



Barbara Ahmed

July 27, 1965 - May 24, 2021

It is with great sadness that the family of Barbara (Cosgriff) Ahmed announces her passing on Monday, May 24, 2021.

To know her was to love her. At the center of her life was her dear husband, Sobhy, her cherished daughters, Emily and Hannah, and their friendly labradoodle, Oscar. In a fulfilling second career after her days at Sullivan & Cromwell in New York City, Barbara provided her girls with thousands of rides to school, games, dance recitals, coffee runs, and various area retail establishments. Lately, she had embraced her role of picking up her brother at the Little Silver train station.

As an active and enthusiastic resident of Tinton Falls, she was often called “The Mayor of the Cul-de-Sac.” She loved her neighbors and looking out for them, often being the first homeowner to spot fallen trees, suspicious characters, and unfamiliar cars in their driveways. Barbara and Sobhy’s summer parties around the family pool are memorable for their incredible menus, the reliably high turnout of friends and family, and an enjoyment factor that would extend the festivities well into the evenings.

Barbara was also a devout and devoted family member of her local Catholic church and school, St. Leo the Great. After being active as a parent and volunteer throughout her daughters’ years at St. Leo’s, Barbara had begun working as a teacher’s assistant at the school during the time immediately before her death.

To her siblings – Mary Anne, Steve, and Joe – she was the baby sister but

also the brightest beacon and the glue who held things together after their beloved sister Joan had died in 2005. Barbara is also fondly missed by her Aunt Helen and a small army of close cousins with whom she shared so many happy summers at Point Pleasant Beach.

There will be a viewing on Thursday, May 27, from 2-4 and 7-9 at the Bongarzone Funeral Home in Tinton Falls and a funeral Mass of celebration for Barbara at St. Leo the Great Church in Tinton Falls on Friday, May 28, at 10:15 a.m. Please meet at the church in the morning. Interment will follow at Saint Anne's Cemetery in Wall.

In lieu of flowers, Barbara's daughters have asked that you consider donating in her name to Lunch Break at lunchbreak.org or to a charity whose mission you support.

** The State of New Jersey will be lifting its mask mandate on Friday, however individual businesses and places of worship may continue to require masks. Masks must be worn inside the funeral home on Thursday and the church on Friday. Thank you for your kindness during this difficult time. **

Cemetery Details

Saint Anne's Cemetery

1610 Allenwood Road
Wall, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home
2400 Shafto Road
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712
(732) 918-6200

Visitation

MAY 27. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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2400 Shafto Road
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712
(732) 918-6200

Funeral Mass

MAY 28. 10:15 AM (ET)

St. Leo The Great Church
546 Newman Springs Road
Lincroft, NJ

Tribute Wall

DB

“ Our deepest condolences to Sobhy, Emily and Hannah in the passing of Barbara. I've not seen her in a long time but she was one of my besties all through high school and into our adult years. She was a great soul and always was the positive one in the crowd. I'm heartbroken with this news. I will cherish the memories we shared.
Debbie and Bill Bielecki

Debbie Bielecki - May 27, 2021 at 05:30 PM

DT

“ My prayers are with your family during this very difficult time. Barbara was such a beautiful soul. A special memory I treasure is the story of the bird (Anthony) and the window she and Alice shared with me.

*With love and sympathy,
Donna Scardino Tumminia*

Donna Scardino Tumminia - May 26, 2021 at 01:24 PM

DT

“ Donna Scardino Tumminia lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ahmed



Donna Scardino Tumminia - May 26, 2021 at 01:07 PM

WA

“ *With love and in deepest sympathy, Angela purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Barbara Ahmed.*



With love and in deepest sympathy, Angela - May 26, 2021 at 10:53 AM

MD

“ *Mike Daneman lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ahmed*



Mike Daneman - May 26, 2021 at 10:19 AM

BH

“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ahmed*



Bongarzone Funeral Home - May 25, 2021 at 09:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Ahmed.*



May 25, 2021 at 02:22 PM

TP

“ *The Saint Leo the Great School PTA purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara Ahmed.*



The Saint Leo the Great School PTA - May 25, 2021 at 01:53 PM