



Rebecca J. Schwarz

December 2, 1940 - April 1, 2022

Wantage – Rebecca Jean Schwarz, age 81, former Sussex Bureau Chief of the New Jersey Herald, passed away Friday, April 1, 2022 at her residence. A daughter of the late H.Victor and Leona Shadd Burlock, she was born December 2, 1940 in St. Marys, PA.

Mrs. Schwarz was a graduate of St. Aloysius High School in Jersey City and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications from Seton Hall University in South Orange, Class of 1963. She was wed to her husband George C. Schwarz in St. Peter's R. C. Church, Jersey City in 1964. She was a 58-year resident of Wantage Township.

In addition to her journalistic tenure at the Herald from 1967 to 1982, Rebecca was employed by the Jersey Journal in Jersey City for three years prior to her marriage. She followed her career after leaving the Herald and was a Bureau Coordinator for the Times-Herald Record of Middletown, NY for 18 years serving mainly in its Warwick, NY office. Following her retirement from the newspaper business, she worked for a time at First Hope Bank in Sparta and Hope and served in the Sussex County Clerk's office for six years. During this time Rebecca also worked as the recording secretary for the Wantage Township Committee, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment for 16 years on a part-time basis.

Mrs. Schwarz served her community well. She was a member and secretary of the Parish Council of St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church in Hardyston as well as the church's Rosary Society and worked at the Travel Table of the

Seniors Group there as well as being a member of St. Monica's Leisure Group in Sussex. She was the secretary of the Friends of the Old Clove Church in Wantage for 34 years, served on the advertising and public relations committee of the Sussex County Farm and Horse Show and was an officer of the High Point Republican Club and served as a Republican county committeewoman in Wantage for several years. She also served as a poll worker for the county Election Board.

Survivors include her devoted son, George Victor, of Hamilton Township, her loving daughter, Amy Elizabeth, of Kirkland, Washington; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband George in 2016, her brother, H. Victor Burlock III, in 1978, and her sister, Mary Kathryn Wierzbicki, in 1989.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank St. (Route 23), Sussex. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Jude the Apostle Church, 4-24 Beaver Run Road, Hardyston. Interment will follow at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, North Church Road, Hardyston. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Jude's Rosary Society in Becky's memory. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Immaculate Conception Cemetery

North Church Road
Franklin, NJ 07416

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.
31 Bank Street (Route 23)
Sussex, NJ 07461
(973) 875-3272
alexis@pinkelfuneralhome.com
<https://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 6. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Jude The Apostle Church
4-24 Beaver Run Road
Hamburg, NJ 07419

Tribute Wall

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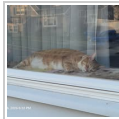
“ I had the honor of meeting Becky through my Wheresgeorge hobby. I always looked forward to seeing Becky at the Buttzville Gathering every year. She was a deeply caring person. I saw that firsthand when my father passed. She was there for me, which is deeply appreciated. I think I speak for all of us when I say she will be deeply missed at Wheresgeorge, My deepest condolences to you all.

Joe Easty - April 06, 2022 at 08:16 AM

JS

“ Dear Amy and George - So shocked to learn of Becky's passing. Please accept my deepest sympathy in her loss. We worked together for years covering the Wallkill Valley for the New Jersey Herald. What a fantastic person. She will be greatly missed. Jennie Sweetman

Jennie Sweetman - April 04, 2022 at 11:42 AM



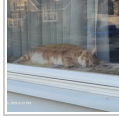
Thank you Jennie. It was a shock to us as well. I remember Mom talking about you. She was always amazed at how much history you knew. She will definitely be missed. ~Amy

Amy Schwarz - April 04, 2022 at 03:21 PM

KC

“ My thoughts are with you both. Remembering our advertising meetings years ago with Warren Welsh. Kathy Cafasso

Kathy Cafasso - April 03, 2022 at 12:31 PM



Thank you Kathy. I know Mom enjoyed working with you and Warren Welsh.

Amy Schwarz - April 03, 2022 at 08:35 PM

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“ *The Wierzbicki Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rebecca J. Schwarz.*

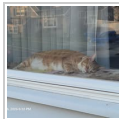


The Wierzbicki Family - April 03, 2022 at 11:56 AM

MS

“ *I've known Becky for more years than I can remember and she was always a friend and a confidante. She was one of the sweetest people I've ever known. She was a giving person to all and always reliable. She loved her son and daughter and they will have many fond, fun, and loving memories of her. God bless you Becky from an old friend.*
Mary Ann

Mary Ann Seeko - April 03, 2022 at 11:55 AM



Thank you for your kind words about Mom. I know she treasured your friendship. My brother & I have been doing a lot of reminiscing. Miss her much already.
Amy

Amy Schwarz - April 03, 2022 at 08:40 PM