



## Ellio J. Chiacchio

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It is with profound sadness that the family of Ellio J. Chiacchio announces his passing on Saturday, April 5, 2025. Ellio was born to Emidio and Josephine (nee: Grasso) Chiacchio of Penns Grove, NJ on August 30, 1935. Ellio spent his entire life living in Penns Grove, a pillar of his community, and was deeply proud of his hometown. He was a 1954 graduate of Penns Grove Regional High School where he excelled in football, basketball and track receiving eleven Varsity letters. Because of these accolades, he was inducted into the PGHS Hall of Fame. As a young boy, Ellio held many jobs---working in the farm fields of Salem County, Richman's Ice Cream in Woodstown, and Riverview Beach Park in Pennsville. He began his career as an insulator for 37 years at Chamber's Works, DuPont. While holding his job at DuPont, there were years when he worked part-time selling memorial gravestones, owning gumball machines throughout area stores, and working at Priolo's Bakery in Penns Grove.

He was a devoted man who provided for his family making sure they enjoyed vacations and weekends at the Jersey shore, especially Atlantic City, Wildwood and Cape May. Ellio appreciated and loved the ocean where he found tranquility and surfed the ocean waves with ease. He and Jean favored

the special campground spots of Hidden Acres and Seashore Campsites. Bingo and the casino were weekly trips for Ellio where he and Jean had fun and looked forward to seeing their steady friends. Ellio was a longtime member of the Washington Club, a community volunteer serving his church, Penns Grove Little League and Penns Grove Midget Football Association. He was a coach and a mentor to many young athletes. Ellio was a grandfather and great-grandfather who could be seen tirelessly frequenting every imaginable function in which they were involved. He supported his grandchildren and great-grandchildren to the highest limit.

Ellio was predeceased by his devout brother, Mario (Nancy) Chiacchio. Ellio is survived by his beloved wife of 69 years, Jeanne G. (Brown) Chiacchio; his son, Stephen Chiacchio (Sharon), his two daughters, Sheryl Leoni (Joseph) and Sharlene Caldwell (Robert); nine grandchildren whom he idolized dearly: Joseph Leoni, Stephen Chiacchio, Jr. (Nicole), Summer Strawbridge (Eric), Ralph Fisher (Melanie), Stephanie Hall (Anthony), Jeffrey Leoni (Destiny), Nicole Bright (Thomas), Erica Caldwell and Shawn Caldwell (Bree); 16 great-grandchildren whom he also passionately adored: Anthony, Aubrey, Emelina, Briella, Kaylee, Alayna, Elliana, Skylar, Eli, Neko, Brynlee, CJ, Geo, Maddie, Daxton, Atlas and a baby on the way to be named Vincent Ellio, along with an abundance of nieces, nephews, family members and faithful friends.

We will love him forever and ever and promise to keep his Legacy alive through us all.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Gabriel the Archangel Roman Catholic Church, 369 Georgetown Road, Carneys Point, NJ 08069 on Monday, April 14, 2025. A memorial visitation will be held 10 AM-11AM with a mass being celebrated at 11AM. Burial is private at the convenience of the family.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

APR 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Gabriel the Archangle Parish  
369 Georgetown Road  
Carneys Point, NJ 08069

## Memorial Mass

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# Tribute Wall

TH

“ *Ellio was the kind of guy who had such a great and unassuming personality. A gentle soul who I bet I wouldn't have wanted to try and tackle in his prime. To Steve, Sharlene and Sheri: Love you guys and stay strong knowing how many people loved your Pop.* ”

Tim Hunt - April 12, 2025 at 11:15 PM

SL

*Thank you for your sincere words, Tim.*

Sheryl Leoni - April 16, 2025 at 09:07 PM

GF

“ *Gary Nichols and family purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Ellio J. Chiacchio.* ”



Gary Nichols and family - April 11, 2025 at 12:50 PM

GF

“ *Gary Nichols and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellio J. Chiacchio.* ”

Gary Nichols and family - April 11, 2025 at 12:50 PM

JW

“ *Prayers to the family during this difficult period. Sending my love and support to you all* ”

janice west-belhadi - April 10, 2025 at 08:51 PM

SC

*Thank you Janice. Steve*

**Steve Chiacchio** - April 11, 2025 at 04:50 PM

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**Steve Chiacchio** - April 11, 2025 at 04:51 PM

BB

“ *Bill and Bette purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ellio J. Chiacchio.*



**Bill and Bette** - April 10, 2025 at 03:36 PM



“ *Thinking of you during this difficult time. I hope you find peace in the beautiful memories of your father.*

*Kim(Friant) and Mike Roberts*



**Kim Friant Roberts** - April 10, 2025 at 09:04 AM

BN

“ *Mr. Chiacchio was always kind to me since I knew him as a small boy. I remember, hunkering down at his house when there was some criminal on the loose in the neighborhood during a manhunt and feeling safe. I remember cutting through the yard to get to the neighborhood store and waving at him and trading hello's while he did yard work. A truly kind man...keeping the Chiacchio family in my heart and prayers.*

**Brian Nichols** - April 10, 2025 at 08:55 AM

SL

*Thank you kindly, Brian. Sheri Chiacchio Leoni*

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**Sheryl Leoni** - April 10, 2025 at 06:28 PM

HD

*My condolences to the Chiacchio family. We played football in the forties and he was the greatest. Harry DiOrio*

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**Harry DiOrio** - April 13, 2025 at 09:20 PM

CM

“ *carol molinari-monks lit a candle in memory of Ellio Chiacchio*



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**carol molinari-monks** - April 10, 2025 at 04:36 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Ellio J. Chiacchio.*



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April 09, 2025 at 06:19 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ellio J. Chiacchio.*

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April 09, 2025 at 06:19 PM

MH

“ Margie Howell purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Ellio J. Chiacchio.



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**Margie Howell** - April 09, 2025 at 05:44 PM

MH

“ Margie Howell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellio J. Chiacchio.

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**Margie Howell** - April 09, 2025 at 05:44 PM

LS

“ What a remarkable and well lived life. Condolences to all .Rest easy Ellio.

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**Leo and Susan Smith** - April 09, 2025 at 03:49 PM

LA

“ Prays going out to Jean and his loved family . Everytime I seen him, he would grab your hand and say hi! Always had a big smile on his face .He was the most Sweetest man you could ever meet . You sure will be missed my friend .Prays and love Linda Adam’s

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**linda adams** - April 09, 2025 at 03:06 PM



“ He was a wonderful man and a very good friend to my father Leon. My father has many stories about growing up with him. May God bless and comfort his beautiful family. He is having a wonderful time in heaven with his brother and all of his dear friends who went before him. 🙏

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**Michele Mattioli-Landew** - April 09, 2025 at 02:50 PM

SL

*Thank you , Michele from Sheri Chiacchio Leoni. I remember your family well because of my Grandmother, Josephine.*

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**Sheryl Leoni** - April 09, 2025 at 09:54 PM