



## William Gallo Jr.

December 25, 2018

William J. Gallo, Jr., 59, of Mannington passed away on December 25, 2018. Born in Mannington, Bill was the son of William Sr. & Emily Houghton Walker. He graduated from both Woodstown High School and Temple University in journalism with Honors. Passionate about journalism, Bill first started writing for the school newspaper and then for the Today's Sunbeam at the age of seventeen. Active in the community, Bill served on the Board of Directors for seventeen years at the ARC of Salem County as well as for the Salem County Historical Society. He was also a parishioner of St. Joseph's RC Church in Woodstown.

Bill is survived by his mother, Emily; siblings, Adele Chandler (Neil), Carol Jess (Scott) and Lawrence D. Chard (Shirley); nieces, Karen Avis (Buddy) and Donna Jess as well as his two best friends, Larry Marinofsky and Ceil Smith. His father William J. Gallo Sr. predeceased him.

A viewing will be held on Wednesday night, January 2, 2019 at the Adams Funeral Home, 64 Broad St., Woodstown, NJ 08098 from 6 until 8 PM and again Thursday morning from 10 until 11 AM. The service will take place at 11 AM following the morning view at the funeral home as well. Interment will be at Lawnside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested that donations can be sent to either the Salem County Historical Society, 83 Market St., Salem, NJ 08079 or the ARC of Salem County, 150 NJ-45, Salem,

NJ 08079 in Bill's memory. [www.adamsfuneralhome.org](http://www.adamsfuneralhome.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Lawnside Cemetery

Rt. 40  
Woodstown, NJ 08098

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**JAN 2.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Adams Funeral Home (Woodstown)  
64 Broad St.  
Woodstown, NJ 08098  
(856) 769-2220

## Viewing

**JAN 3.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

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JAN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JR

“ To the friends and family of Bill Gallo...

*I never met Bill. My name is Jim Rupert. Bill and I grew up at the same time in Salem and Gloucester Counties, went across the Delaware to college and became newspaper reporters. I knew Bill mainly the way thousands of people did -- through his byline. While I strayed a long way, doing most of my reporting overseas, I read the news from back home in South Jersey largely through his articles, which reflected the work and the ethic that he applied daily to his mission as a journalist. In recent years, I traveled back to Salem to do some history research and write an article for the Salem County Historical Society, and Bill offered suggestions to me via e-mail or phone.*

*I mention these things to Bill's loved ones mainly to underscore what you already surely know: that Bill and his work touched many more lives than either you or he knew.*

*While I did not know Bill as a person, I know well the work that he did. I suspect that Bill -- like most journalists and certainly like myself -- pursued that work as a personal mission, and not merely as a job. And that he did it, as most of us do, out of the faith that telling truth and connecting people through our stories helps us all build a stronger, kinder human family. Our mission has been tough in recent years, especially in our smaller communities, with changes that have seen the loss of institutions such as the Sunbeam. I admired Bill from a distance for keeping that faith under hard conditions.*

*I tried to make similar points to the public this week in the South Jersey Times. (I'll copy that letter below, in case it's of interest to those close to Bill.) I hope the admiration for Bill by so many of his readers will be a comfort to his family!*

*Sincerely,  
Jim Rupert*

Washington, DC

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*Letter to the Editor  
South Jersey Times*

*To the Editor:*

*The loss of the South Jersey Times' Salem County reporter, Bill Gallo, will be felt not only by readers in Salem, but by many of us who follow the county and South Jersey from afar. Having grown up in Salem and Gloucester counties only to wander overseas for my career, I am one of those.*

*In my own 30 years as a newspaper correspondent -- from the former Soviet Union to Africa to Asia -- the most consistent South Jersey byline I followed from afar was Bill Gallo's. Bill's commitment to straightforward reporting was as solid as one finds in our business.*

*Bill was committed to the straightforward reporting not only of the day's news, but also of our history. Bill understood this truth: Our ability--as a community or as a nation--to comprehend clearly where we stand today depends on our seeing clearly the path of history by which we have come.*

*For that commitment of Bill's, many of us again are in his debt. As a pillar, and a board member, of the Salem County Historical Society, Bill was generous with his suggestions when I returned to the United States some six years ago and began a research project on Salem County history during the 1960s civil rights movement.*

*The best memorial we can offer Bill is to sustain his commitment to careful, honest research and reporting of both our news and our history in Salem County and South Jersey.*

*James Rupert  
Washington, DC*

**James C. Rupert** - January 03, 2019 at 02:56 PM

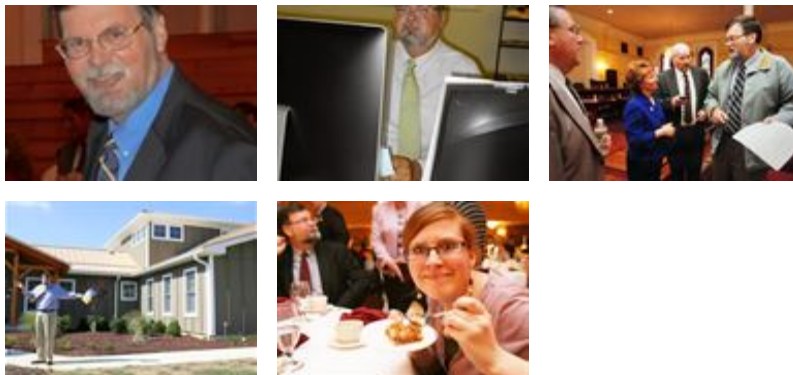
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“ So sad to hear of the passing of Bill Gallo. Having known him since beginning our time together in the newspaper business, I have always considered him a friend, a gentleman and a man after my own heart. Bill was from the Sunbeam and I worked for the Sampler. We had both found what we wanted to do with our lives. Over the years, I watched Bill's career grow as he expressed his love of Salem County through his writing. He was a truly wonderful writer, a responsible editor, a super intelligent person and an all around great storyteller. The stories of Salem County were his stories. He embraced his heritage and his home county with all of his heart, and it showed. His quiet, gentle presence will be missed at every board meeting, every Salem County Fair, every Gala, every Best of Salem County and every event that Bill was a huge part of....always. God speed Bill, you gentle soul.

**Donna Federanko Stout** - January 03, 2019 at 01:55 AM



“ 64 files added to the album Life Tributes



**Adams Funeral Home** - January 02, 2019 at 01:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Gallo Jr..



January 02, 2019 at 12:14 PM



“ I worked with Bill for many many years I was saddened to see this he is too young too talented and such a loving person rest in peace Bill

Sandra Bates - December 30, 2018 at 06:48 PM



“ I was so deeply saddened when I heard the news of Bill's passing, he was a part of Salem County, woven into it's fabric. He was well respected for his talent in getting the story and always had the newspaper at heart, he will be so missed, I can't imagine seeing the paper without his byline.

Jo Tussey,  
Former employee at Todays Sunbeam

Jo Tussey - December 28, 2018 at 10:34 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William Gallo Jr..



December 28, 2018 at 12:21 PM

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“ *When Bill walked into the Salem City Cafe he was always pleasant and had a funny sense of humor. I looked forward to seeing him and spending time talking to him. He was an asset to Salem County and passionate with his career path. I'm sure that Salem will miss him dearly. Rest in peace.*

*Debra J. Foglietta*

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**Debra J Foglietta** - December 28, 2018 at 09:55 AM

BK

“ *Interacted with Bill on several occasions over the past six years or so regarding girls' tennis reporting in South Jersey. He was always a gentleman and tried very hard to address my concerns. Just this past fall he, once again, took the time to direct me to the right source.*

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**Bob Kille** - December 27, 2018 at 02:40 PM

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“ *Trustees - Salem County Historical Society purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William Gallo Jr..*



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**Trustees - Salem County Historical Society** - December 27, 2018 at 12:08 PM