

# Obituary for Earl Cain Jr

Earl Cain, Jr. of Smithville, NJ passed away on November 6, 2020 at the age of 76. Born in Hammonton, NJ, December 2, 1943. He was the son of Earl Cain, Sr. and Hilda Cain (nee Ford). He is survived by Frances Cain (nee Monahan) his beloved wife of 54 years. Children: Suzanne (Christopher) Ballay; Melissa (John) Torrence; Nicholas (Lindsey) Cain. Grandchildren: Lauren Ballay, Aiden Cain, Jack Torrence, Elliot and Niall Cain. Earl was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army and served his community until the very end. He loved learning about history, ancestry and was an active member of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution as well as many other clubs. We are all forever grateful for the knowledge passed down, the care and undying love he had for his family.



PETTICOAT BRIDGE SKIRMISH  
DECEMBER 23, 1776

ON ORDERS FROM GENERAL WASHINGTON TO PULL  
HESSIAN TROOPS SOUTHWARD FROM POSITIONS OF  
SUPPORT NEAR TRENTON, 600 AMERICANS, STATIONED  
AT MOUNT HOLLY UNDER COLONEL SAMUEL GRIFFIN  
ATTACKED A HESSIAN OUTPOST HERE ON DECEMBER  
21. WHEN THE 3,000 HESSIANS QUARTERED IN  
BURLINGTON COUNTY RETALIATED BY MARCHING  
AGAINST PETTICOAT BRIDGE ON DECEMBER 23 THEY  
WERE MET WITH A BARRAGE OF GUNFIRE. FOLLOWING  
A SHARP SKIRMISH, THE AMERICANS WITHDREW TO  
MOUNT HOLLY LURING THE HESSIANS STILL FURTHER  
FROM TRENTON.

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