer). Loving grandmother of eight. Dear sister of Hope and the late George & Mildred. Also several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Kurtyan was a retired nurse for Underwood Hospital, Woodbury after 23 years of service. She was also a Eucharist Minister for Sacred Heart Church now Emmaus in Mt. Ephraim.

Entombment Calvary Mausoleum, Cherry Hill.

Family requests in lieu of flowers donations in Elsie's memory may be sent to a charity of your choice.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Mahaffey-Milano Funeral Home, 11 E. Kings Hwy, Mt. Ephraim.

***JOSEPH P. "LOADER" MURPHY SR. (September 6)***

A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Margaret's Church, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Beech Sts., Woodbury, on Thursday, September 6, at 10 a.m. for Joseph P. "Loader" Murphy, Sr., 84, of Gloucester City and Lurgan Northern Ireland, who passed away on August 30, 2012.

Born on April 25, 1928 to John and Mary Murphy, graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1947. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1947 and served proudly as an Aviation Mate until his discharge. Joe fell in love with Grace Anna Hanley of Brooklawn and was married November 8, 1952.

Joe was preceded by the love of his life Grace (nee Hanley) in 2003. He was also predeceased by his sister Margret. He leaves behind a loving family of his son Joseph Patrick of Gloucester, his daughter Susan Gislene and grandchildren, Kelly Nolan, Patrick Nolan, Julia Elizabeth Grace Murphy and Damon Douglas. He is also remained by his sister Francis Lafferty (William) and niece's Patricia, Kathleen, Joyce and Margaret.

Joe was hard working, fun loving man who provided for his family and always stood there for his children giving guidance and his wisdom along with more than his fair share of wisecracks and jokes. He as Grace said could be devilish soul who loved to see everyone have fun.

He spent his retirement years traveling around the world with Grace visiting many islands, Mexico and more than a few cruises, their love of the visit to Ireland was the top of his list. After Grace's passing Joe finally made his last major trip to his family home in Northern Ireland.

Joe had many passions and pastimes including being a Sea Isle City lifeguard in his youth, an excellent dart player and avid champion bowler and of course a fantastic swimmer, handyman to all of his family and the cupid to this beloved Grace. Joe will be missed by his family and friends and all that knew him.

A viewing will be held Wednesday evening from 6:30-9 p.m. in the McGuiness Funeral home, 34 Hunter Street, Woodbury Heights and Thursday morning from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. in the Church.

Interment at Manahath Cemetery, Glassboro.

In lieu of flowers make donations to the St. Vincent DePaul Society c/o St. Margaret's Parish, Woodbury.

***MARION OTT (September 6)***

Funeral services were held at Mahaffey-Milano Funeral Home, 11 E. Kings Hwy, Mt. Ephraim, for Marion Ott, 92, (nee Williams), of W. Collingswood Hts., who passed away on August 28, 2012.

Beloved wife of the late James Ott. Devoted mother of James Jr. (Patricia), and Robert (Kathy). Loving grandmother of Robert, Angela, Christina, Danielle, D.J., Reggie, & Catherine. Loving great-great grandmother of Madison, Connor, Savanna, Julia, Angelina, Robert III, & E.J. Dear sister of Charles Williams and Rita Geserick. Also several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Ott was a longtime employee for S.J. Vending Food Distributors and was a Chef for her mother's restaurant "Country Gardens" in Crosskeys.

Interment Locustwood Memorial Park, Cherry Hill.

***DOROTHY A. FIRTH (September 6)***

Funeral services were held at the Mt. Ephraim Baptist Church, 25 S. Black Horse Pike, Mt. Ephraim, for Dorothy A. Firth, 97, (nee Russell), of Mt. Ephraim, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on August 25, 2012.

Beloved wife of the late Jacob P. Devoted mother of Dorothy A. Bradford (Bill) of Mt. Ephraim, Florence M. Jensen, of Westville, and Jacqueline E. Stites (Roger) of Woodbury. Also survived by 14 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Firth was an active member of Mt. Ephraim Baptist Church for over 60 years.

Interment Chews United Methodist Church Cemetery, Glendora.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the church at the above address.

***SANDRA M. DICIANO (September 6)***

Funeral services were held at St. Rita of Cascia Parish, Mary, Mother of the Church, Bellmawr, for Sandra M. DiCiano (nee Tursi), 61, of Bellmawr, who passed away on August 23, 2012.

Beloved wife of the late Dominick DiCiano, Jr. and loving companion of Bruce Hoover. Devoted mother of Dominick, III and Michael A. (Sandra). Dear sister of Emmanuel Tursi (Maryanne), Daniel Tursi (Kathleen), Michael Tursi and the late Anthony Tursi (Marianne). Sister-in-law of Donna DiCiano, Bernadette Miller (Ray), Barbara Wolf (Joseph), Kathleen Papania (Anthony), Dolores Birch and Nicholas DiCiano (Marilyn). Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Sandra enjoyed working for TD Bank in Mt. Laurel for several years.

Interment new St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

Donations may be made in Sandra's memory to the American Cancer Society, 1851 Old Cuthbert Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

***MARYLAND H. WEST (September 13)***

Funeral services were held for Maryland H. West, 88, of Audubon Park, who passed away peacefully on September 5, 2012 at Camden County Health Care Services in Blackwood.

She is survived by her loving daughters Dona Hagan (late Malcolm) of Sicklerville and Cathy Burns (Brian) of Audubon Park; her dear sister Melissa Giacomelli of CA; 16 cherished grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren. Maryland is predeceased by her beloved husband Howard E. West, Sr.; two sons Howard E. West, Jr. and George West.

Prior to retirement Maryland had worked for the New York Ship Yard as a waitress in their main dining room. She was an avid bowler and bingo enthusiast.

Burial took place in Harleigh Cemetery.

The family requests in lieu of flowers contributions to: Alzheimer's Assoc., South Jersey Regional Office, 3 Eves Drive, Suite 310, Marlton, NJ 08053.

***DORIS NEILD (September 13)***

Memorial services were held at Etherington-Creran Funeral Home, 700 Powell Street, Gloucester City, for Doris Neild, 83, a lifelong resident of Gloucester City, who passed away on September 5, 2012.

Doris was preceded in death by her beloved parents William and Ethel Neild and her dear sisters and brother Edith Warren, Anna May Geiger and David Neild. She is survived by her loving niece and nephews Christine Shayka, William Geiger and David Warren and their families.

Inurnment in Eglington Cemetery, Clarkboro.

***STEVEN KRAEMER (September 13)***

Funeral services were held for Steven Kraemer, 22, of Mt. Ephraim, who passed away on September 3, 2012.

Dear son of Kathleen and Steven. Loving brother of Paul, Brian and Kevin. Also survived by his loving girlfriend Lucy. Dear grandson of Kathleen Fox, Catherine and Paul Kraemer. Also survived by aunts, uncles, cousins and one niece.

Interment was private at the request of the family.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made in Steven's memory of the Ronald McDonald House, 3925 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

***JOHN L. PATRYK (September 13)***

Funeral services were held at Mahaffey-Milano Funeral Home, 11 E. Kings Hwy, Mt. Ephraim, for John L. Patryk, 62, of Naples, FL and Mt. Ephraim who after a long battle with Multiple Myeloma passed away.

He is survived by his wife Susan, daughter Kimi. Dear son of John and the late Valeria Patryk. Sisters Cathy (David) Venturi, Jan Brett (Jim), Theresa (Anthony) Versaggi, Mary Ann (Judd) Booker and Eileen Patryk, uncle to Nicole and Melissa Venturi and best friend Frank DiGenni. Also survived by his loving aunts and cousins.

John was a Vietnam Veteran and will be buried with full Military Honors at Sarasota, VA National Cemetery.

Donations can be made in John's memory to Avow Hospice, 1095 Whipporwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105.

***DOROTHY S. ROGERS (September 13)***

Funeral services were held at Mahaffey-Milano Funeral Home, 11 E. Kings Hwy, Mt. Ephraim, for Dorothy S. Rogers, 91, of Cherry Hill, formerly of Mt. Ephraim, who passed away on August 31, 2012.

Beloved sister of the late Charles, Edward, and Thomas Rogers. Survived by several cousins.

Interment Harleigh Cemetery, Camden.

***RALPH CELLA (September 13)***

Funeral Mass was held at St. Joachim Parish, Annunciation Church, Bellmawr, for Ralph Cella, 86, of Bellmawr, who passed away on September 4, 2012.

Beloved husband of the late Madeline V. (nee Cinque). Loving father of John Cella (Peg) and Christopher Cella (Diane). Devoted grandfather of Corey, Adam, Samantha and Nicole. Dear brother of Anthony Cella, Jr. (Jean), Joseph Cella (Marlene), Rose Merlo and Rachel Gioseffi. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Cella proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during WWII and retired from the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard after many years of service. His best times were those spend with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Interment Brigadier General Wm. C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Arneytown.

***ALFRED P. "ALDY" DI GIACOMO JR. (September 13)***

Catholic prayer services were held at Etherington-Creran Funeral Home, 700 Powell Street, Gloucester City for Alfred P. "Aldy" DiGiacomo, 77, of Gloucester City who passed away on September 5, 2012.

He is the beloved husband of Claire (nee Cekavic), and loving father of Alfred P. III, and Vincent J. DiGiacomo, and Nicole C. Rathbone. He is also the loving grandfather of Alyssa, Dominick, Vincent, Amber and Derick and dear brother of Vincent J. DiGiacomo.

Aldy was a member of the Gloucester Catholic High School Class of 1953 and was an Army Veteran. He was a member of the Teamsters Local 676 and had also been very active with the Gloucester City Mustangs.

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

Aldy's family would appreciate memorial donations be made to Holy Redeemer Hospice, 150 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Runnemede, NJ 08078.

***ROBERT A. EMMONS (September 13)***

Funeral services were held for Robert A. Emmons, 56, of Gloucester City who passed away on September 4, 2012.

Loving son of Lillian E. Hiller (nee Crane) and the late Richard F. Hiller. Loving father of Robert A. Emmons, Jr. (Jessica), Justin J. Emmons (Johanna Inman), Kevin R. Emmons, Lauren P. Lutz and Michael G. Emmons (Meghan). Dear brother of Butch Emmons. Cherished grandfather of Juniper, Magnolia, Eliza, Kevin, Michael, Sara, Randa and Raven. Also survived by his lifelong friend, Laura S. Williams.

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

Inurnment in Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery, Arneytown.

***CYNTHIA LYNN COLEMAN (September 13)***

Private cremation and services at her request were held for Cynthia Lynn Coleman, 59, of Williamstown, formerly of Florida, who passed away on August 30, 2012.

Cherished daughter of the late Robert L. and Edythe Coleman (nee Cinquino). Loving cousin of Crystal Sliker and also survived by her dear friends from Target: Eleanor Yue, Laurie Hummel, Virginia Tucker and Marianne Rafter.

Born in Schnectady, NY, Cynthia was employed at Donnelly Directory in NY and Florida. For the last three years she worked as a retail processor at Target where she had many devoted and caring friends. Other special people in her life included Eric Steiner, The Ricci's, Shawn Roberts, and Debbie Deiter. She loved to travel and did so extensively. She loved sports, watching old movies, The Olympics, British Royalty, and In-line dancing. She had a zest for life, and a caring heart. She will truly be missed.

Memorial donations may be made to the: Melanoma Research Foundation, P.O. Box 759329, Baltimore, MD 21275-9329.

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

***EDWARD J. LOTT (September 13)***

A Memorial Service was held at McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth Street, Gloucester City, for Edward J. Lott, 75, of Tarpon Springs, FL, formerly of Gloucester City, who passed away on September 2, 2012.

Loving husband of Helen and predeceased by his late wife, Eleanor Lott (nee Paul). Loving father of Carol Wright, Linda Gonzales, Michael J. Lott (Kelly) and Nancy Cowley (Ted). Cherished grandfather of Brian, Kristen, Ted, Andrew, Jen, E.J. and Mallory. Dear brother of William (Flossie) and Jack.

Ed proudly served our country in the U.S. Army. He retired from PECO and opened Gloucester Travel with his late wife, Eleanor. Ed was a dedicated coach and volunteer of the Gloucester City Little League for many years.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Gloucester City Little League: P.O. Box 183, Gloucester City, NJ 08030.

***RUDOLPH "BUD" FALCON (September 13)***

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 12 at 12 noon at St. Mary's Church, 426 Monmouth Street, Gloucester City, for Rudolph "Bud" Falcon, 75, of Gloucester City, formerly of Bellmawr and Camden who passed away on September 7, 2012.

Beloved companion of Jo Ann Zanetich. Loving father of Kevin, Daren (Vonda), Sherri and Scott Falcon. Cherished grandfather of five. Dear brother of Charles and Ralph Falcon and predeceased by his sisters Marla and Jeanne. Also survived by his pals from Dunkin Donuts in Brooklawn.

Bud proudly served our country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict.

Relatives and friends are invited to his viewing Wednesday morning from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the church.

Inurnment with military honors in Camden County Veterans Cemetery at Harleigh Cemetery, Camden will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Rudolph Falcon Memorial Fund: P.O. Box 358, Gloucester, NJ 08030.

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

***JOSEPH A. IACONELLI (September 20)***

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Rita of Cascia Parish, Mary, Mother of the Church, Bellmawr, for Joseph A. Iaconelli, 84, of Bellmawr, who passed away on September 6, 2012.

Beloved husband of the late Rosemarie (nee Baldassare). Devoted father of Sandra Levecchia (Joe), Lisa Iaconelli (Diane) and Linda Thorpe. Loving Pop of Tom Contrevo (Melissa), Adam and Justin Winters, Joseph Levecchia (Caren) and Anthony Levecchia (Audrey). Great grandfather of Kayleigh, Andrew and Nicholas. Dear brother of Louise Fasulo, Carmella Nerone and the late Louis, Michael and Anthony Iaconelli. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Iaconelli proudly served in the U.S. Army during Korean Conflict.

Interment St. Joseph's Cemetery, Chews Landing.

***WILLIAM J. BOOTH JR. (September 20)***

Funeral services were held for William J. Booth, Jr. 80, of Gloucester City who went home to be with the Lord on September 7, 2012, four days after celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

He was born in Gloucester City, and graduated high school in 1952. He was a marine designer with New York Ship Building Corporation and then JJ Henry Co., Inc.

Bill was a devoted family man. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 54 years, Anne C. (nee Dubas) Booth, and his children William J. III, David. P. and Anne M. (Joseph) Domico all of Westville. He was a loving grandfather to Josiah, Sarah, Katherine, Alethea, and Aubrey Domico, and dear brother to Caroline Booth, Stanley Booth, and Dorothy DeSimone.

Interment Eglington Cemetery, Clarksboro.

***CHARLES W. HARRIS SR. (September 20)***

A Funeral Service and interment of ashes will be held graveside on Thursday, September 20, at 2 p.m. at Eglinton Cemetery, 320 Kings Highway, Clarksboro, for Charles W. Harris Sr., 87, a longtime resident of Gloucester City, who passed away on September 16, 2012.

He was predeceased by his wife Mary Anna (nee Peterson), and is the father of Florence Kammaut (Vincent), Mary Anna Pierman (Samuel) both of Gloucester City, Ruth Mueser (Paul) of Colwyn, PA, Walter Harris (Carol) of Delaware, Dawn Rebstock (late William) and Charles Harris, Jr. (Robin) both of Gloucester City, and Kimberly Quinlan (Joseph) of Mullica Hill.

He is also survived by his sister Ruth Strow, 19 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Etherington-Creran Funeral Home, 700 Powell St., Gloucester City.

***DANIEL P. MCCALL, SR. (September 20)***

Funeral services were held at The Lord's Home, Audubon, for Daniel P. McCall, Sr., 58, of Gloucester City who passed away on September 8, 2012.

Survived by his wife, Lisa McCall (nee Young), his children Rebecca Ruth McCall, Sarah Jayne McCall and Daniel P. McCall Jr., and his brother George E. McCall, Jr. (Norine).

Family requests memorial donations in Daniel's name to The Lord's Home, 2 Brittin Ave., Audubon, NJ 08106.

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

***GERARD J. "JAY" DAILY, JR. (September 20)***

Funeral services were held at McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth Street, Gloucester City, for Gerard J. "Jay" Daily, Jr., 45, of Hammonton, formerly of Gloucester City, who passed away on September 10, 2012.

Loving son of the late Mary T. Rossiter. Loving father of Angelina Daily, Chelsea Rose Daily and Amanda, Tiffany and Jeanie Auger. Loving brother of Donna Farley (Walter), Theresa Daily (Floyd), Vickie Pine and Nancy Tetlow. Loving fiancé of Sharon Auger. Also survived by the Mooney family and loving uncle to many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Affectionately known as a Gentle Giant, Jay was employed as a painter with the Mooney's for the last 25 years, prior to his self-employment.

In lieu of flowers, family requests memorial donations to Gerard J. Daily Memorial Fund: P.O. Box 358, Gloucester City, NJ 08030 for the care of his children.

***IDA MAY BARROW (September 20)***

Funeral services were held for Ida May Barrow, 72, of Gloucester City, who has joined all of her loved ones waiting for her.

Predeceased by her parents Clem and May Barrow, six brothers, three sisters, step-sons Walter and Mike Barkowsky, grandchildren Michelle Mazzagatti and Ryan Baldwin. Survived by her children Connie Knopka (Mike), Ed Baldwin, Kimberly Vandergrift (Belin), John Davidson and step-sons Ron Barkowsky (Wendy) and Wayne Barkowsky. Also her sisters Argyll Barrow and Margaret (Paul) Coulter. Also survived by 25 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren with one on the way, one great-great grandchild with one on the way and numerous nieces, nephews and dear friends.

"Ida M. Barrow was the best Mom-Mom a grandchild could have. She is forever in our hearts and will live in all of us forever, so it's not goodbye it's see you soon," love you always and forever, Pooh Bear.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ida's memory to the family or Lighthouse Hospice, 1040 N. King's Highway, Suite 100, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

***LILLIAM BEYERS (September 20)***

Funeral services were held at Etherington-Creran Funeral Home, 700 Powell Street, Gloucester City, for Lillian Beyers, 103, (nee Roscoe), a lifelong resident of Gloucester City who passed away on September 10, 2012.

She was the beloved wife of the late Frederick A. Beyers. Lillian is survived by her two nieces Dorothy Phizenmaier and Joyce Taylor, a great nephew Jay Roscoe (Toni) and great niece Sharon Wallace and families.

Lillian loved working in her yard, cleaning and crocheting, but especially loved and was proud of her family.

Interment Woodbury Memorial Park, West Deptford.

***FREDERICK "FRED" MESSERSCHMITT, JR. (September 20)***

Funeral services were held for Frederick "Fred" Messerschmitt, Jr., 53, of Nashville, TN, formerly of Gloucester City, who passed away from congestive heart and multi organ failure after a long nine year battle that began after a virus damaged his heart, on September 6, 2012.

Raised in Gloucester City, he moved to Tennessee to continue his career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Despite his health issues, he reached his goal of 25 years of service on August 11, 2012. His employment included the Philadelphia Naval Ship Yard as well as the Watts Bar and Center Hill Dam and Power Plant I Tennessee. Fred loved animals and lived most of his life as a vegetarian.

In Tennessee he purchased land and over the years cared for many abused or otherwise neglected animals including a llama, miniature horses and donkey, and milk goats. He treated them as pets, even leaving instruction in his will how they were to be looked after in the event of his passing. Fred had a love for history. He stayed rooted to his hometown of Gloucester City through his research of the city's railroad system. He enjoyed collecting trains, antique lanterns, and framed photos that showed the rail system from long ago. Other interests included photography, woodworking, computers, restoration of old firearms and sharp shooting.

Fred to outsiders may have appeared to have a hard shell. However, he was very gentle and sentimental person, devoted son, and loving big brother. He chose his friends wisely letting in those who were as true and loyal as he was. It is his family and those worthy friends who will cherish the memories of him and his life.

Fred is survived by his father Frederick (Fritz) Messerschmitt of NJ as well his sister, Lorraine Winters (Ken); brother, Karl Messerschmitt (Teri); sister, Denise Kaczelek; nieces, Meghan, Felechchia, Erin, Sabrina and Briana and nephew, Matthew. Preceded in death by his mother, Helen Messerschmidt (nee Yourkonis); grandparents, Adolph and Dorothy Yourkonis.

He was laid to rest at Plainview Cemetery, in Cassville, TN. His body faces east towards his hometown and family, shadowed by the beautiful Tennessee mountains that he loved. His soul is with the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to any animal rescue organization of choice.

***JOSEPH M. YECCO (September 20)***

Private funeral services were held for Joseph M. Yecco, 73, of Blackwood, who surrounded by his family, passed away on September 14, 2012.

Loving and devoted husband of 53 years to Judith (nee Leap). Loving father of Angela and cherished grandfather of Megan. Dear brother of Theresa Giordano (Orlando). Predeceased by his parents, Albert Yecco and Italia Yecco (nee Peristelli) and his brother, Peter Yecco.

Joseph retired from B.A.C. Local 5.

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



***MICHAEL A. GRZYBOWSKI (September 20)***

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, September 20, at 12 noon at Etherington-Creran Funeral Home, 700 Powell Street, Gloucester City, for Michael A. Grzybowski, 85, of Gloucester City who passed away on September 13, 2012.

He was the beloved husband of Mary L. (nee Higginbotham), loving father of Barbara Bocchicchio of Gloucester, Joseph Bocchicchio of Mt. Ephraim and Scott Bernardo of Waverly, VA, cherished grandfather of Winfield Watson, Cory and Courtney Bernardo, and dear brother of Edmund and Anthony Grzybowski and Florence Dross.

Mike was a proud Navy Veteran of both WWII and Korea who served his Country with Honor and received the Purple Heart. He was a member of Townsend C. Young VFW Post 3620, a member and Commander of Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 0116 and served on the Camden County Veterans Advisory Committee. After serving in the Military Mike worked for many years as an electrician at the U.S. Naval Shipyard in Philadelphia and upon his retirement also served on the Gloucester City Housing Authority.

Relatives and friends are invited to meet Thursday morning from 10-12 noon at the funeral home.

Interment to follow Woodbury Memorial Park, West Deptford.

There will be no evening viewing. In lieu of flowers the family has requested memorial donations in Mike's name be made to the Military Order of the Purple Heart 442, Windsor Ave., Bellmawr, NJ 08031.

***JANET A. DAVIDSON (September 27)***

A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, September 19 at 11 a.m. at the Etherington-Creran Funeral Home, 700 Powell Street, Gloucester City, for Janet A. Davidson, (nee Runner), 71, of Brooklawn, who passed away on September 22, 2012.

She was the beloved wife of the late John F. Davidson, loving mother of John and Michael Davison, dear sister of William and Richard Runner, Carol Stango, Ginny Coombs, Joann Davis, Douglas Runner and Lisa Clanet and cherished grandmother of eight grandchildren.

Janet loved going to the Casinos, hanging out with friends. She loved visiting her sister in Florida, going to the shore and bowling, but above all loved and cherished the time spent with her grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to meet Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Funeral Home.

Interment to follow at Eglington Cemetery, Clarksboro.

***EDNA F. VAN GEMERT (September 27)***

Funeral services were held at Etherington Funeral Home, 700 Powell Street, Gloucester City, for Edna F. Van Gemert (nee Boulware), 92, a resident of Gloucester City since 1950, who passed away on September 19, 2012.

Edna was the beloved wife of the late Peter "Carl" Van Gemert, loving mother of Elise Foster (Mark) of Gloucester City, Beverly Bauers (Lou Randolph) of Woodbury Heights, Hendrik (Rick) Van Gemert (Wendy) of Mullica Hill, and the late Joan Donovan and the late Carl Van Gemert. Cherished grandmother of 14 and great grandmother of 15.

Edna was a long time Certified Nurses Assistant at St. Mary's Nursing Home in Cherry Hill, and was a former member of Cloud Chapter OES in Gloucester. She loved traveling, gardening, doing crossword puzzles and reading.

Interment Locustwood Memorial Park, Cherry Hill.

In lieu of flowers the families has requested memorial donations in Edna's name be made to either the Abilities Center of Southern NJ, 1208 Delsea Drive, Westville, NJ 08093; American Cancer Society, 1851 Old Cuthbert Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034; or the American Diabetes Association, 150 Monument Road, Suite 100, Lower Merion, PA 19004.

***JAMES E. GRIFFITH (September 27)***

A Graveside Service will be held at Cedar Grove Cemetery, Gloucester City, on Thursday, September 20, at 11 a.m. for James E. Griffith, 72, a lifelong resident of Gloucester City until his recent move to Mt. Ephraim, who passed away on September 21, 2012.

Dear brother of Carrie Garton, Bella Reeves, Ella Schemelia, Rose Hoe and the late Charles Griffith, Jr., Henry H. Griffith and Charlotte P. Ritchie. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Etherington-Creran Funeral Home, 700 Powell Street, Gloucester City.

***CARROL Y. CHASE (September 27)***

Funeral Services were held at McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth Street, Gloucester City, for Carrol Y. Chase, (nee White), 60, of Gloucester City, who passed away on September 18, 2012.

Loving husband of 21 years to George Chase. Loving mother of Richard Baldwin, Jr. (Michelle) and Tracy Mahoney (Shawn). Cherished grandmother of five. Dear sister of Zondra, Belinda, Gregory, Drew and Eric.

Carol was a dedicated worker for 18 years at Acme in Berlin. Her greatest enjoyment was when she was playing bingo.

Interment in Lakeview Memorial Park, Cinnaminson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are requested to the Carrol Y. Chase Memorial Fund: P.O. Box 358, Gloucester City, NJ 08030.

***KENNETH G. TURING, SR. (September 27)***

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 19 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Gloucester City for Kenneth G. Turing, Sr., 75, of Gloucester City who, surrounded by his loving family who cared for him passed away on September 22, 2012.

Loving and devoted husband of 24 years to Helen P. (nee Grandizio). Loving father of Kenneth G. Turing, Jr. (Lynda), Kathleen Greene (Jerry), Kara Silvestri (Jim) and Kristine Dyson. Loving step father of Robert Gaff (Wendy) and Lauri Baldi (James). Cherished grandfather of 14, great grandfather of two and one great-grand "on the way." Dear brother of Charles Turing (Laura), Ronald Turing (Mary Ellen), the late Frank Turing and the late Robert Turing (surviving Mary). Also survived by his sister-in-laws, Mary Smith, Theresa Taylor, Gloria Grandizio and brother-in-law Frank Grandizio and many nieces and nephews.

Born in Philadelphia, Ken attended Woodbury High School and proudly served our county in the United States Marine Corps. He retired from the Philadelphia Naval Yard. In his retired years, Ken drove a school bus for T&L Transportation then Gloucester Catholic High School. He was a 24-year member of the Brooklawn American Legion Post 72 where he was a member of the dart team.

Ken's hobbies included: home improvements, baking, gardening, crabbing, fishing and tinkering around the garage.

He took great pleasure in helping family and friends and liked spending time in North Wildwood. Ken always looked forward to his Sunday outings with his close friends Chalie and Ann Pacifico. Ken was a loving and devoted husband who shared a wonderful life with his wife, kids and grandkids.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his viewing Wednesday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth Street, Gloucester City.

Interment with United States Marine Corps Honors will follow in New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Liver Foundation: 1341 North Delaware Avenue, Suite 209, Philadelphia, PA 19125.

***MARIANNE J. LAROSA (September 27)***

Funeral Mass was held at Christ Our Light Parish at St. Peter Celestine Church, Cherry Hill for Marianne J. LaRosa (nee Ragone), 76, of Bellmawr who peacefully passed away on September 16, 2012.

An outgoing woman with a warm smile that was loved by all who knew her is the legacy that Marianne leaves behind.

Born and raised in South Philadelphia, Marianne graduated from Southern High School for Girls. A short time later she met, fell in love and married a young man by the name of Salvatore "Sam" LaRosa and together they shared 52 years of marriage and raised three children that they loved very much.

Marianne was a Licensed Insurance Agent and worked for many years with the McGrath Insurance Agency in Haddonfield until her retirement in 1998.

Away from her career, Marianne enjoyed singing and listening to music, especially Frank Sinatra; reading a good book, cheering on her beloved Phillies and she always enjoyed eating whatever Sam had prepared in the kitchen. Most of all, Marianne enjoyed being surrounded by her family making memories that they will cherish for years to come.

Marianne is the beloved wife of Salvatore LaRosa; loving mother of Valerie (Gerard) Brannigan, Darin (Kimberly) LaRosa and Dr. Christopher M. (Jennifer) LaRosa, dear sister of Carmella Ragone, Frank Ragone, Lorraine Litrenta, Carol O'Hara and the late Theresa & Michael Ragone; cherished grandmother of Amanda, Erika, Jake, Samantha, Luke, Ryan, James and Noah.

Interment New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, 1 Union Street, Suite 301, Robbinsville, NJ 08691.

***MARIE B. MAGNIN (September 27)***

A Memorial Mass was held at the Church of the Holy Families, Washington Twp., for Marie B. Magnin, 59, (nee Ferraro), of West Collingswood Heights, who passed away on September 15, 2012.

Beloved wife of John J. Sr. Devoted mother of John J. Jr., and Brian J. Magnin (Elizabeth). Loving daughter of Margaret (nee McDonald) and the late Samuel J. Ferraro. Loving grandmother of Madeline. Dear sister of Jean Young, Catherine Larzelere (Joseph) and the late John Ferraro. Also survived by nieces and nephews.

Interment Holy Cross Cemetery, Yeadon, PA.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Compassionate Care Hospice, 600 Highland Dr., Suite 624, West Hampton, NJ 08060.

***RANDALL "RANDY" SEVERANCE (September 27)***

At his request Funeral Services were private for Randall "Randy" Severance, 59, of Gloucester City, who in the loving care of his brother and sister-in-law, passed away on September 19, 2012.

Loving son of the late Louis L. Severance and Margaret Severance (nee Nace). Dear brother of Edward R. Severance (Terry), Louis S. Severance (Kate), Matthew Severance and Richard Severance (Pamela). Also survived by his aunt Rita Severance and many loving nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Randy recently worked for the Gloucester City Public Works.

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

***DORIS JEAN WESTHEAD (September 27)***

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Isaac Jogues Church, Marlton, for Doris Jean Westhead, 78, (nee Eschbach), who peacefully went home to Heaven to rejoin her children, Susan Ann Westhead and Paul W. Westhead. Loving and cherished wife of 55 years to Peter C. Westhead. Beloved mother of Pete (Leslie) Westhead, Doris (Augie) DiGiovanni, Jane (Stephen) DiPietro and Jim (Jodi) Westhead. Dear sister of Maurice Eschbach and Paul Eschbach. Beloved grandmother of Nicole, Danielle, Stephanie, Samantha, Dominic, Shannon, Stephen, Derek and Cassie. Also survived by her faithful dog and best friend, Lilly.

Doris was an avid bowler who enjoyed bowling in the Village Green and Medford Women's Leagues.

Family respectfully prefers in lieu of flowers memorial donations to Burlington County SPCA: 400 Sunset Road, Burlington, NJ 08016. Attn: Sy Goldberg.

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

***ANNA M. HOFFMAN***

Funeral services were held for Anna M. Hoffman, 74, (nee Sparks), of Westville, who passed away on September 16, 2012.