

# The Glengarry Gazette

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## NEW BOARD MEMBER

At the April, 2025 semi-annual COA meeting, a new board member was elected to the Isles Board of Directors. Laura Abbott-DeCarolis has replaced John Zoller as Treasurer and joined Don, Carol, Sue and Renae as our representatives. Congratulations, Laura, and thank you to John for his many years of service on our behalf.

THE ISLES



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THE HIGHLANDS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Remember, our next semi-annual COA meeting will be held on October 28, 2025 at 7:00pm, directly after the monthly board meeting. For those interested in passing our Halloween candy at the clubhouse, Plum's trick-or-treat runs from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Our next monthly brunch is Saturday, October 18th at 11:00am.

### Clubhouse Rental Fee

- The charge to rent the clubhouse for a private function is \$60.00.
- You must contact Ryan Lynch at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices at 724.733.7100 or [ryanlynch@theppmc.com](mailto:ryanlynch@theppmc.com) to reserve the date and send them the \$100.00 refundable deposit and \$60 rental fee (two separate checks).
- Please remember to leave the clubhouse in the same or better condition than you found it!

## DOLLY O'CONNELL OBITUARY—744 GLENGARRY

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Dolores Marie (Valasek) O'Connell of Plum, formerly of Bethel Park, known by most as "Dolly," on Wednesday, January 1, 2025. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. Dolly passed away unexpectedly but peacefully at her home, leaving behind a legacy of love, kindness and generosity that touched all who knew her. She was a devoted and loving wife for 60 years of Thomas "Tom" O'Connell who preceded her to Heaven in 2023.

Dolly was a loving mother to Mary Beth (Dave) Genday, Sharon (Ron) Willochell and Daniel (Jacq) O'Connell. She was an adoring Gram to Michael (Lindsay) Genday, Kelsi Genday, Kyle Genday and Jonah Willochell, and a proud great-grandmother to Collins and Cohen Genday. She is also survived by her dear sister, Yvonne Jungle, and brother, Walt Valasek, as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family. A devout Catholic, Dolly was active in her church communities and held a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother. She was an active member of the Legion of Mary in her younger days and prayed the rosary daily. Friends and family will be received from 2-4 and 6-8 pm on Thursday, January 9 at Maurice L. Knee, Ltd. Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 10 at Our Lady of Joy R. C. Church. Interment will follow in Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

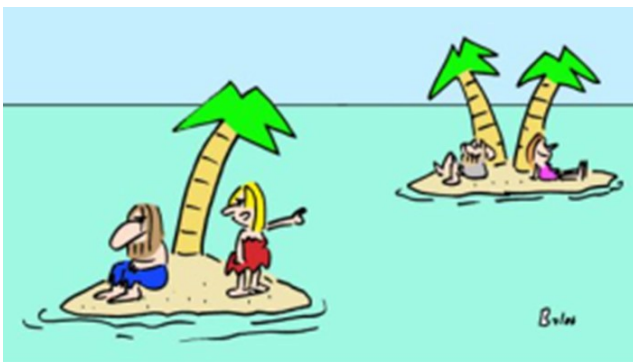


## CLIFF DENHOLM OBITUARY—733 GLENGARRY

Cliff Denholm III, age 72 of Plum Boro, left us after his long battle with bone cancer. Born October 10, 1951 and raised in Pittsburgh, he was the son of Cliff and Mary Denholm. He was a graduate of Plum Sr. High School, and he graduated from Robert Morris University with a Master's in Information Systems and Communication. He enlisted in the USAF and was an electronic warfare specialist. After an honorable discharge, he worked at major corporations such as CONSOL, Elliott, Calgon, and UPMC Magee Women's Hospital as VP/CIO. He was promoted to UPMC as a corporate VP. After an early retirement, he and his wife started Teamlogicit. Cliff loved spending as much time with family as possible, especially with his grandkids.

He is survived with his wonderful and loving wife of 53 years, Sandy; sons Cliff (Kathryn) and Mike (Angi); four grandchildren Alayna, Sierra, Marley, and Mike, the loves of his life. He is also survived by Mary Lou (Tom) Jordan, Gary (Cindy) Denholm, niece/more like a daughter, Tina Kingan Morrison and her family; niece Jennifer Holmes; nephews Ron, Steve, and Tom Reedy; brother-in-law Ken (Debbie) Holmes; sister-in-law Pat (Bill) Widmer.

Friends received, Wednesday, 2:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. at Soxman Funeral Homes, Ltd. ,7450 Saltsburg Road (at Universal Road) Penn Hills, where a Service will be held, Thursday, 10:00 a.m. Interment in Plum Creek Cemetery. Cliff requested that everyone dress relaxed.



"THE GOWLAKS HAVE  
TWO PALM TREES!"

## NEW POOL LINER



This is our new pool liner in a darker color than before.

The 2024 pool season was adversely affected by the long wait for the replacement pool heater.



## CAROL MILLER OBITUARY—713 GLENGARRY

Carol Ann Miller, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, housewife, and friend, passed away peacefully at home in the company of family Friday Evening, December 22, 2023, after 80 years of a blessed living, laughing, and loving in Houston, Penn Hills, and Plum Borough, She is the daughter of the late Alfred and Ann Bernard.

Beloved wife of the late Anthony Miller, she is survived by her younger sister Cathy Stinger; children Linette (Brett) Coddington, Denise (Eric) Stegman, David (Mary Jean) Miller; and grandchildren Kelson (Margaret) Coddington, Morgan (David) Eberhart, Fallon and Garion Coddington, Ashlynn & Megan Miller, and Sydney Stegman.

Friends received, Friday, 3:00 pm-7:00 pm at Soxman Funeral Homes, Ltd./Roth Chapel, 7450 Saltsburg Road (at Universal Road) Penn Hills. Mass of Christian Burial, Saturday, 10:00 am in St. Januarius Church. Interment in Good Shepherd Cemetery.



### TRIVIA (ANSWERS FROM LAST ISSUE)

- ◆ How have vegetables been cut which are served Julienne?

*Thin strips (or shredded or sliced lengthwise)*

- ◆ "See the USA in your Chevrolet" was the slogan for which tv host?

*Dinah Shore*

### TRIVIA QUESTIONS: (ANSWERS IN NEXT ISSUE)

- ◆ What is the only English language single word anagram of the word crouton?
- ◆ "A horse is a horse; of course, of course.." Of course, Mr. Ed had an owner. What was this inept, bumbling, yet likable architect's name?

## DONALD BLACK OBITUARY—776 GLENGARRY

It is with deepest sorrow that we share the passing of our dad, Donald Black. Dad passed suddenly at UPMC East, on Tuesday April 15th, 2025. Through the years he enjoyed golfing and bowling leagues. Lately his sudoku and crossword books kept him busy at his garage work table where he enjoyed his projects and watching the happenings of the neighborhood. He loved driving and was a great chauffeur for his grandkids, spending time with them while shuttling them to their activities. His world revolved around his beloved wife, Rosemary, his high school sweetheart and wife of nearly 60 years. We can't imagine a world without him in it. Everyone who knew Don liked him. He enjoyed the company of his many friends and family. In addition to loving his family he had many passionate hobbies including cars, models (he had his own train room), softball, golfing, bowling, World War II trivia, and DIY projects.

He is survived by his loving wife, Rosemary Lackey Black; children Dana Black, Lori Black-Trusky (Ken Trusky); Donald Black Jr. (Melissa Black); and Amanda Black-Baumgarner (Chuck Baumgarner). Beloved grandchildren Jacob Trusky, Katie Black, Amber Trusky, Ella Black, Molly McGrath, Bridget McGrath, Shannon McGrath and Carsten Black; preceded in death by his parents Frank and Mary Black and his brother Paul Black.



## JUDI ANDERSON OBITUARY—712 GLENGARRY

Judith "Judi" J. Anderson, 80, of Plum Borough, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on May 30, 2025. Born in Unity, PA, on December 16, 1944, Judi lived a life rich with creativity, curiosity, and kindness. She was the beloved daughter of the late John O. Anderson and Rosemary Robbeloth, and stepmother Helen Anderson. Judi graduated from Penn Hills High School in 1962 and earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees in Art Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP). For 32 years, she shared her passion for art as an elementary art teacher in the Penn Hills School District. She also taught gifted studies and computer classes, inspiring countless students with her energy and creativity. Teaching was more than a job for Judi—it was a calling, and she loved every moment of it.

Judi was an artist in every sense of the word. After retirement, she focused on collage art, creating colorful works that reflected her love of texture and design. For more than 20 years, her pieces were featured at The Center for the Arts in Shadyside. While her art may not have paid the bills, it brought joy to others and kept her "out of trouble," as she liked to say. She also enjoyed weaving and cross-stitch design in earlier years. Travel was another of Judi's great joys. Her first trip to Europe included England, Spain, Switzerland, Italy, and Germany—and from that moment on, she was hooked. Italy became her favorite destination, and she returned more than ten times, drawn by the art, history, and, of course, the food. She also visited Belgium, the Netherlands, Sweden, Finland, and many U.S. destinations, including Arizona, Montana, and Florida.

After a serious car accident led to early retirement at age 52, Judi embraced the next chapter of life with grace and optimism. She worked part-time at Mystery Lovers Bookshop in Oakmont, where she met well-known authors and fellow book lovers who became lifelong friends. She often described that job as "life-changing."

In 2014, Judi moved to The Isles, a welcoming community where she found friendship and comfort in her later years. She often spoke about how grateful she was for her neighbors and her new home—no stairs, caring friends, and a place to truly enjoy life. Judi is survived by her brothers, John (Audrey) Anderson and Jeffrey Anderson (Angela), her sister Jennifer Seigal (Lewis); her nephews, Ian Anderson, Reed Anderson (Eva) and Ryan Siegal; her nieces, Hannah Gilkey (Kollin) and Jackie Siegal; great-nieces, Julia Anderson, Raelyn Gilkey, and Piper Anderson; great-nephew, Alex Anderson and her friend Robert Stockman. She was predeceased by her parents and stepmother. A private family ceremony was held on July 21 at Plum Creek Cemetery.

Those who knew Judi will remember her as warm, creative, and adventurous—a teacher who shaped young minds, an artist who found beauty in simple things, and a friend who brought joy to every room she entered. She lived her life fully and left behind a legacy of love, laughter, and color.



## DENNIS SADOWSKI OBITUARY—704 GLENGARRY

Dennis Paul Sadowski, 74, of Plum Borough, Pennsylvania passed away peacefully on July 25, 2025 with his wife, Judy, at his side. Born on June 5, 1951 to the late Leonard H. Sadowski and Eleanor (Bittner) Sadowski, he attended St. Raphael Grade School and graduated from Peabody High School in 1969. He went on to complete an Associate's degree in Architectural Drafting, a BS in Electrical Engineering, and an MS in Engineering Management. A blind date in 1972 brought him together with his future wife, Judy, and they celebrated 50 years of marriage on August 31, 2024. A truly gentle soul, he was an introvert with a sharp wit, and had various passions throughout his life, including fishing, karate, and reading. He and Judy enjoyed 12 adventuresome years of scuba diving before a congenital heart condition forced him to give it up. They turned to traveling and especially cruising in recent years. Their goal was to travel to as many places as possible for as long as his heart would let him. His wish to see the pyramids in Egypt went unfulfilled and Covid 19 canceled many trips. His favorite exotic vacation spots were Hawaii and Italy, with Niagara Falls and Williamsburg locally. He enjoyed target shooting and was a longtime member of the Logan's Ferry Sportsmen's Club, and a recent addition to their Board of Directors. He traveled extensively for work since the early 1990's before retiring from Ansaldo STS in 2018. He was a hardcore Steelers fan and looked forward to the NFL draft coming to Pittsburgh in 2026.



Dennis was born and raised in the Morningside neighborhood of Pittsburgh before moving to the Garlow plan in Plum in 1976, and then to a condo in the Isles at the Highlands in 2009, where some close friendships developed among the neighbors.

Dennis is survived by his loving wife, Judy (Moran) Sadowski, and special cousins (more like siblings), Mark (Sandy) Ridge and Renae (Rich) Macura, and Renae's children, Derek Jordan and Dana (Jared) Bazella, both of whom he considered the children he never had. He was predeceased by both his parents, a brother, Leonard J. (Babs) Sadowski, and another special cousin, Darryl (Beverly) Ridge.

## NEW NEIGHBORS

Bob and Linda Klass have purchased Carol and Tony Miller's condo, Jacki Pecek has purchased Tom and Dolly O'Connell's unit., Jim and Carole Yester have purchased Elise Falcone's unit and Dennis and Denise Pack have purchased Judi Anderson's condo.

*Welcome one and all!*



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## THIS AND THAT



**"My real estate agent found me this place. I said I wanted a home that requires no yard work, no painting, no snow shoveling. A place where the weather is perfect and neighbors never complain about my music..."**

## THE ISLES COA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**The current Isles COA Board of Directors:**

Don Greb President  
Carol Johnson, VP  
Sue O'Toole, VP  
Renaë Brinza, Secretary  
Laura Abbott-DeCarolis, Treasurer

The Board meets at 6:00pm every fourth Tuesday of the month at the clubhouse.