



## Martha S. Sherwood

January 29, 1944 - January 13, 2022

Schodack- Martha Stone Sherwood of East Greenbush / Schodack passed away peacefully at Albany Medical Center on January 13, 2022. She was predeceased by her parents, Dr. Winfield S. Stone and Margaret Work Stone of Delhi, NY. She also was predeceased by her infant daughter, Katherine Theresa Sherwood. She leaves behind her devoted husband of 54 years, James C. Sherwood. She is survived by her brother Daniel W. Stone (Deko) of Daytona Beach, FL, and sisters Judith A. Stone of Ballston Lake, NY and Deborah M. Stone of East Greenbush, NY, her nieces Mary Stone Ross (Jeff) of Bethesda, MD, and Grace Martha Stone of Daytona Beach, FL, and her nephew Andrew M. Stone (Katherine) of Chattanooga, TN. In addition, she leaves behind several grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Martha graduated from Columbia High School in East Greenbush in 1962 and State University of New York at Albany, in 1966. After 33 dedicated years working for the Office of General Services for the State of New York, Martha retired from her position as Director of Personnel. After formally retiring, she continued working part-time for NYS OMCE.

Martha cared deeply about her town and was an active member of the community. You could find her in attendance at nearly every Town of Schodack Town Board meeting. She also was an officer with the Historical Society of ESQUATAK that is dedicated to preserving the local history of Schodack and Nassau, NY. In addition, her volunteer activities included delivering food in the City of Rensselaer through the “meals on wheels” program. Martha loved learning and continued her education by frequenting the East Greenbush Library as well as attending many classes at Hudson Valley Community College. Nearly every evening she would watch Jeopardy and enjoyed knowing many, if not all, of the answers. While Martha loved everything “local”, she also loved travel. Over the years, she took many trips through Elder Hostel, often by train, with travel companion Gail or sister Judy visiting national parks and historic towns.

Martha was a terrific homemaker and excelled in sewing, knitting, cooking and baking. Both the “Cipollari girls” and the “Gigliotti girls” were mainstays in Martha’s life. As they were growing up, Martha enjoyed her weekends teaching them to bake cookies or taking

them to lunch. In addition, Martha was an avid gardener. One of her favorites, violets, blanketed her yard with color every year. She also took great pride caring for her Apple and Pear Trees which she started from seedlings and now tower at over fifteen feet. Martha was a great animal lover. Over the years, she provided love and care to many furry felines. Bird watching was also one of her favorite pastimes. Hummingbirds often graced the feeders just outside her kitchen windows.

Martha was a very social person and was known for her neighborhood backyard barbeques as well as for preparing large sit-down dinners with her close friends and family. Laughter was the main event at all gatherings. Martha was very dedicated to all family members and at precisely 7pm on Sundays, without fail, she would call her 100-year old Aunt Cathie to speak about the weekly events. Martha leaves behind a legacy that will live on in all who knew and loved her. Although now heartbroken, our hearts will eventually mend and we will be comforted knowing that she will live on in our memories and inside our hearts.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with her family on Monday, January 17, 2022 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home, 208 N. Allen Street, Albany, NY. Please only enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot doors. Masks are required.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 10:00 am at the Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home. Masks are required.

Thence, to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in East Greenbush, NY where the Rite of Committal will take place.

Donations in Martha's memory may be made to the Mohawk-Hudson Humane Society, 3 Oakland Ave., Menands, NY 12204 or The Historical Society of ESQUATAK, PO Box 241, East Schodack, NY 12063.

To leave a message for the family or view other helpful services please visit [www.lgfuneralhome.com](http://www.lgfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

Third Ave Extension  
Rensselaer, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 17.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

EG

“ *Dear Martha's Family!*

*I had the pleasure of working with Martha at OMCE for the past 8 years. I often told her I wanted to be like her when I grew up! Her smile was captivating! No matter what was going on in her life she always had a positive attitude. She was an asset to the organization. She helped in any way that she could. Whenever we called her to come in with a project, she made every effort to help us out. She will greatly be missed.*

*My deepest condolences to you all!*

*Evelyn*



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**EVELYN GIARNELLA** - January 21, 2022 at 10:57 AM

MS

“ *Dear Dan, Judy and Debbie...*

*I was sorry to hear fo Martha's passing... I wasn't aware of it in time to attend the services and share with you the many memories I have of spending time with your family...*

*She always seemed a force to be reckoned with and reading her obituary seemed to underline that sentiment...*

*One of the memories I have of her is that she had a collection of the silver colored "lead" pennies...*

*Unfortunately we seem to be scattered with not much if any contact but I will always have fond memories of our time spent together.*

*Mike Shaw*

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**Michael Shaw** - January 19, 2022 at 09:47 AM

TB

“ Dear Jim,

*So many years have passed since Si. John's, but wonderful memories still are with me. I was always so pleased when Martha entered our conversations. That contagious smile, and her beautiful ways. I was saddened to learn of her dying, but grateful to read her obituary and many tributes. A beautiful account of a well lived life.*

*I will always remember your kindnesses, help, and dedication to the community.*

*Please accept my sincere sympathy, love and prayers for Martha, yourself and her Family.*

*Mt Best to you Jim,*

*Tom Brown  
Hutchinson Island, FL*

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**Tom Brown** - January 18, 2022 at 08:07 AM

DM

“ DEAR JIM, DAN, JUDY AND DEBBIE-- Needless to say i was deeply saddened to hear of Dear Martha's passing and want you to know that she will be in my thoughts and prayers. I really enjoyed reading her obituary and family should be very proud of her accomplishments.

*Although I hadn't seen Jim and Martha in awhile --and definitely not Danny, Judy and Debbie-- I will always have fond memories of all the years we grew up together in the Country Estates in the "bush" and will never forget their Dear Dad ( Doc) and Mom Margaret.*

*So nice to continue to live in this area and be able to make contact with mutual past friends and families. Most Sincerely DICK MAHLSTEDT*

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**DICK MAHLSTEDT** - January 17, 2022 at 11:06 AM

WS

“ Jim,

*Sorry to hear of Martha's passing. Sue and I both enjoyed speaking with her about the birds that shared our yards, the status of her fruit trees every year as well as sharing excess vegetables from our garden with her. We will miss her frequent trips around the yard in her John Deere cart and her familiar wave as she motored by in her Prius.*

*Please accept our condolences on the loss of Martha.*

*Wes Staroba/ Sue Bauman*

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**Wesley J. Staroba** - January 16, 2022 at 06:18 PM

DN

“ My condolences to the Stone family. When I was a young girl hanging out with Debby, Martha was always the wiser and looked up to sibling . May she Rest In Peace.

*Dian Nash*

dian nash - January 16, 2022 at 10:41 AM

MM

“ To the family of Martha Sherwood, We are saddened to learn of Marthas' passing. We knew Martha for many years while working at New York State Office of General Services. She was always so helpful and had a beautiful kind personality that was known to all .No matter how busy she was she always took time out to speak to everyone. Heaven has gained another angel. May she rest in eternally in the arms of Jesus.



*sincerely,  
Mary & Mike Meleco*

Mary & Mike Meleco - January 15, 2022 at 08:06 PM

KC

“ My sincere condolences to all of Martha's family and friends that were loved like family. She was one of the sweetest and loving people I have had the great pleasure of knowing. It makes me happy to reminisce barbecues at her home and visit with a wonderful circle of friends. Love and blessings to you all.

Karen Cristo - January 15, 2022 at 12:29 PM

DT

“ Jim and family,

*I am so sorry for your loss. My sincere condolences to you all during this difficult time. May you find peace in beautiful memories.*

*Debbie Pratt Talar*

Deborah Pratt Talar - January 15, 2022 at 10:41 AM

JR

“ Jim: I am so sorry to learn of Martha's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

*Janice Pratt Ryan*

Janice Pratt Ryan - January 15, 2022 at 10:05 AM

MB

“ *Marion and Moe Brooks purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Martha S. Sherwood.*



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**Marion and Moe Brooks** - January 15, 2022 at 08:11 AM