



Bernadette "Bernie" Heljenek

February 19, 1949 - July 16, 2015

Bernadette "Bernie" Heljenek (nee Skiba), of Merchantville, passed away on July 16, 2015. She was 66 years old.

Bernie was a teacher's aide for 20 years at St. Bartholemew's in Philadelphia, and also a cub scout pack leader for 10 years. She always gave of herself to others, especially the elderly.

Bernie was the beloved wife of John Heljenek for 46 years. Loving mother of Chris Heljenek (Gina) of Cherry Hill and John Heljenek of Merchantville. Dear grandmother of Kaliegh and Ashton. Loving daughter of Walter Skiba and the late Anna Skiba. Dear sister of Doreen McGarvey (Phillip), Robert Skiba (Cathy) and the late Richard Skiba. Cherished aunt to Michelle Armstrong and Michelle O'Donnell. Bernie is also survived by many other loving nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Bernie's life celebration at Inglesby/Givnish of Maple Shade, 600 E. Main, on Monday evening from 7pm – 9 pm, and Tuesday morning from 8:30am – 9:30am. Her funeral Mass will follow at 10 am at St. Peter's Parish in Merchantville, 43 West Maple Ave. Interment in Hillside Cemetery, Roslyn, PA. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bernadette's name may be made to the Animal Welfare Association of Gibbsboro, www.awanj.org, or to the Camden County Companions Animal Rescue, www.camdencompanions.org, or to the Wounded Warrior Project, www.woundedwarriorproject.org/Donate.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

2556 Susquehanna Road
Abington, PA 19001

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 20. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Givnish Funeral Home Maple Shade
600 E Main St
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Mass

JUL **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Church in Merchantville
43 West Maple Avenue
Merchantville, NJ 08109

Tribute Wall



“ *Givnish Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernadette "Bernie" Heljenek*



Givnish Funeral Home - July 20, 2015 at 11:26 AM



“ *Bernadette "Bernie" Heljenek*

September 09, 2022 at 01:27 AM



“ *Bernie was a wonderful, generous neighbor. I was so sorry to hear of her passing. But remember, God gives us the hope of seeing our loved ones again (John 5:28,29) With much love from Lisa.*

Lisa Susan - January 29, 2017 at 07:28 PM

KS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May you find comfort in your cherished memories. We have so many beautiful memories of Bernie; Always finding the extraordinary in ordinary everyday things. She loved her roles as wife, mother and grandmother. She embraced and cherished her friends from each chapter of her life's journey. Always ready to be there to help others. She loved to cook and advocate for those in need. Enjoyed caring for animals. We will always remember her with love and cherished all of the memories of the times shared. With our deepest sympathy,
Joe and Kathe Sobczak



Kathe and Joe Sobczak - July 21, 2015 at 06:20 AM

AP

“ Doreen - Your sister was such a beautiful person. I remember when she used to come and visit her teachers after she had graduated high school. We would file into class and she would be sitting there talking to the teacher about old times and then the teacher would introduce her to us. She visited a good many times. She was an inspiration, dressed so professionally and what a smile! I also remember when she sold Home Interior and did so well. What a lovely and outgoing girl! Our most sincere condolences, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Anna Jean & Tony Parisano

Anna Parisano - July 20, 2015 at 09:41 PM

MM

“ Please know that I am so very sorry for your loss. Lots of love, light, hugs and prayers to your family.

(((♥))) Michele McWilliams

Michele McWilliams - July 20, 2015 at 08:22 PM

JN

“ Jon and Marie Nechin. purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Bernadette "Bernie" Heljenek.



Jon and Marie Nechin. - July 20, 2015 at 02:50 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernadette "Bernie" Heljenek.



July 20, 2015 at 12:55 PM

MW

“ Very shocked & saddened to hear of "Bernie's passing. Chris & John your Mom was a wonderful helper at St.Bart's ! We had a lot of shared memories doing fun things for Chris's classmates...My son, Mike Welsh, The Fagans, Brills Bernadette will be missed.

Maureen T Welsh - July 20, 2015 at 12:08 PM



“ 58 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Givnish Funeral Home - July 20, 2015 at 10:50 AM



“ *Vivid Recollections* was purchased for the family of Bernadette "Bernie" Heljenek.



July 20, 2015 at 09:56 AM



“ *Dave & Judy Huggins* purchased the *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* for the family of Bernadette "Bernie" Heljenek.



Dave & Judy Huggins - July 20, 2015 at 09:04 AM

ES

“ Hey John,

We are so saddened to hear about your Dear Mothers passing away. She was such a sweet person. God Bless you and your Family!

Eva, Ed and Eddie (HUGS)



Eva M Sireadzki - July 19, 2015 at 04:47 PM

AN

“ *I'm sorry to hear about your loss! Your family is in my thoughts & prayers.*

Angela - July 19, 2015 at 02:13 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernadette "Bernie" Heljenek.*



July 19, 2015 at 01:00 PM

CS

“ John

*I am so sad to hear of Bernie passing.
As kids we were raised as cousins and lived in Philly. As adults, we
lost track and I was so happy to find her again on facebook.
She was such an inspiration to all who knew her.
My deepest and most sincere condolences.
Thoughts and prayers to you, Bobby, and Doreen and to all of
Bernie's family and friends.
Love Carol*

Carol A. Smith - July 19, 2015 at 11:40 AM

BF

“ Brian and Jennifer Funk purchased the Arrive in
Style for the family of Bernadette "Bernie"
Heljenek.



Brian and Jennifer Funk - July 19, 2015 at 09:04 AM



“ We are sending loving prayers to the family and friends of Bernadette Heljenek. May you find peace and comfort through this difficult time. Bernie was a wonderful and sweet friend to our mother Terry Weigand-Funk. They were good friends through high school. Bernie was there beside Terry when she passed away in Sept. 2013. She kept in contact with our family after her passing. She had become a good friend of our family and will be missed dearly. We believe that Terry and Bernie are now together again in God's loving arms. Our deepest Condolences.
Jennifer and Brian Funk



Jennifer Funk - July 19, 2015 at 08:20 AM



“ Amy Collins lit a candle in memory of Bernadette "Bernie" Heljenek



Amy Collins - July 19, 2015 at 12:08 AM



So sorry to hear of your loss.

Amy Collins - July 19, 2015 at 12:08 AM



“ Lorraine McGarvey Armento lit a candle in memory of Bernadette "Bernie" Heljenek



Lorraine McGarvey Armento - July 18, 2015 at 05:32 PM

Sara
Ream

“ *Sara Ream lit a candle in memory of
Bernadette "Bernie" Heljenek*



Sara Ream - July 18, 2015 at 12:31 PM

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*I met Aunt Bernie after Michelle got engaged. She was such an
upbeat, positive person. Heaven is brighter now because of her smile.*

Sara Ream - July 18, 2015 at 12:37 PM

DH

“ *John and family, we are so sorry for your loss.
Bernie was one of the sweetest ladies we
knew. She was always thoughtful of the Navy
guys & gals - sending John in with sweets,
and butter cake at Christmas. And making her
special cakes on special weekends. You will be sadly missed
Bernie.*



Love Dave & Judy Huggins

Dave Huggins - July 18, 2015 at 12:09 PM

DT

“ *Diane Tuono lit a candle in memory of
Bernadette "Bernie" Heljenek*



Diane Tuono - July 17, 2015 at 08:45 PM

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“ *Diane Tuono lit a candle in memory of Bernadette "Bernie" Heljenek*



Diane Tuono - July 17, 2015 at 08:41 PM

DT

Dear Doreen & family, we are so very sorry for your loss. I will miss Bernie dearly and will remember her in my heart always. My heart goes out to you, my best friend for always, & to your dear family. Our love & prayers are with you always. With our deepest heartfelt sympathy. Love Diane Tuono & family

Diane Tuono - July 17, 2015 at 10:34 PM

DT

“ *Diane Tuono lit a candle in memory of Bernadette "Bernie" Heljenek*



Diane Tuono - July 17, 2015 at 08:15 PM

DT

Dear John & family, I am so truly sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I will miss Bernie, she was special to me. Will keep you in our prayers. Our deepest heartfelt sympathy. Love Diane & Tony Tuono

Diane Tuono - July 17, 2015 at 08:25 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Memories Album



Givnish Funeral Home - July 17, 2015 at 02:21 PM