

Gloucester City News Obituaries August 2015

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DAVID OLLIE BUSSIE.(August 6)

A Celebration of Life was held at Bethel United Methodist Church, Camden for David Ollie Bussie, 46, of Westville who suddenly passed away July 21, 2015.

David was born March 14, 1969, in Camden, to Ollie and late Evelyn Bussie.

A roofing contractor by trade and a proud member of Local Union 30. He was an active member and lay servant of the Bethel United Methodist Church; he enjoyed going to his daughters Soccer, Basketball, and Modeling events. He was so proud of the recent news of his daughter, Immane' acceptance into William Paterson University to play basketball in Fall 2015. In addition, he enjoyed spending quality time with his family and friends.

David is survived by his wife, Terre Bussie, daughters Anitra Bussie, Immane' Bussie, Ahmya Bussie, and Amaris Bussie. grandchildren Ashanti and John Oppongntow; sisters Renata Merrill (Tim), Athena Bussie, Shameka Bussie; brothers Anthony Bussie and Andre Bussie (Tonese). David is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces and friends.

David's humor, patience, love, and consistency will always be with us all.

Burial at Sunset Memorial Park Pennsauken.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made online at <http://gofundme.com/h93b52dw8r>

DOLORES O'BRIEN .(August 6)

Funeral services will be held at Mahaffey-Milano Funeral Home, 11 E. Kings Highway, Mt. Ephraim, Thursday, August 6 at 10 a.m. for Dolores O'Brien, (nee Miller), 82, of Mt. Ephraim who passed away on August 2, 2015.

Beloved Wife of the late Patrick F. "OBIE" O'Brien. Dear Sister in law of Robert Brennan, and Ann Brennan. Loving Aunt of many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend her visitation Thursday from 9 to 10 AM at the funeral home. Interment will be private.

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

ELEANOR MICKEWICZ .(August 6)

Funeral Mass was held at Holy Child Parish, Runnemede for Eleanor Mickewicz, 94, of Cherry Hill, formerly of Runnemede who went home to be with the Lord on July 28, 2015. She was 94 years old.

Beloved wife of the late Bill Mickewicz for 46 years. Devoted mother of Sophie D'Agostino (Robert) and Carole Ann Covert (James). Loving grandmother of Michael and Victoria Egnak and William Covert. Also survived by niece, Irene Abrams, and her family, as well as nephews, Ludwik and Stanley Samselski. Eleanor was born and grew up in Camden, NJ. She attended St. Joseph's Elementary and High Schools.

She worked as a floor supervisor for Campbell Soup. She moved to Runnemede in 1957 and resided there for 56 years until moving to the loving care of St. Mary's Catholic Home in Cherry Hill. Eleanor was an active member in the Runnemede Senior Citizens Club. She was the co-founder, along with her husband, and an auxiliary member of TAG, The Amputee Group, of Cooper Hospital.

She loved reading the newspaper to keep abreast of current events and playing cards. She faithfully watched midnight mass on TV and was an avid Phillies and Eagles fan.

Interment St. Joseph's Cemetery, Chews Landing.

In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Mary's Catholic Home, 210 St. Mary's Drive, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Gardner Funeral Home, 126 South Black Horse Pike, Runnemede.

GEORGE SCOTT HALL .(August 6)

A Life's Celebration was held at Resurrection Parish, Delran for George Scott Hall, 39, of Westville Borough who passed away suddenly at his home on July 23, 2015.

He was the loving father of Gianna, beloved son of Noreen Murt, and her husband Dennis Murt. He was also the brother of Celine Murt, Connor Murt, Shanalynn Murt & Bryant Murt. George enjoyed many things throughout his life, he was a great roller skater, he even taught his mom how to skate, he has a black-belt in karate, had a love of music, especially the Rolling Stones. He also loved to go camping in the Pocono's with his stepfather even if there was snow on the ground! He was a sharp dresser, a talented salesman, and had a great sense of humor. George was truly loved by his mother, father, sisters, and brothers. He will be greatly missed.

JAMES E. SCOLERI JR. .(August 6)

Private services were held for James E. Scoleri Jr., 59, of Bellmawr who passed away on July 29, 2015.

Beloved father of Danielle Scoleri (Steven) and Jaime Davenport (Matthew). Loving grandfather of Daniel, Joey, Angelina Judie, and Sarah. Dear brother of Maria Abdo and the late Anthony. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

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

MICHAEL E. ZANK Ph.D .(August 6)

A ShareLife Ceremony was held for Michael E. Zank, Ph.D, 72, "Mike", a lifelong educator; of Mt. Ephraim, passed away suddenly on July 29, 2015.

Born in Philadelphia and raised in Gloucester, Mike graduated from Gloucester High School in 1961 and continued his education at Glassboro State College where he earned his BA and Masters Degree. Mike earned his PH. D from Nova University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL in 1989. Mike worked for the Cinnaminson Board of Education at Cinnaminson High School for 44 years where he rose to the position of Principal and retired in 2009.

Mike will be remembered as a quick witted, creative man who enjoyed woodworking, crossword puzzles, reading and most of all spending time with his family creating memories that they will now cherish as his legacy.

A great day for Mike would usually include worshipping at his Church, lounging in his pool and always included snacking on his favorite treat, "Chipwich" Ice Cream Sandwich.

Mike is the beloved husband of Laura (nee Rusk); devoted father of Michelle (Tom) Grello & Talia Zank; proud grandfather of Elisa & Tom Grello; also survived by many loving in laws, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Interment be private at the convenience of Mike's family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Highland Park Church of God, 111 Baynes Avenue, Gloucester, NJ 08030.

ROBERT W. LAMBERT SR. (August 6)

Funeral services were held at the convenience of the family for Robert W. Lambert Sr., 76, of Westville who passed away on July 23, 2015.

Born in Camden, he was the son of the late Frederick R. and Sadie U. (nee Freeman) Lambert.

Robert is survived by his wife, Diane Lambert (nee Gardner); sister, Dorothy Sabot; sister-in law, Norma Lambert; nieces, Donna Emma, Sandra Ryan, Linda Jalio; nephews, Frederick Lambert and Francis Sabot. He was predeceased by his son, Robert W. Lambert, Jr. in 2005 and his brother, Frederick Lambert in 2007.

Robert retired from the Philadelphia Inquirer in 2006 after more than 20 years working as a machinist. He had worked for the Philadelphia Bulletin until it closed in 1982. Robert proudly served his county in the U.S. Army.

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

STEVEN W. BARTON JR. (August 13)

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, August 12, 7 p.m. at McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth Street, Gloucester City for Steven W. Barton, Jr., 26, of Gloucester City who passed away on August 6, 2015.

Survived by his parents, Margaret Wyatt and Steven W. Barton, Sr., his siblings Rachel Barton and Ryan Wyatt, his grandmothers Lorraine Wyatt and Diana Barton and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation Wednesday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Interment private.

JAMES MICHAEL MACVAUGH (August 13)

Funeral services were held for James Michael MacVaugh, 63, of Amarillo, who passed away on Saturday, August 1, 2015.

James was born on June 2, 1952 and raised in Gloucester City. As a young boy, enjoyed playing basketball and stick ball. At the age of 19, he joined the United States Marine Corps and was a Vietnam Veteran and served his country proudly. James moved with his family to Houston, Texas where he worked for Exxon delivering gasoline. He also was a Captain of the Cypress Creek Volunteer Fire Department in Houston.

He married Belinda Joyce Nagle on May 17, 1985 in Houston, Texas. They moved to Amarillo, Texas in 2006 where he worked for Siemen's Wind Farms as an inventory specialist and was fondly known as Pappy. James followed the Catholic faith attending St. Thomas Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Belinda, parents, Kennard MacVaugh and Mary Ruth (McNaulty) MacVaugh, a brother, SGM (ret.) Kennard B. MacVaugh, three sisters, Mary Jane Fuester, Patricia Grant (Howard), Marguerite Debus, baby MacVaugh, and brother in law Mike G. Nagle.

Survivors include sons, Scott MacVaugh, San Antonio, and Ted MacVaugh, Boys Ranch; daughter/niece, Lisa Debus, Gloucester City; brother in law, Roger Fuester, sister in law, Anna May MacVaugh; nieces, Robin Marks (Bruce), and Kelly Schenberger; nephews, Ralph Marquis, James Debus (Kathy), John Debus (Rhonda), Richard Fuester, Kennard MacVaugh II (Raegan), and James MacVaugh (Carol); father in law and mother in law, Charles

J., Jr. and Shirley Nagle, Kempner; brothers in law, James Nagle, Country Salquist,, Eric Salquist, and Jeff Nagle (Sherri Wilson), sister in law, Debbie Sharp, and Polly Nagle,

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wounded Warriors or to VFW post 1475 at [1401 SW 8th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79101](http://1401SW8thAve.com)

JEAN ANN COUNTRYMAN (August 13)

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated August 10 in Sacred Heart Church, Riverton, for Jean Ann Countryman (nee Barrett), 79, of Palmyra, who passed away on August 5, 2015. The viewing was at the Weber Funeral Home, Riverton.

Survived by her loving husband of 59 years, Albert Countryman Sr. She was predeceased by her daughter, Mary Sibree (nee Countryman).

She is also survived by her five sons, Albert (Diane) Countryman Jr., James (Joan) Countryman, Joseph (Carol) Countryman, Kevin (Carolyn) Countryman and John Countryman; seven grandchildren, Joel Yetter, Christopher, Patrick and Andrew Countryman, Megan and Kelly Sibree, and William Countryman; and her son-in-law Bill (Sue) Sibree.

She is also survived by five step grandchildren, Summer (Matt) Coles, Taryn Colmenares, and Kyle, Christopher and Katelyn Foughnan; and four step great-grandchildren, Trinity Lynn Coles, Kayla Diane Coles, Marley Lark Coles and Skylar Colmenares.

Born on December 1, 1935, in Pennsylvania to James and Lucetta Barrett, Jean graduated from Little Flower High School, Philadelphia, in 1953.

Jean and Albert married on June 9, 1956, and then soon moved to Palmyra where they raised six children. She was a loving mother who was described by her sons as “selfless, loving and compassionate.”

Jean retired from Emergency Services of Catholic Charities after 20 of service, including making sure everyone in Burlington County had gifts under the tree at Christmas.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Jean’s name to Catholic Charities, 801 Burlington Ave., Delanco, NJ, 08075.

JUNE E. PIKE(August 13)

Catholic prayer services were held at Etherington-Creran Funeral Home, 700 Powell Street, Gloucester City for June E. Pike, 59, of Gloucester City who passed away on August 7, 2015.

She is the beloved mother of Robert, David and Krystal Pike, cherished grandmother of Samuel, Sophia and Jeovanni, dear sister of Robert, Dixie and Elizabeth Rossell and the late Lillian Mannino and is also survived by her loving niece Anisa Mannino and nephew Angelo Mannino. Many people would know June from her riding all over Gloucester on her scooter and she particularly loving being down at Proprietors Park.

Interment will be private and held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers June's family would appreciate memorial donations be made to assist with expenses c/o the Etherington Funeral Home.

JAMES M. PUSEY (August 13)

Services were held at the convenience of the family for James M. Pusey, 77, of Gloucester City who passed away on August 4, 2015.

Born in Camden, he was the son of the late Elizabeth C. (Hyland) Pusey. James is survived by his sons, Michael Pusey and John Banks, granddaughter, Haley Banks and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Gertrude in 1990.

James worked locally for J.E. Caldwell Jewelers, Gulf & Western Industries and Shop Rite in Brooklawn, NJ.

James proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force.

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

RONALD R. SIMONDS JR. (August 13)

Memorial services were held for Ronald R. Simonds, Jr., 56, of Mt. Ephraim who passed away on August 4, 2015. Dear father of Scott, Brooke and Royce Simonds. He is also lovingly survived by his granddaughter, Serenity Simonds, mother, Evelyn Simonds, brother, Donald Simonds and sister, Phyllis Stoffer. Ronald enjoyed fishing and spending time with family.

Interment private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Samaritan Healthcare & Hospice, 5 Eves Drive, Suite 300, Marlton, NJ 08053.

SAMUEL L. VACCARELLA SR. (August 13)

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, August 13 at 11 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 176 Stagecoach Road, Sicklerville for Samuel L. Vaccarella, Sr., 95, of Mt. Ephraim who passed away peacefully on August 7, 2015, surrounded by his loving family at his daughter Linda's home in Washington Twp. Sam was a longtime resident of Mt. Ephraim.

Beloved husband of the late Ethel (nee Law). He is the cherished father of Father Samuel L. Vaccarella, T.O.R., JoAnn Gallagher (Richard), Nancy Karaszkievicz (Jim) and Linda Fort (Ed). Proud and devoted grandfather of Brian, Sam, Sheri and Eddie. He was the dear brother of Leon "Ollie" (Annetta), John and the late Lena Pietrofitta, Joe, Nien and Frank. He will also be missed by many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Sam was a devoted parishioner of Sacred Heart Church in Mt. Ephraim and served as President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He served his country in the Army during World War II. Sam was inducted into Hammonton High School's Athletic Hall of Fame. Sam retired from NJ Transit after 42 years as a Class A bus mechanic and was a member of their 25 Year Club.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his viewing Wednesday 7 - 9 p.m. and Thursday 9:15 - 10:15 am at the Egizi Funeral Home, 119 Ganttown Rd., Washington Twp.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations to Samaritan Hospice, 5 Eves Dr., Suite 300, Marlton, NJ 08053.

Sam will always be remembered for his love of family, wisdom, faith and positive outlook. He was a true role model.

"A Life Well Lived Is Worth Remembering"

JOSEPH BROWN (August 27)

Private services were held for Joseph Brown, 80, of Woodbury who passed away on August 21, 2015.

Survived by his siblings, nieces, nephews and cousins. Services and Burial are private.

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

THOMAS DIXON (August 27)

Private services were held for Thomas Dixon, 62, of Gloucester Township who passed away on July 18, 2015. Survived by nieces, nephews and cousins.

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

BETTY FRANCESCHINI (August 27)

Funeral services were held at McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth Street, Gloucester City for Betty Franceschini, 71,(nee Zane) of Gloucester City who passed away on August 17, 2015.

Loving wife of 52 years to Frank Franceschini. Loving mother of Frank J. Franceschini (Rebecca) and Beth Ann Steward. Cherished grandmother of nine and great grandmother of five. Dear sister of Wilbur Zane, Margaret "Peg" Teschko, Patricia Zane-Marchetti and the late Joseph Zane.

Betty worked 30 years at the counter for Jim's Pizzeria and was a Bus and Lunch Aide for Cold Springs School in Gloucester City.

Interment private.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to Ovarian Cancer Research Fund: 14 Pennsylvania Plaza, Suite 1710, New York, NY 10122.

FRED J. WASHART (August 27)

Funeral Mass was held at Holy Child Parish, St. Teresa Church, Runnemede for Fred J. Washart, 62, was born and lived his whole life in Runnemede who passed away.

He had many medical problems from birth to adulthood, but always fought them head-on. "Wheels", "Derf", or "Legs", as others affectionately called Freddy, always managed to bounce back. He was a true fighter. Fred was a great son, brother, uncle, friend, and Knight of Columbus (Holy Child #3532).

Loving son of Sarah Washart Huber (nee Rafferty) and the late Joseph Washart, Sr. and his step-father, Russell Huber. Devoted brother of Anna McCloskey, Mary, Joe, Bob, Dan, Larry, Bill, and Frank Washart. Fred will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Interment New St. Mary's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Holy Child Parish.

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

EDITH M. GOINS (August 27)

Catholic services will be held Friday, August 28, at 10:30 a.m. at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth Street, Gloucester City for Edith M. Goins, 85, (nee Hindle), of Gloucester City who passed away on August 22, 2015.

Loving wife of 43 years to the late Robert Goins. Loving mother of Jack Goins (Diane), Patricia Arrera (Paul), William Goins (Anita), Michael Goins (Virginia). Predeceased by her children, Robert Goins, Barbara Carr and Doris Schultz and her brothers John Hindle and William Hindle. Cherished grandmother of 16 and great grandmother of 18.

Edith enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, trips to the casinos, shopping at the dollar store and bingo.

Relatives and friends are invited to her viewing on Thursday from 6- 8 p.m. and again on Friday from 9:30- 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Interment New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations to: Kennedy Health Care Center: 535 Egg Harbor Road, Sewell, NJ 08080

MARGARET C. HAUGHEY (August 27)

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, St. Vincent Pallotti Church, Haddon Township for Margaret C. Haughey, 92, (nee Carr), of Haddon Township, formerly of Gloucester City who surrounded by her loving family, passed away on August 20, 2015.

Loving wife of 55 years to the late Edmund J. Haughey, Sr. Loving mother of Geri Heenan (Frank) and the late Edmund J. Haughey, Jr. (surviving Pat). Cherished grandmother of five and great grandmother of 10. Predeceased by her five siblings and survived by her brother John Carr (Barbara).

Entombment in New St. Mary's Cemetery Mausoleum, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Samaritan Hospice: 5 Eves Drive, Suite 300, Marlton, NJ 08053

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

HELEN B. WOLK(August 27)

Funeral Mass was held at St. Joachim Parish, Annunciation Church, Bellmawr for Helen B. Wolk, (nee Rody), 89, of Bellmawr who passed away on August 16, 2015.

Beloved wife of the late Edward J. Wolk. Devoted mother of Bernadette Forward (Edward), Edward Wolk (Debbie), Denise Autio (Donald), Michael Wolk Sr. (Denise), and Frank Wolk (Gina). Loving grandmom of Katherine E. (Michael), Michael Jr., Dennis, Kristine, Michael, Lynde, Diana, and Danielle and great grandmom of Addison. Preceded in death by eight siblings. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Helen was an active parishioner at Annunciation Church, where she was a CCD teacher, a member of the Altar & Rosary Society, and a founding member of the Annunciation Lunch Program. She was also a member of the Haddon Heights Socialites.

Interment private at the request of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Holy Redeemer Home Care & Hospice, 150 9th Ave., Runnemede, NJ 08078 or Visiting Angels Living Assistance, 397 Bridgeton Pike, Mantua, NJ 08051.

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

JOAN GERACI (August 27)

Funeral services were held at Gardner Funeral Home, 126 South Black Horse Pike, Runnemede for Joan Geraci, 81, (nee Knapp), of Bellmawr who passed away on August 16, 2015.

Beloved wife of the late Samuel. Devoted mother of Joan Geraci, Cynthia Geraci-Shaw, Salvatore Geraci (Kathleen) and Ron Geraci. Dear sister of the late William Knapp. Loving grandmother of Billy, Phillip, Bryan, Lisa, Brittany and the late Christopher, and loving great grandmother.

Interment New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers donations to a new scholarship created in her name at the Rutgers University School of Social Work. Those wishing to donate may send checks payable to "The Joan Geraci Scholarship Fund" or contribute them in person at any TD Bank or mail them to The Joan Geraci Scholarship Fund, TD Bank, 129 South Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, NJ 08078. Online donations can also be made to the "The Joan Geraci Scholarship Fund" on GoFundMe.com.

KENNETH J. KELLER, JR. (August 27)

Memorial services were held for Kenneth J. Keller, Jr., 25, of Westville who passed away suddenly on August 12, 2015.

A friendly, caring and respectful young guy, Kenny enjoyed life and lived every day as a new day. Kenny looked tough, but inside, he had a heart of gold. He had a strong faith and cherished his time involved with Blessed Hope Community Church.

Kenny enjoyed outdoor activities like camping and fishing with his dad. While growing up he enjoyed watching the Flyers with his NaNa and always going swimming in her pool. His love of music showed through his drum and guitar playing.

Kenny was an animal lover and shared this love with his dog, Nanhuk, and his cats, One Eyed Willie and Shaggy, who reminded him of Shaggy from Scooby Doo.

Born in Washington Township, Kenny was a resident of Westville and a 2008 graduate of Deptford High School. Kenny was lucky enough to have a job as a landscaper which suited him fine because of his love of the outdoors and nature.

Beloved son of Kenneth J. Keller, Sr. and Dolores (nee Chinnici) Keller; Loving boyfriend of Robin Shockley; dear brother of Joseph; cherished grandson of Joseph F. Keller and the late, Patricia M. Keller and Frances Chinnici; dear step son of Louis Durham, Sr. and step brother of Louis M. Jr., Michael and Frederick Durham. Kenny is also survived by loving aunts and uncles, Terry and Mike Leonardi, Mark J. Keller, Susan P. Stephens and Sharon and Andrew Pagnini and cousins, Sam and Michael Leonardi and Tonya Light, Joseph Keller and Jessica Rosini and Evan and Chase Pagnini.

JOSEPHINE F. SCHLEIFER (August 27)

Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Child Parish, St. Teresa Church, Runnemede for Josephine F. Schleifer, (nee DiPatre), 86 of Cherry Hill, formerly of Pennsauken who passed away on August 17, 2015.

Loving wife of the late Harry B. Pond. Loving mother of Glenn (Linda), Ruby (Chuck) and Anthony. Also survived by her grandchildren, Samantha, Heather Lynn, Amanda, Gregory and Alexis and many loving great grandchildren. Interment will be private.

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