

# OBITUARIES

Deadline for Obituary submission - Wednesday, 2 p.m.

## Virginia V. Jameson



children and an enduring 32-year love affair with her husband.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, during World War II, she was the daughter of Sylvia and Joseph Yannello. An avid skier, ice skater, dancer, instructor and world traveler, Ginny, as she was known to most of her friends and family, will long be remembered for her huge grin, infectious smile and rambunctious good natured enthusiasm for living. Ginny graduated from St. John Villa Academy on Staten Island, N.Y., and went on to the Katharine Gibbs School to learn secretarial skills in order to enter the workforce for the first time.

That training led Ginny to the Consolidated Insurance Companies, at the foot of the Brooklyn Bridge, as a "Gal-Friday." The job allowed her to earn enough money to join a neighborhood girlfriend to hitchhike their way through Europe for two and a half months. That trip created a lifelong wanderlust that later led her and Kevin to pursue like-minded adventures.

Her first marriage to Derek Jackson produced two great children, and a special love for Swedish and German cars, as Derek's career spanned both the Volvo and Mercedes-Benz automobile companies. During that time she created many friendships that survived into her second marriage.

Ginny was also an active United States Ski Patrolter and a certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). She helped save hundreds of

stranded skiers across the Poconos in Pennsylvania, and was a favorite of the local Spring Mountain "resort," where she received the Outstanding Service Award for 1980-1981. Earlier, while she lived in the Pittsburgh region, as an EMT, she assisted with the 1977 Johnstown Flood rescue efforts. Upon moving to Chalfont, she ran volunteer ambulance night after night.

Her father, Joseph, was instrumental in supplying a uniquely designed electronic device made of mica, a mined material which her family imported into the Brooklyn Marine Terminal and fabricated for various industries throughout the 1900s and into the 2000s. He personally delivered via train, a trigger component to the secret Manhattan Project's war effort in Oakridge, Tenn. Her mother, Sylvia, was beautiful, and a particularly fantastic dancer in her day, becoming the top Mambo dancer in New York City along with her dance partner and future Hollywood dance instructor, Frank "Killer Joe" Piro. Her mother's subsequent marriage to David Garfield, now-deceased, introduced her and Ginny to the world of bridges, as he was the resident engineer for the building of the new Verrazano Bridge in New York City, and then consulted on the refitting of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, Calif.

Upon settling into Doylestown after many years of work-related relocations, Ginny met Kevin under the disco ball suspended over the dance floor of Jenny's (now Earl's) in Lahaska. He was a 24-year-old entrepreneurial and she was a very young-looking vivacious 40-year-old, there was an instant connection. Having been raised in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, she was completely enamored with "Saturday Night Fever," and the disco rage that was then sweeping the country. Kevin and Ginny continued to dance together, and they married in 1985. While honeymooning in Cancun, they quickly found their way to the top of the Mayan pyramid, Chichen Itza, in the far reaches of the Yucatan.

Their travels led them to: search for family and friends in Ireland, England, Italy and Scandinavia; visit the Great Wall in China; cruise Hong Kong's harbor; reach the top of the Eiffel Tower in Paris; crawl down inside the pyramids at Giza in Egypt; live the life of olive farmers and produce their own extra virgin olive oil with friends in Florence; gaze in awe at the magnificent Taj Mahal; trek into the Lost City of Petra, Jordan; and traverse America's towns up, down and across. As a member of the Allentown Ski Club and Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council, Ginny's passion always found her skiing the slopes, from the German, Austrian, French and Swiss Alps, to the Canadian Rockies and everything in between.

She especially loved Bucks County and always found lots of interesting local work. In her later years she was employed by Thomas and Betts Manufacturing, then Eichler and Moflyl Reators, Wilburger's Ski Shops, Buckman's Ski Store, and finally Keenan Motors. Ginny had a penchant to make people smile, and it led to a one-week stint as a costumed chicken to peck around the area supermarkets, clucking at everyone to promote certain meat products. In addition, due to her stunning Italian-Irish good looks, Ginny once donned a bunny outfit while employed at the Great Grove Playboy Club in northern New Jersey. Ginny was a very determined lady, and when she had gained a few extra unwanted pounds, she vowed to change her habits permanently and was ultimately awarded a Lifetime Membership to Weight Watchers for her stellar results.

Her many-year battle with dementia, which began at a still vibrant age, didn't diminish her eternal optimism and the ability to focus primarily on the positive aspects of life: she continued to smile, almost until her dying day; Ginny's life will continue to bring benefits to those long after her death, as she has donated her brain to the medical team at the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Neurodegenerative Research.

Virginia is survived by her second husband, Kevin Jameson; her first husband, Derek Jackson; her two devoted children, daughter Nancy Jackson and son Leslie Jackson; a granddaughter by name, Madison Dill; her beloved uncle and aunt, Arthur and Barbara Carbone; her cousins Kenneth and Dennis Miller; cousin George Imperato; cousins John, Christine and Peter Yannello, Jr.; half-brothers, Nicholas and Peter Yannello, as well as many extended family and dear friends and neighbors.

A service celebrating her life is planned for mid-September. In lieu of flowers, please make a generous contribution to the Dementia Society of America, a non-profit organization. You may reach them by mail at: Dementia Society of

America, P.O. Box 600, Doylestown, Pa. 18901; by phone 1-877-313-3113; or dementiaociety.org.

## Elizabeth C. Graham

Elizabeth C. Graham of Doylestown, Pa., passed away on Wednesday, July 23, 2014, in the Wesley Enhanced Skilled Nursing Center, Doylestown, Pa. She was 80.

Born in Chestnut Hill, Pa., to the late Edward and Emma Shay Carroll, Elizabeth resided in Montgomery County and Tinicum Township before moving to Wesley Enhanced Living, Doylestown in 2013.

She was formerly employed as an administrative assistant with Smith, Kline and French Pharmaceuticals of Philadelphia, Pa., for 38 years, before retirement.

She is the beloved wife of 52 years to Randall R. Graham, elder sister of Jean (William) Gallagher, loving sister-in-law of Ruth (Jack) Burns, also survived by nieces, nephews, grandnieces and nephews.

Services will be private under the direction of the Varcoe-Thomas Funeral Home, Doylestown, Pa.

Send condolences to varcoethomasfuneralhome.com.



Margaret R. Bach. My wife, my love, my friend, my life.

Relatives and friends are invited to her memorial service, 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 23, at Doylestown United Methodist Church, 320 E. Swamp Road, Doylestown, Pa. 18901.

Marge requests no flowers. If you wish, a donation to a charity of the donor's choice or to one of Marge's Abramson Cancer Center of the University of Pennsylvania, Attn: Penn Medicine Development, 3535 Market St., Suite 750, Philadelphia, Pa. 19104-3309; Wissahickon Hospice, 150 Monument Road Suite 300, Bala Cynwyd, Pa. 19004; Doylestown Hospital, c/o Development Office, 595 W. State St., Doylestown, Pa. 18901 or to Doylestown United Methodist Church at the address above.

Reed and Steinbach Funeral Home, Doylestown.

## Carrie T. Dillon

Carrie T. Dillon, 93, of New Hope died on July 21 at the Aria Hospital in Fairless Hills.

Born in Upper Lehigh, Carrie was a New Hope resident since 1946. She worked at the York Luggage Company and was on the custodial staff at New Hope Borough Hall. During World War II, she served as a naval inspector. Carrie was an active member of the Solebury United Methodist Church and of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Eagle Fire Company.

She was the wife of the late Dorsey C. "Dutch" Dillon and the daughter of the late William and Anna Gerlach Keers. She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Friday, July 25, at the Solebury United Methodist Church.

Memorial donations may be made to the Solebury United Methodist Church, 2536 Aquetong Road, New Hope, Pa. 18938 or to the Lambertville-New Hope Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 237, Lambertville, N.J. 08530.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Van Horn-McDonough Funeral Home, Lambertville, N.J.

## Death notices

Theresa M. Plandowski

Theresa M. (Gombos) Plandowski of Sellersville passed away July 26. Family and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 2, at St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, 445 N. Main St., Sellersville, which will

be held for both Theresa Plandowski and her late husband, Edward J. Plandowski, who passed away Feb. 5, 2012. There will be no prior visitation. Interment will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Hamburg, N.Y., in the "Field of Valor."

## Alfred Henry Covington

Alfred "Ted" Henry Covington of Puntagorda, Fla., and North Rome Pa., formerly of Ottsville, Pa., passed away peacefully July 20, 2014.

He was 81 years old. Services are private.

## Bruce C. Allen

Bruce C. Allen of Perkasie passed away July 23 in Grand View Hospital, West Rockhill Township. He was 71.

## Laura J. Pfeil

Laura J. Pfeil of Doylestown, formerly of Warrington, died July 18. She was 77.

Her memorial service will be held July 30 in Warrington.

## Margaret T. Welch

Margaret T. Welch, formerly of Solebury, died July 15 in Pine Run Health Center. She was 98.

Services were held privately.

## Dorothy C. Harry

Dorothy C. Harry of Quakertown, formerly of Doylestown, died July 27. She was 101.

Graveside services were July 30 at Forest Grove Presbyterian Church, 1856 Forest Grove Road, Forest Grove.

## Richard Cope

Richard Cope passed away peacefully July 21 at his home in Haycock Township, where he lived his whole life.

A celebration of life service will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, September 27, at Swamp Manonitic Church, 2125 Rosedale Road, Quakertown.

## Martin J. Corr

Martin J. Corr of Doylestown died suddenly July 28 at his summer home in Sea Isle City, N.J. He was 77.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 31, at Reed and Steinbach Funeral Home, Doylestown, and from 9 a.m. until his funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 1, in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 235 E. State St., Doylestown. Interment in Doylestown Cemetery will follow Mass.

## Patricia Harren

Patricia Harren of Doylestown, passed away Friday, July 25, 2014, surrounded by her family. She was 85.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at Reed and Steinbach Funeral Home, Doylestown. Friends may call from 2 p.m., until the time of the service.

## Vincent J. Prendergast

Vincent J. Prendergast of Doylestown died July 27 at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. He was 83.

Relatives and friends are invited to his memorial service 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 2661 Durham Road, Buckingham. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

## Jeannette Frater

Jeannette Frater, a longtime resident of Doylestown died July 26.

Her funeral service and interment are being held at the convenience of the family.

## Betty L. Pollock

Betty L. Pollock died at home on July 27. She was 89.

A funeral service will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 2, at Reed and Steinbach Funeral Home, Doylestown. Interment will follow in Doylestown Cemetery.

## Beverly F. Moyer

Beverly F. Moyer of Doylestown passed away July 27. She was 84.

Services and interment for Beverly will be private at the convenience of her family.

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## Jamison author pens children's book

Joanne Battistini of Jamison has released a new children's book, "Silly Moments."

"Silly Moments" tells the story of silly cats who like to play games and wear silly hats. When these endearing, yet different, felines come together, it becomes obvious that, though different, they have one thing in common—the need to have fun and be silly.

Published by Tatami Publishing and Enterprises, the book is available through bookstores nationwide at tatpublishing.com/bookstore, or by visiting barnesandnoble.com or amazon.com.