



## Viola S. Sowinski

February 15, 1920 - August 26, 2013

Albany-Viola Kalandyk Sowinski passed away August 25, 2013 at the Albany Medical Center Hospital surrounded by her devoted children and nephew, Mark Hanley. Viola was predeceased by her beloved husband Chester J. Sowinski. Viola was the daughter of the late Valentine and Sophie Kalandyk.

Viola was a graduate of Albany High School and Mildred Elley Business School. A very proud World War II Veteran, Viola served in the 8th Air Force based in High Wycombe, England under the command of General James Doolittle.

Mrs. Sowinski was the proprietor of the Kalan Hosiery Shop and the Central Fish Market in Albany. Later she was employed at the Albany County Courthouse and the Albany City Board of Education as Health Insurance Administrator. Subsequent to retirement, she was employed by the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.

Her avocations included traveling with her family, studying foreign languages (Russian, Chinese, Spanish, Italian and German), reading, cooking and gardening. Her travels took her to England, Scotland, France, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Italy, China, Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, Poland and many states in the USA.

Viola is survived by her beloved children, Chester of Slingerlands, Barbara Ann of Mystic, CT, and Valerie of Albany. She is survived by her sister Sophie Hanley and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers, John, Walter, infant Walter and her sister, Florence.

Funeral services Saturday, August 31, 2013 at 9:30 am from the Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home, now located at 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to the Parish of Mater Christi, Albany at 10:00 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Friday, August 30, 2013 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the funeral home.

Interment Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.

To leave a 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

AUG **30**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

AUG **31**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi  
40 Hopewell Street  
Albany, NY

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My heartfelt sympathies to the Sowinski family. Valerie was always very very proud of her mother's many accomplishments. Nick Behuniak*

Nick Behuniak - September 12, 2013 at 08:28 PM

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“ *A Loving Memorial for my Aunt Viola - [www.cynthialovely.com/blog](http://www.cynthialovely.com/blog)*

Cynthia Lovely - September 07, 2013 at 05:36 PM

MH

“ *Chet I'm very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.*

*Margaret Holmes*

Margaret Holmes - August 29, 2013 at 08:08 AM

BS

“ *My condolences to Chet and family. I was impressed to read of Viola's many accomplishments.*

*Bill Sofko*

Bill Sofko - August 28, 2013 at 03:57 PM

JB

“ *My thought go out to the family of Viola especially Valerie whom I have known since highschool. My sincerest condolences.... Judy Bovitz*

Judy Bovitz - August 28, 2013 at 11:50 AM