



## Helen Dolores Drugda

November 1, 1920 - March 12, 2020

Albany-Helen Dolores Drugda entered Eternal Life Thursday, March 12, 2020 at Shaker Place Nursing and Rehabilitation.

Helen was a kind-hearted woman who was deeply devoted to her family. Reaching the age of 99 years old, she had a long and rewarding life.

Born in Albany, she was the daughter of the late Thomas A. and Helen G. Meehan Mullen. Helen was a former supervisor for NYS Division of Military and Naval Affairs.

She was the beloved wife of the late Paul T. Drugda; dear mother of the late Thomas P. Drugda; loving mother-in-law of Maureen Drugda; cherished grandmother of Kimberly Drugda Strickland (Scott), Tara Categna and Kimberly Categna Peek (Brian); great grandmother of Jessica, Brandon, Caine, Madison and the late Brittany; sister of Agnes Conley Endres (Rich), the late Thomas A. Mullen (Rita), the late Patricia Mullen; many nieces, nephews and cousins survive Helen.

As a young woman, she helped in raising her young sister, Toots. As an adult, she helped in raising her granddaughter, Kimberly, while taking care of Nan and Pa.

Helen loved nature, especially all types of flowers, and she took great pride in her stunning garden that was a reflection of her own beauty. Helen enjoyed music and was always ready to dance! She was never heard to say an unkind word about anyone.

Her love will always be with us and her spirit will live on in our hearts.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Helen's family Wednesday, March 18, 2020 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206.

Funeral services Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 10:00 am at Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home, Albany thence to St. Pius X Church, Loudonville, NY at 10:30 am where her Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery immediately following the Funeral Mass. To leave a special message for the family, please visit [www.LGFuneralHome.com](http://www.LGFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave  
Albany, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Directors  
208 North Allen Street  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 463-1566

## Service

MAR 19. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Church  
23 Crumitie Road  
Loudonville, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen Dolores Drugda*



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**Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Directors** - March 18, 2020 at 04:30 PM

MP

“ *Dear Kim, Maureen and family,  
Know that Helen (Grammie) is at peace. May  
you all know I am praying for all of you too  
and for you to heal so Helen can smile upon  
each and everyone of you.  
Love Marlene and Family*



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**Marlene Pouloupoulos** - March 18, 2020 at 12:36 PM

RG

“ While we did not have the pleasure and joy of knowing Helen but so often heard Kimberly Strickland talk about her "Grammy" as the person who had the greatest impact on her life.

*She was her role model and her inspiration.*

*We loved seeing pictures of you also "cutting up the rug" on the dance floor in you late 90's. WOW!*

*So, dear "Grammy" please be a peace and feel that while we never met personally that we know you by the light you left behind in others.*

*Blessings,*

*Rick and Susan Goings*

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**RICK GOINGS** - March 15, 2020 at 04:37 PM

RG

“ Rick and Susan Goings purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Helen Dolores Drugda.



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**Rick and Susan Goings** - March 15, 2020 at 04:26 PM