



## Darlene A. Stoneham

July 16, 1948 - April 17, 2020

Darlene A Stoneham (Dobrowolski), 72, of Eatontown, went to fly high with the angels and many loved ones in heaven, on Friday April 17, 2020 at Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch. Darlene grew up in Eatontown and although she had a difficult childhood, she had an angel to rely on here on earth, her beloved Helen Britton (2019) “not from the highway”, who was her saving grace that she loved very much. She met her husband on a blind date, to attend the Eatontown Fire Dept softball dinner in August of 1966. On their second date in September of 1966 at Tom and Jackie’s wedding, Charlie proposed. At the age of 19yrs, in October 1967, they were married. Of course, instead of a typical champagne toast, Manhattans were had by all. Darlene worked hard from the time she was a teenager but began her 44-year career with Patock Construction, Tinton Falls in 1976, of whom she considered her second family. Over the years at Patock she cherished the many work-related friends and families she met, especially her relationship with the Patock family. Mom loved to travel and lay on the beach (pool). Her family and friends were her world and she showed her love for them in many ways, but especially by hosting dinner parties to show off her favorite hobby, cooking. She was an amazing cook (better than any restaurant).

She is predeceased her husband Charles (2013), her parents John Dobrowolski Sr (1997), Doris Britton Dobrowolski (1987), and her brother Richard (2010). She is survived by her daughter Shannon and her husband Anthony “Bubba” Gaetano and their three girls Danielle D, Isabella, and

Angelina, who were her life and she spoiled them unconditionally. She is also survived by her loving brothers, John Jr, Jeffrey, Robert, James and his wife Ellie, and her sister Donna Liddick and her husband Max, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mom was the strongest women I have ever met. Even with all her struggles, she never let anyone know she was in pain and always persevered, one of a kind who will be deeply missed. Darlene did not want the hoopla of a large wake and funeral when she died, so she will be getting her way with a private service. A celebration of her life will be at a later date, complete with a Manhattan Fountain. For online condolences please visit her memorial website at [www.bongarzonefuneralhome.com](http://www.bongarzonefuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Cindy Cooper lit a candle in memory of Darlene A. Stoneham*



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**Cindy Cooper** - August 25, 2025 at 11:50 AM

JS

“ *It was a pleasure meeting Darlene years ago when i worked for patock construction and i was able to keep in touch for years after while playing softball against the eaton town fire dept. To Shannon ,Bubba and family my sincere condolences to you. john schulz and family*

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**john schulz** - April 22, 2020 at 06:29 PM

JC

“ *I first met Darlene when I moved from Oakhurst to Eatontown with my family.. ( which was traumatic for me).. I was 13 and going into 8th grade at Memorial School.. Darlene was in my class and the very first friend I met here... we also shared a room on the famous 8th grade Washington Trip.. lots of fun times... always thought she was a very nice girl to know back then .. always a smile on her face too.. we both went to MRHS.. after that saw her occasionally around town and still that same smile... which will be missed... My thoughts & prayers to the family... Jackie Foderaro Cone*

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**Jacqueline Foderaro Cone** - April 22, 2020 at 03:00 PM

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**Bongarzone Funeral Home** - April 21, 2020 at 12:41 PM

FM

“ *Darlene was a wonderful constant to everyone. Her help and her smile made the job of a UPS person less difficult, twice a day, Monday through Friday. Her invitation to the Patock Christmas Party was sincere and mandatory.*  
*Most Sincerely, Franklin Menzel*

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**Franklin Menzel** - April 21, 2020 at 12:30 PM

PC

“ *So sorry to hear about Mom, Shannon. She was a wonderful lady, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Patty Mahoney Campbell and family.*

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**patricia campbell** - April 20, 2020 at 10:35 AM

CP

“ *Darlene was my friend for the 44 years she worked at Patock Construction . During all that time , Jay was the head and she was the heart of the business. Everyone who passed her desk( she was the first line of defense), respected her and relied on her. She was depended on by so many , her co-workers, sub contractors, architects and engineers. Countless times a day , you would hear someone say, “Ask Darlene.”. She will be missed by me and my family forever. Fly with the angels, my friend. Love, Carol*

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**carol patock** - April 20, 2020 at 09:04 AM

KW

“ *Darlene was the kindest of friends, always with a smile and cheerful words. She will be so greatly missed. Love from Ken and Debbie Wasser*

Ken and Debbie Wasser - April 20, 2020 at 08:30 AM

RS

“ *Darlene always had a smile and kind words when I very often talked with her at the office. My most sincere condolences to her family.*

Raymond Smith - April 20, 2020 at 07:29 AM

CY

“ *So many great memories over the years, thank you for the gift of my best friend, I will take good care of her for you. May you rest in peace*  
*Love, Cyndi*

Cyndi - April 18, 2020 at 08:01 PM

BH

“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Darlene A. Stoneham*



Bongarzone Funeral Home - April 18, 2020 at 05:40 PM