



## Barbara C. Donahue

September 25, 1952 - July 31, 2019

Barbara C. Donahue of Lumberton, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at Care One in Evesham. She was 66.

Born in Camden, Barbara was a longtime area resident and had spent 40 years as a TA, Teacher, Administrator, Executive Director, & Special Ed Consultant in South Jersey.

Barb was a graduate of Cherry Hill East H.S. She went on to attend Appalachian State, earning a degree in Psychology. She then attended Glassboro State, earning her Special Education teachers certification. She later returned to Glassboro where she received her Master's degree.

Barb began her career in education working at Robins Nest, a program for young women, while attending Glassboro to get her Teaching certificate. Upon receiving it she began her career in earnest, as a Teacher at Burlington County Special Services.

Barbs first Administrative position was Principal at Midway, a small private school in Lumberton. Her next position was as South Jersey Special Education Consultant at EIRC in Sewell. She then went on to developed the PASS Program for the Central Region, which eventually became the Jr.- Sr. High School campus at BCSSSD in Westampton. Barb later went on to the Willingboro School system serving as Director of Special Education.

Barb's desire to always challenge herself led her to leave the public school sector and branch out to the private sector. Her final years were with the Regional Enrichment and Learning center (REAL), later to become First Children Learning Services of Cherry Hill, where she served as the Executive Director, providing educational services for many public schools in the state.

Predeceased by her brother Mark, she is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 34 years, Jim; 2 sons: Gregg Fahrenbruch (Theresa) of Westminster, CO, and James

Donahue (Jackie) of Edgewater Park; her parents Joyce & Anthony Costanza of Galloway; her brother John Costanza (Donna) of Haddonfield, and her sister Lisa McHugh (Brian) of Galloway. She is also survived by her nieces and nephews: Christopher, Colin, Haley, Justin, & David. She will be dearly missed by all of her family.

A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday at 12 Noon at the Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mount Holly. Friends may visit with the family on Thursday from 10 AM – Noon at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to: <https://www.celiac.org>, <https://www.lupus.org>, <https://www.kidney.org>, or <https://www.heart.org/>

# Events

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**AUG** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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Perinchief Chapels

438 High St., Mount Holly, NJ, US, 08060

**AUG** **Service** 12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ I was fortunate to have known Barbara professionally. She was a colleague who you could count on and who was always true to her word. Her leadership with educational programs benefited so many children. My deepest sympathy to her family.

**Gail Reichg** - August 08, 2019 at 07:15 AM

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“ Your Friends and Family of the South Jersey Region purchased the Heartfelt Memories for the family of Barbara C. Donahue.



**Your Friends and Family of the South Jersey Region** - August 07, 2019 at 10:33 AM

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“ Barb inspired me to be the educator I am today. I worked with her at REAL (now FCS) and admired her for professionalism and passion for education. She will forever be a part of me and be missed dearly.

**Margaret Chaput** - August 07, 2019 at 10:15 AM

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“ Jim, Tony, Joyce, John and Lisa; Sherri and I send our love and prayers to each of you. We were thrilled to have cousin Barbara attend our wedding just a year and a half ago. Her grace and courage through all her numerous bouts with illnesses were admirable and what she was going through at times was undetectable! May the good Lord give you all peace and comfort.



**Frederick Bianco** - August 06, 2019 at 03:41 PM



“ Worked with her for so many years--both in public school and REAL. She gave me friendship, advice and work. She helped me through my life; I shall miss her dearly.

**Gloria McCullough** - August 06, 2019 at 03:29 PM

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“ So sad to hear of Barbara's passing. My heart goes out to Jim and their son. Barbara worked hard for special needs children and I'm sure made a positive impact on so many lives. Gone too soon...



**Maureen Basehore** - August 06, 2019 at 03:26 PM

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“ Love Michael, Judy, Tim, Michele, Mary Lynn, Laura purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Barbara C. Donahue.



**Love Michael, Judy, Tim, Michele, Mary Lynn, Laura** - August 06, 2019 at 01:32 PM

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“ I will always remember my summer time fun with my dear cousin Barb when I visited her in NJ as a child. She showed me the joy of catching the rings on the merry-go-round on the boardwalk at OCNJ. We had lots of prizes to win! Rest In Peace my dear cousin and childhood friend until we ride that merry-go-round together again in glory and splendor.

**Judy Mann** - August 06, 2019 at 08:46 AM

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“ Coach really really sorry for your my thoughts are with you and the family!!!!!!

**Frank Dudley** - August 05, 2019 at 10:28 PM

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“ Gregg and I were so excited to have Barb and Jim visit us in Colorado last summer. Barb may have had to do some extra planning in order to travel, but she made it to the Rockies to see Gregg. The altitude can be a challenge for anyone, but Barb made it to Bear Lake —which is located at Rocky Mountain National Park at an elevation of 9,450 ft. above sea level.

When I think of Barb, the words determination and grace come to mind. I've heard the stories of the hurdles and obstacles she's dealt with over the years, and how she persevered. In the time that I've known her and was around her, I never heard her complain or bemoan any situation. She has definitely passed that fire and determination to Gregg; and I can sometimes see her in his eyes. She is much loved and dearly missed.



**Theresa Krieger** - August 05, 2019 at 09:36 PM

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“ Barb was the best “boss” I ever worked with. She was tireless and inventive, but kind and compassionate. She was small in stature but huge in her ideas and passionate in her work with disabled children. She will be missed. Meredith Miller

**Meredith Miller** - August 05, 2019 at 08:35 PM

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“ Kim Cornett lit a candle in memory of Barbara C. Donahue



**Kim Cornett** - August 05, 2019 at 03:20 PM



“ My heartfelt sympathies to the family. She was a woman with a heart full of love and so dedicated to helping children with Special Needs. Barb will be missed. RIP, Barb

**Kim Cornett** - August 05, 2019 at 03:22 PM



“ Barb hired me twice. First as a teacher in Midway School then as an LD in Willingboro. Loved working for her. What a great lady! Eternal rest grant unto to her, O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen

**Micki Bowne** - August 05, 2019 at 07:18 PM



“ Barbara saved my job once. I will never forget her. RIP friend!

**diana notigan** - August 06, 2019 at 07:52 AM



“ I remember her smile, her laugh and her tireless hard work for children with Special Needs in Willingboro. Rest In Peace, Barb.

**Debbie Johnson** - August 06, 2019 at 07:02 PM



“ Such a wonderful, kind person. Grace under fire always. I learned so much from her. She always looked forward to what could be accomplished next. Such a ready laugh! Much love to Jimmy and the boys. We were all lucky to have her.

**Ginny Stevenson** - August 07, 2019 at 02:22 PM



“ Barbara was my hero: kind, generous, bright, dedicated and most of all, fearless! She will be sadly missed!

**ruthann nisnick** - August 22, 2019 at 10:58 AM