



## Barbara Ressler

July 7, 1976 - August 22, 2022

Barbara Ressler, 46 of Old Bridge, New Jersey passed away on Monday, August 22, 2022, at the Raritan Bay Medical Center in Old Bridge, NJ.

Born Wednesday, July 7, 1976 in Washington, District of Columbia, Barbara was the daughter of Judy Kolacki and the late Thomas Kolacki.

Barbara was raised in Alexandria, VA. She graduated from West Potomac High School where she excelled in academics and basketball. She also participated in the marching band where she played the flute. She would go onto attend Virginia Tech University, obtaining a Bachelors Degree in Psychology.

After returning home from college, Barbara would meet the love of her life, Phil Ressler. She would marry Phil and follow him to St. Louis, MO to support him while he finished his seminary studies. They move to Waynesboro, VA where Barbara would obtain a Bachelors in Nursing from the University of Virginia and begin her work as an ICU Nurse.

Barbara and Phil would then move to St. Charles, IL where they would welcome their daughter, Abby, into the the world. At this time, Barbara left nursing and would become a full-time mom. They moved to Maple Park, IL to accommodate their expanding family when her twin boys, Thomas and Jacob,

would be born.

The last move was to Old Bridge, NJ where Phil serves as Pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. As her kids became older, Barbara returned to the workforce as a teacher's aide at Good Shepherd Children's Center.

Being a wife and a mother was her world. She loved her family so much and did whatever she had to support them. No sacrifice was too great as a devoted wife, mother, and daughter. She was actively involved in all the churches where Phil served. She often coordinated children's ministry groups and events.

She loved traveling and exploring the world with Phil. She was an avid football fan, especially of her beloved Virginia Tech Hokies. She was also a lover of pets, often coaxing and convincing her family to take on new adopted animals.

Barbara's faith was in Jesus Christ, the Resurrection and Life. She was baptized as a child of God and now rests at peace with her Lord. Barbara was a caring and loving woman who will be deeply missed by all those that were blessed to have her in their lives.

Barbara was predeceased by her loving father Thomas.

Barbara is survived by her beloved husband of 22 years, Phil, by her loving children, Abby, Thomas, and Jacob, by her loving mother Judy Kolacki, and by many caring aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Sunday, August 28, 2022, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 3139 County Road 516, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

A Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Monday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church located at 3139 County Road 516 Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857.

This service will be streamed online at [YouTube.com/gs4nj](https://www.youtube.com/gs4nj)

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Brother's Keeper Fund.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **28**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
3139 County Road 516  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

## Service

AUG **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
3139 County Road 516  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Ressler*

October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *Pastor Phil and Family, although I became a new attendee right before the pandemic, I have called Good Shepherd Home. I send my dearest sympathies at this time and continue to pray for your family. God be with all of you. Respectfully, Tara G.*

**Tara G** - August 29, 2022 at 01:41 PM



“ *Although I am a new attendee at Good Shepherd, I fully understand how difficult it is for Pr. Phil and his family to cope with this tragic death. I faced tragedy 10 yrs ago, with my husband's sudden and unexpected death but my connection to God and my church gave me hope for the future. Words may bring comfort and show compassion, but I know this family will find their strength in God. So with my continued prayers for strength and hope, may our gracious God be with you now, in your time of need.*

*Blessings, Pat*

**Pat B** - August 29, 2022 at 12:46 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Barbara Ressler.*



August 27, 2022 at 06:13 PM

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“ *Dave Lyons, Kristin Lyons Wilson & Family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Barbara Ressler.* ”



**Dave Lyons, Kristin Lyons Wilson & Family** - August 27, 2022  
at 12:35 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Ressler.* ”



August 27, 2022 at 02:26 AM

LA

“ *Though I did not know you personally, I saw your love for Phil at your wedding, I saw your love for your family and God's family so often on line. We know that there will be a family reunion in heaven, but for now..such grief! Praying God's help and comfort for your precious family.* ”

**Leah Anderson** - August 26, 2022 at 07:01 PM



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



August 25, 2022 at 09:08 PM

BV

“ Barbara and I were friends in Middle School and High School and I particularly remember how much fun we had sitting next to each other in AP Chemistry in 11th Grade. Sending lots of love and prayers to Phil, Judy, and the kids.

Brannan Armstrong Villee - August 25, 2022 at 09:07 PM

LH

“ Barbara and I were childhood friends. From a young age I looked up to her and later in life it was Figuratively and literally 😊. I will always remember her heart of gold and how much fun we had. Love you and easy my dear friend. Love Lisa & Cathy Taylor

Lisa Hildebrand - August 25, 2022 at 07:55 PM

LF

“ Love from the de Moraes family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Barbara Ressler.



Love from the de Moraes family - August 25, 2022 at 07:47 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Ressler.



August 25, 2022 at 07:20 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Ressler.*



August 25, 2022 at 01:54 PM



“ *Our Most Sincere and Deepest Sympathy to the Ressler Family.  
May God Comfort you and Grant Your Family Peace During This Most Difficult Time.  
Rest in Peace Barbara.*



**New Jersey Office Systems** - August 25, 2022 at 12:53 PM



“ *Our condolences to Phil, Abby, John, Thomas & Judy. I have you in my prayers. God is holding you in his hands.*

**Rae & Phil Solomon** - August 25, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Dearest Babs, you, you're smile, and your joy of life will be missed. My deepest condolences to her family and friends. May you be resting peacefully with the Lord, your dad, and your grandma. You are very dear to me, and a wonderful person.*

**Ho de Moraes** - August 25, 2022 at 07:54 AM



“ *You will be missed. We will never forget your kind words and smile. Until we met again. Aloha.*

**Beverly Ecton Strasser** - August 25, 2022 at 01:42 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Ressler.*



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August 25, 2022 at 12:55 AM



“ *When I was struggling with my husband's care needs during his long illness, Barbara often sent encouraging words that lifted my spirits. She was a caring, kind soul. And I remember her joy when she first met Phil. She lit up just mentioning him, Phil was the love of her life. Barbara radiated happiness the day they married. Stella Jacobsen*

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**Stella Jacobsen** - August 24, 2022 at 09:35 PM