



## Angela Sheehan

November 6, 1952 - May 17, 2026

Delmar-Angela Patricia Sheehan, 73, passed Sunday, May 17, 2026 at home surrounded by her family. Angela was born November 6, 1952 in Albany to Michael and Frieda Sheehan.

Angela was a 1970 graduate of Maryrose Academy, 1974 graduate of State University of New York at Albany and a 1976 graduate of Pace University and New York Medical College with Master of Science in Nursing.

After which she worked for Albany Medical Center as a registered nurse in various capacities, earning Albany Medical Center Employee of the Year in 2003 and with her last position as the Director of Research Administration for Clinical Studies for the Albany Medical College until she retired in 2019. During her nursing career and into retirement, Angela was a long-time member of the New York State Board of Nursing.

Angela was predeceased by her parents. She is survived by her husband, of almost 48 years, Franklin Laufer of Delmar; her daughters Alison Halpin (Sean) of GA, and Rachel Laufer of Boston MA; her beloved granddaughter; sisters Karin (John) Rickards of Storrs CT; Michele (Leon) Danish of Barrington RI; Colleen (Jerry) Towle of Albany; brothers Peter (Angela) Sheehan of Annapolis MD and Stephen (Peggy) Sheehan of Old Saybrook CT; and many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Over the years and sometimes often accompanied by their daughters, Angela and Franklin enjoyed touring National Parks all across the country. They also travelled throughout Canada, Europe, Israel and Jordan, and made a special trip last year to Hawaii. They very much enjoyed time spent with friends and above all just being together. Angela also enjoyed reading, socializing with childhood friends as well as a close circle of nurses from Albany Medical Center, working in her garden, and listening to NPR programs.

Uncommonly kind and generous, she was admired and respected by her peers and colleagues and deeply loved by her family and friends. She strived to stay connected with the people she cared about, reaching out to friends and family over the years and making each person feel remembered and loved. She will be dearly missed.

The family would like to thank the administrative and nursing staff of Community Hospice for their care and treatment of their beloved Angela during her final days.

Relatives and friends are invited to Angela's Funeral Mass Saturday, May 23, 2026 at the Parish of Mater Christi, 40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth Doyle Way), Albany, NY 12208 at 10:30 am.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to a charity of your choice in Angela's memory.

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

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

MAY **23**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi  
40 Hopewell St  
Albany, NY 12208-1505  
(518) 489-3204

# Tribute Wall

NS

“ Nina S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Angela Sheehan.

Nina S. - May 25 at 05:22 PM

HP

“ I knew Angela as an oncology nurse through her transformation as a research administrator. Angela was one of the kindest thoughtful person no matter her role. She will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Henry Pohl

Henry Pohl - May 23 at 03:02 PM

SJ

“ Peace and comfort to Angela's family & friends during this difficult time. Angela and I shared a granddaughter and Alison & Sean. She was not only a beautiful lady on the outside but also on the inside. I pray sweet Angela is now resting in peace and that her family and friends keep all her wonderful memories close to their hearts for eternity 💔 May her memory be for a Blessing.

Sherri Jansing - May 23 at 10:26 AM

EG

“ Condolences to Frank, Alison, Rachel, and family. We knew Angela when our daughters were friends in high school. She was a lovely, kind person and we are so sorry for your loss. Evelyn and Miles Garfinkel

Evelyn Loeb Miles Garfinkel - May 23 at 07:50 AM

VS

“ We offer our condolences to Franklin, Alison, Rachel and the entire Sheehan family.

We've known Angela since Barbara attended high school with Angela.

Her presence will be greatly missed. She will be remembered for the many wonderful qualities she exemplified,

*Barbara, Chester and Valerie Sowinski*

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Valerie Sowinski - May 22 at 05:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Angela Sheehan.



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May 22 at 02:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Angela Sheehan.

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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Angela Sheehan.

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May 22 at 02:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Angela Sheehan.



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May 22 at 12:54 PM



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May 22 at 12:54 PM



“ On behalf of Alison Halpin’s friends and colleagues at CDC, we extend our heartfelt condolences to your family. In honor of Angela, donations have been made to the American Cancer Society and the National Parks Foundation in her memory.

*Angela’s warmth, strength, and legacy are clearly reflected in the remarkable daughter and family she raised, and her impact will continue through them for years to come.*

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**Susannah McKay** - May 22 at 10:56 AM



“ *Geralyn D.* purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Angela Sheehan.



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**Geralyn D.** - May 22 at 10:36 AM

GD

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Geralyn D. - May 22 at 10:36 AM

JT

“ ANGELA WAS THE CHILDHOOD "MATRIARCH" OF OUR WONDERFUL NEIGHBORHOOD. BEING A FEW YEARS OLDER SHE WAS A GENTLE AND CALMING INFLUENCE ON ALL THOSE WHO RAN UP AND DOWN SOUTH MAIN AVE. WE WERE TRULY BLESSED TO HAVE NEIGHBORS LIKE THE SHEEHANS.

Our condolences to Angela's entire family.

God Bless.

The Toomeys

Jim Toomey - May 22 at 09:41 AM

KU

“ I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR OF ANGEL'S PASSING. MY CONDOLENCES TO HER HUSBAND AND DAUGHTERS. I GOT TO KNOW ANGEL THROUGH HER DAD. SHE HAD SO MANY WONDERFUL QUALITIES. HER KINDNESS AND COMPASSION EXTENDED TO SO MANY. I AM HONORED TO HAVE KNOWN HER.

Karen Urbanski - May 21 at 06:51 PM

GH

“ Perhaps forgotten is that Angela pioneered and set standards for Oncology Nursing early in her career. She encouraged Oncology Nursing Society certification for nurses seeking a career in cancer care, and served as an inspiration to not only nurses, but also to many physicians in training for oncology, me being one of them. Her gentle voice, professionalism, and patient centered care are treasured memories.

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**Greg Harper** - May 21 at 11:22 AM

BM

“ Working with Angela on nursing cases at OPD was a great experience. Her kindness and professionalism went hand in hand, and the world was definitely a better place with her in it. My deepest condolences to her family and friends.

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**Bill Murtha** - May 21 at 10:02 AM

SA

“ So sad to learn of Angela's passing this week.....such a wonderful soul in so many ways. I would see her & Frank walking through our neighborhood & always stop & chat. Providing therapeutic massage sessions over the years as gifts from her caring daughters. Listening to her many stories of her family & life & all the people she deeply cared about.....  
My deepest condolences to her family.  
She will be missed, may her memory be a Blessing.  
Much love & light,  
~Suzy

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**Suzy Sherer Arenos** - May 21 at 09:32 AM

DD

“ RIP dear Angela. You were a treasure and will be missed forever and always ❤️

Diane Delmonico - May 20 at 07:56 PM

MC

“ My condolences to Angela's family.. We had been colleagues on the State Board for many years and together participated in so many PAP and OPD hearing events. Although many miles apart I always thought of her as a good friend. Only recently I heard that she was ill. Heaven surely has another angel. and we have lost an avid supporter of nursing. Rest in peace my friend.

Margaret (Peggy) Chase - May 20 at 04:27 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Angela Sheehan.



May 20 at 04:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Angela Sheehan.

May 20 at 04:20 PM

MS

“ I'll remember Angela for her kindness, commitment to facilitating clinical research and helpfulness in her role as Director of Clinical Studies, Department of Research Administration at Albany Medical College. My sincere sympathy and condolences to her family.  
Michael Sandison, MD

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**Michael Sandison** - May 20 at 01:52 PM

BM

“ My condolences to the family. I had the great good fortune of years-long interactions with Angela at Albany Med. Kind, thoughtful, collaborative, self-effacing come right to mind. My team supported her research-related activities. Whenever she walked into our work space, someone would yell out "Angela's here" in a loving way. They so enjoyed interacting with her, especially the kidding and teasing... Rest well, friend.

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**Bob Matthews** - May 20 at 01:25 PM

GS

“ My sincere condolences and prayers to the family. Angela will always be remembered and dearly missed. God bless you and strengthen you-Ghenaida

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**Ghenaida Slack** - May 20 at 11:15 AM

HC

“ Angela was my mentor at Albany Medical Center. I learned so much about the field of research from her. She was gracious and kind. She will be missed. - Heather Caruso

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**Heather Caruso** - May 20 at 09:19 AM

KF

“ I had the privilege of working with Angela in the Office of Research Affairs, Administration, Research and Compliance, Albany Medical College. We were not just a department, we were a close team. If we had a problem, she was there to help us. Angela was not just a manager, she was a leader. She was kind, caring, compassionate and loyal.

*Sending sympathy and prayers to her family. God bless you.*

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**Kathy Flansburg** - May 19 at 09:25 PM

CH

“ The Capital Region Nurses Honor Guard extends our sincere condolences to Angelas family, friends, and colleagues as we remember a devoted nurse whose life was dedicated to service, kindness, and care. Angela’s legacy will continue to live on through all those she touched.



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**Capital Region Nurses Honor** - May 19 at 08:25 PM

MV

“ Another great person gone too soon. Angela was both a mentor and a friend. I learned so much working with her. I truly feel I am a better person having known her.

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**Michelle VonSutphen** - May 19 at 08:18 PM

MS

“ I'll miss Angela standing at my front door with a tray of her homemade blueberry muffins and other goodies that she made. Mostly, I'll miss our conversations about life, medical issues and spirituality. I first met her in 1989 when she offered to let me sleep on her couch when there had been a big storm and my house was in danger of having a tree fall on it. I think that summarizes her generosity and caring nature to a complete stranger. You will be missed my friend. My condolences to Franklin, Alison, Rachel and their families.

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**Mary Skelly** - May 19 at 06:59 PM