

Only a handful of true Wildwoodians can say. . .
“I’M A DR. MACE BABY!”

To read the story of Dr. Margaret Mace go to: www.sunbythesea.com/archives/IndianSummer08_Dr._Mace_iSUM08.pdf



Dr. Margaret Mace Dec. 21, 1871 - Dec. 15, 1951

1. John Fitzgerald April 11, 1933
 2. Harry J. DiSilvestro Nov. 9, 1941
 3. Vic DiSylvester January 18, 1941
- Read more about the DiSilvestro/DiSylvester family at www.sunbythesea.com in archives.
4. Cherie Davies Russell Aug. 17, 1944
 5. James Davies was delivered by Dr. Mace in 1933~ 77 yrs. ago on the date the photo was taken July 17.
 6. Ray Bierbrunner July 13, 1937
 7. Adelaide Bierbrunner Mazza July 7, 1938
 8. Anna Baker Bierbrunner April 13, 1943
 9. William Bierbrunner Feb. 23, 1936
 10. Janet Bierbrunner Pettit Sept. 10, 1933
 11. George E. Anderson Sept. 4, 1943 (a P&O boy)
 12. Lana Turner MacDonald Nov. 15, 1946 (a P&O girl)
 13. Richard D. Pearson Nov. 25, 1947

14. Ralph Jones May 10, 1944 (See story below)
15. Janette Callaway July 6, 1936
16. Bill Morey April 19, 1929
17. Louise Hand Mihalek Aug. 17, 1948
18. Leah Laine Dare July 18, 1925
19. Lola Batts McCleery Aug. 1, 1936
20. Marian Shivers Mouklas July 30, 1921
21. Susan Slamb Armour 1939
22. George Carlson May 1, 1924
23. Anita Carlson Diamond Feb. 1, 1931
24. Joan Prendergast Foley April 10, 1935
25. Janet Polis Blackmore Feb. 18, 1937
26. Margie Miller Patterson Aug. 5, 1933 Her deceased sister, Julia Dolores Miller Gates ~ delivered Jan. 17, 1932-2006
27. Shirley Anderson McVey Nov. 24, 1934
28. Ronald W. Griffith June 3, 1938

29. Joan Betty Myrden McGough June 12, 1934, 3:45pm
30. Fred W. Neal July 3, 1929
31. James Cafiero Sept. 21, 1928
32. Jack Mattera May 22, 1931
33. Leroy J. Thomas Feb. 20, 1936
34. George M. Thomas Feb. 20, 1936
35. Harold Thomas March 10, 1928
36. Grace Vecere Peterson Anzelone March 5, 1938
37. Dr. Joe Salvatore Aug. 29, 1930
38. Charles Sangillo Aug. 25, 1944

} At their birth, the father of these twins said, "When they start coming out in 2s it's time to stop!"

Mace Babies who couldn't make the gathering this year:

- Joseph Catrambone April 13, 1931
 Alice (Johnson)Catrambone Oct. 26, 1932
 Vincent Catrambone Oct. 26, 1930
 James Cox May 3, 1943

} Destined for one another, Vince & Alice were delivered by Dr. Mace on the same day, 2 yrs. apart!

DEAR SUN,

June 9, 2010 I think you may be interested in my Dr. Mace story. . . I have my birth certificate which says that I was born May 10, 1944 at the Margaret Mace Hospital in North Wildwood and the attending physician was Dr. Margaret Mace. My 22 year old Father was in the Navy during the war and his ship was at the Philadelphia Ship Yard. My 19 year old Mother came to live with him between tours on the Pacific. During the war my parents lived at 247 Grant Ave. in Cape May where many Sailors & GIs were given rooms. I was born during this short period. None of my family has ever lived in Cape May before or since.

I had always assumed since my parents were kids and had no money and that Dr. Mace was a midwife who delivered children for soldiers who had no money. I couldn't have been further from the truth. I found the article from your paper on the internet and it cemented a life long desire to see where I was born and where my parents lived. I look forward to meeting you on July 19.

~Ralph Jones

July 23, 2010 It was a pleasure to meet you and I certainly enjoyed myself at the Dr. Mace photo gathering that you held at the Hereford Lighthouse. I spoke with a dozen or so people both before and after the picture taking. All were as nice as could be. Mostly, we exchanged Margaret Mace stories. I must say it was unique to be among a group of people whose only connection was the doctor who delivered them.

Afterwards, I drove to Cape May and found the house on Grant Ave. that was built in 1920. It is where I and my parents lived when I was an infant!!!! It was a poignant moment to know that I had been in 2010 where I was in 1944. And I must say that you are the reason why it happened. I had thought for years that I should make the trip to Cape May, but without the internet article from The Sun and learning how iconic Dr. Margaret Mace was, I don't know that I would ever have gotten there. So, please be aware that not only are your efforts on behalf of Dr. Mace a good thing, but I am sure, as they have for me, done personal good for a number of folks.

~Ralph Jones



247 Grant Ave.,
Cape May, NJ



circa 1944. Ralph's parents, Elmer William Jones and Mildred Alma George These were the photos they kept of each other in their wallets.

RALPH IS #14. HE TRAVELED OVER 500 MILES FROM NORTH CAROLINA TO CONNECT WITH HIS HERITAGE HERE IN CAPE MAY COUNTY.