



Barbara J. Virden

August 16, 2025

Barbara J. Virden, 88, of Lancaster, PA, passed away on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at Lancaster General Hospital, surrounded by her loving family. She was born and raised in Pleasantville, NJ, by the late Paul D. and Johanna (Blom) Gorman. In later years, she raised her family in Absecon, NJ.

In her younger years, Barb worked as an Aide with the Salvation Army. Later her career took her to Resorts International in Atlantic City, NJ, where she was Director of Benefits. She later became the Municipal City Clerk for Absecon, NJ.

Barbara, a woman of faith, was an active member of her church in Absecon. Once in Lancaster, she joined the Lampeter United Methodist Church and remained active throughout her time there.

Every generation has someone who is the gatherer, planner, and coordinator, and that was Barbara. Her home was the place for most family holidays and impromptu gatherings. You never knew who was going to come through the door, and all were welcome.

Family was Barbara's greatest love. She was involved in her children's activities, especially with 4-H. Many considered her to be the glue that held the extended family together.

Barbara is survived by her children: Donna Virden of Philadelphia, Sue Ellen Harris (Mark) of Lancaster, Jim Virden, Jr. (Denise) of Haddonfield, NJ, Scott Virden (Lisa) of Cardiff, MD; sisters, Johanna “Jody” Kensky, Paula Crawford (Thomas), and Patricia “Trish” Mangiafico (Joseph); sister-in-law, Barbara “Bobbie” Gorman; nine grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Paul “Butch” Gorman, Jr., brother-in-law, Ed Kensky, nephew, John Gorman, and former husband, James Virden, Sr.

Family and friends can pay their respects at The Groff’s Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA, on Saturday, August 23, 2025.

Visitation begins at noon, followed by a service at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Lampeter United Methodist Church, 1101 Village Road, Lampeter, PA 17602, or Absecon United Methodist Church, 100 Pitney Road, Absecon, NJ 08201.

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
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Lancaster, PA 17603
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Funeral Service

AUG **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara J. Virden*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - August 21, 2025 at 04:07 PM

SD

“ *Sue and Donna. So sorry to hear about your mom. I remember growing up with her being a large part of my life. I tell my grandchildren about our time in 4H. Your mom was a wonderful person always so kind. I know how you are feeling. We had some wonderful times when we were growing up in Absecon. Susan krafft Devecchio*

Susan Devecchio - August 23, 2025 at 12:35 PM

RK

“ *Ronnie, Tonya, Piper, Colin and Kai purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Barbara J. Virden.*



Ronnie, Tonya, Piper, Colin and Kai - August 23, 2025 at 09:29 AM



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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - August 21, 2025 at 03:57 PM

JC

“ *Janine and Greg Chase purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Barbara J. Virden.*



Janine and Greg Chase - August 21, 2025 at 12:59 PM

WW

“ *With Love, Shirley and Don Webb planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Barbara J. Virden.*

With Love, Shirley and Don Webb - August 21, 2025 at 12:13 PM

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“ With Love, Shirley and Don Webb purchased the *Your Light Shines* for the family of Barbara J. Virden.



With Love, Shirley and Don Webb - August 21, 2025 at 12:13 PM

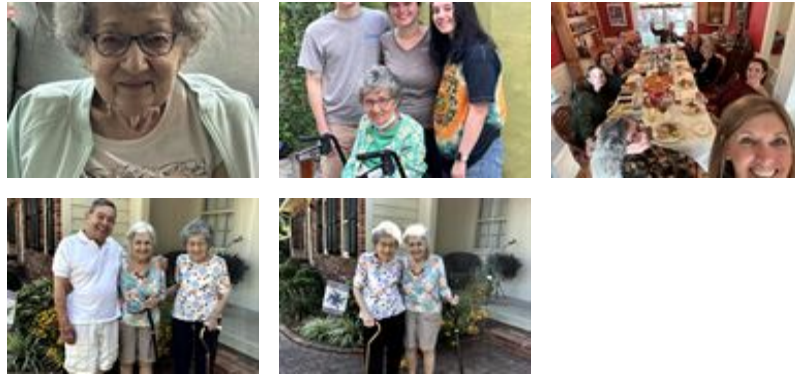
MC

“ Dear Family, so sorry for your loss. Barbara was a wonderful and kind neighbor, I feel privileged to have known her. May she rest in peace. 💕🙏 Mickey Corcoran

Mickey Corcoran - August 20, 2025 at 11:05 PM



“ 155 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - August 20, 2025 at 04:38 PM

ML

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Barbara one time. It may have been only once, but I could tell right away that she was a sweet, hardworking, and caring woman. Donna and family, I am so sorry to hear of her loss. May you all have comfort in your memories of her.

Michelle LaMontagne - August 20, 2025 at 08:52 AM