



## **RECENT PHOTOS:**

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*On January 28, World War II Veteran Gerald Gardner, of Sea Isle City, received a handmade quilt from South Jersey Quilts of Valor Sewing Group. The red-white-and-blue blanket, which was ceremoniously wrapped around the 91-year old during the presentation, helped complete the Quilts of Valor organization's mission to "cover all combat service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts."*



*Originally from Pembroke, New Hampshire, Mr. Gardner, also known as "Mr. G," enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1943 shortly after graduating from high school. After a bout with Scarlet Fever during the early part of his naval career, he went on to serve as a diesel mechanic on a Minesweeper tender ship in the Pacific theater, ultimately advancing to the rank of Third Class Petty Officer.*

*Following World War II, Mr. Gardner attended the University of New Hampshire on the G.I. Bill and earned a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management. His career in the service industry included work at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia, serving as Director of Food Services for the Upper Darby (PA) School District, and owning and operating Mr. G's Little Chef Restaurant at 29<sup>th</sup> and Spruce Street in Philly. In 1977, Mr. Gardner and his wife, Mary Anne, moved their family of four from Drexel Hill, PA, to Sea Isle City, where they ran their second Mr. G's Little Chef Restaurant at 3603 Landis Avenue for twenty years. He is shown below with (from left) Quilts of Valor Volunteer Liz Barrett, his wife Mary Anne (Mrs. G), and daughter Gerri Klein...*



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