

BARBARA SCHLACHTUN

August 24, 1947 - August 19, 2026

Barbara J. (nee Burke) Schlachtun, 78, passed away on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at Hackensack University Medical Center in Hackensack, NJ. Born in Morristown, NJ, to the late Genevieve (nee Johnson) and Fredrick L. Burke, Barbara grew up in Cedar Knolls, NJ, and graduated from Hanover Park High School, Class of 1965.

Not long after graduating, she met Joseph Schlachtun while at a North Carolina Race Track in 1968, and in April of the following year, the two were married. Barbara and Joe settled into South Plainfield, where they have lived since. Once Barbara's three children were in school, she began working for the South Plainfield School District, first as a Lunch Aide in Roosevelt Elementary School. She later went on to be the School Secretary at Riley Elementary, before moving to the Board of Education Building where she was the Secretary to the Curriculum Director, then, the Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent. After 35 years of service to the district, Barbara retired in 2015.

Outside of work, Barbara was deeply active in her church, The First Presbyterian Church of Dunellen. A fixture in the church community, she rarely shied away from an opportunity to be involved. She was the church Financial Secretary, a member of the Resourcing Team, which oversees Church finances, a Church Elder, a member of the Service Ministry, an Usher, a member of the Choir and Bell Choir, organized floral arrangements for the church throughout the different seasons, but most of all, was a Church Mom and Grandma to all of the other members. She will be deeply missed by the entire Church community.

Barbara also maintained a passion for race cars, specifically Sprint Car Dirt Racing, a passion she had in her youth, resulting in her meeting Joe so many years ago. It was this shared passion that took Barbara and Joe to race tracks up and down the east coast, from North Carolina to Canada, if there was a track for them to visit, they did. Close to home, they would often watch races in Flemington, New Egypt, and Windsor. She was also an avid New York Rangers fan, and could often be found cheering for them during Hockey Season.

Above all, Barbara loved her family, especially her grandchildren. Rarely missing a sporting event, she was always rooting for them. The moments she spent with her family were moments she held closest to her heart. Barbara leaves behind her husband of 57 years, Joseph Schlachtun, and children, Daniel Schlachtun, Jennifer Gluchowski and her husband Alan, and Rose Pearsall and her husband, Robert, Jr. She will also be missed by her grandchildren, Robert Pearsall, Mary Pearsall, and Dylan Pearsall, and brothers, Fredrick "Larry" Burke and Donald Burke, as well as a host of extended relatives and friends.

A funeral service will be held at The First Presbyterian Church of Dunellen, 218 Dunellen Ave, Dunellen, NJ, on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 10 AM. Family and friends are invited to gather at church prior to the service, beginning at 9 AM. Following church, burial will take place at Lake Nelson Memorial Park, Piscataway, NJ.

A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION



IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF BARBARA SCHLACHTUN

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AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 10:00 AM

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SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

WELCOME & PRAYER

SONG *HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY* HYMN 2

SCRIPTURE READING JOHN 14:1-7

¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ²My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

GIVING THANKS FOR BARBARA

SONG *GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS* HYMN 60

SCRIPTURE READING PSALM 130

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; ²Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. ³If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? ⁴But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. ⁵I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. ⁶I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. ⁷Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. ⁸He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

MESSAGE PUT YOUR HOPE IN THE LORD REV. TIM OSBORNE

SONG *BE STILL MY SOUL* HYMN 530

PROFESSION OF FAITH HEIDELBERG CATECHISM Q&A 1

LEADER: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

ALL: That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,

LEADER: At the cost of his own blood He has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil.

ALL: He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head.

LEADER: Indeed, everything must fit His purpose for my salvation.

ALL: Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING PSALM 23

¹The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SONG *HOW GREAT THOU ART* HYMN 21

BLESSING AND COMMENDATION