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North Cape May man dies after falling from locomotive

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TUCKAHOE – A Cape May Seashore Lines employee who fell from a locomotive at the Tuckahoe Train Station died last week.

David J. Gairo, 71, of North Cape May, was working in the locomotive near Railroad Avenue at the train station in Tuckahoe when he fell shortly after noon on Friday, Nov. 27. The Upper Township Rescue Squad was dispatched to the scene, along with the Tuckahoe Volunteer Fire Company, Marmora Volunteer Fire Company, and AtlantiCare paramedics, according to a release from the Tuckahoe fire company.

Gairo was taken to a landing zone and flown by helicopter to AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center in Atlantic City. He died later that day.

Gairo was president of the Electric City Trolley Museum Association for 20 years, according to his obituary. He was also past president of the East Penn Traction Club. He worked as a systems analyst for Unisys in Blue Bell, Pa. for 30 years.

Originally from Philadelphia, Gairo graduated from Cardinal Dougherty High School there and served in the Marine Corps Reserve. He is survived by a wife, two sons, and four siblings.

A burial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5 at St. John Of God Church in Lower Township. The family has asked that contributions in his name be made to the American Cancer Society, 1851 Old Cuthbert Blvd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.