



## LouAnn & Lauren's Holiday Craft Party

Lovely creations by mother and daughter were the highlight of this local get-together~ seashell jewelry, hand crocheted scarves, hats, handsewn aprons, handbags and more!



Catanoso Girls~ Carli, Nola, Lauren, Chrissy, Stella, Hannah, Nina, Brooke



Marilyn Petitto, Leona M. Betz, and Marlene Catanoso Testa



Mary Nestor, Joan Smith and Patti Sparks



Chris & Hannah Catanoso, Linda Billiris, Campbell & Krista Lavelle, Barbara Perrone {Chris, Linda & Barbara are 3 sisters who all graduated from Wildwood Catholic HS}



**3 Generations~ LouAnn, Louise, Lauren**  
LouAnn models her handcrafted doubled 24" seashell necklace, Louise & Lauren model Lauren's latest craze~ the nostalgic kitchen apron. All goods are available for sale. Visit [www.curlyhairconspiracy.etsy.com](http://www.curlyhairconspiracy.etsy.com) to see all of Lauren's works.

Happy Belated 29th Birthday Lauren!!  
Feb. 10, 2009 Love You! Mom xoxox



LouAnn Catanoso, Janet Marzullo and Charlene Matthews



Heather Pierce, Cathy Pierce, Heather Garagozza

## Ed's Last Run!!! by Ed Ruth from Wildwood Crest



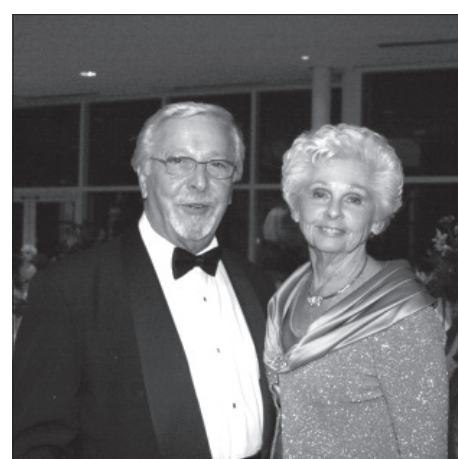
Taken Nov 26, 2008 during Ed's final moments [30 years 13 days 7hrs] at SEPTA in Philadelphia in front of his brand new 2008 million\$\$\$ Hybrid Bus #8191, THE 58 HALDEMAN ROUTE.

After 30 years I have officially retired from SEPTA. With a million+ city miles and thousands of hours behind the wheel of a 20 ton, 60 foot monster vehicle, the time has come to put it all behind me. I find myself at a new crossroad in life. Over those 3 decades I forged many great friendships in the duties of my job. On average a thousand people climbed on my bus everyday. Driving up the streets that I felt I owned, folks would board and say "HI EDDIE". Most were the same daily riders who would engage conversation and became a friend. Some would become even closer friends, becoming part of the circle of my life. My coworkers became like family too. I always counted down the years, then months, then days until my day of retirement; thinking how happy I was going to be. Now a part of me is very sad as a huge void is now in my life. I hope to fill it with new challenges. I shouldn't complain as I have a beautiful home by the ocean in the Crest to relax in

and look forward to the future in. SEPTA was good to me as it helped this young single guy back in 1978 buy a house, raise a great family, and live successfully. In return I gave SEPTA the best I could back. Hopefully my accident-free record will stand the test of time. It is amazing I never killed anyone as the possibility was there to do it with the vehicle or my bare hands. The job made me a good judge of people as I have had to deal with every human from every corner of life. (Yes Some did crawl out from under a rock.) Experience like that cannot be bought! The stories I could tell would fill volumes of books. I actually may try to write one. The job had its many sheer terror moments, also moments of hilarity. I have always said many times "I can't believe I'm paid this much money to witness the greatest show in history. Some of the things I won't miss are the gunshots, screaming people, fighting drunks, nasty smelling knuckle dragging neanderthals who never heard of soap or water, and a hundred other things like the empty forties of Colt or Mad Dog rolling around on the floor of the bus late at night. The sounds of the big city are now replaced by the sounds of the ocean. For everyone who has touched my life, a BIG THANK YOU. Now that I have 40 extra hours in the week, I promise to see more of ya soon!



Ed & Kathy will be spending more time on the beach together!



### It's Never to Late to Live Happily Ever After!

**Ms. Lura M. Conner** (nee Butler) of Osprey Point, formally of Swedesboro, and **Mr. Anthony F. D'Alicandro** of North Wildwood, formally of Philadelphia, announced their engagement on November 23rd, 2008 at the Yacht Club of Sea Isle City. The couple hosted a luncheon to celebrate the beginning of their life together. Their grandchildren provided a musical performance for guests. Family and friends warmly congratulated them.



## Betty Taylor Turns 90!

Our special Dr. Mace Baby, **Betty Taylor**, above, at her surprise 90th Birthday Party thrown by her daughters Barbara (left, and Erleene (right)

