



## Ann R. Myers

July 2, 1942 - May 19, 2026

Albany- Ann R. Myers, passed away suddenly at her home in Albany, NY, on Tuesday, May 19th, 2026, surrounded by loved ones. She was the loving wife for 62 years to her husband Joe, as well as a devoted mother to her two children and doting grandmother to four grandchildren.

Born on July 2nd, 1942, in Manhattan, NY, she was the adopted daughter of Gerard and Mary Reimel of Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Ann treasured her family. Her greatest aspiration in life was to be a wife and a mother; she achieved these goals and excelled at both. She is survived by her husband, Joe, her son Michael, her daughter Gabrielle Blake, her daughter-in-law Anne Savage, and grandchildren Sarah, Joshua, Katie, and Alex, and her siblings Miriam "Mimi" Reimel, Anthony "Tony" Reimel, and Gerald "Gerry" Reimel. She reconnected with her birth brother Bernie Devlin in the 1980s, too late to meet her birth mother MaryAnn Kavanaugh.

She graduated from Villa Joseph Marie High School in 1960. After attending Chestnut Hill College for two years, she later graduated from Siena College cum laude in 1983 where she received her B.A., majoring in Political Science and Sociology. She began her career working as a legislative aide for the NYS Assembly where she was employed for six years. She brought her legislative experience to several law firms, beginning with O'Connell and Aronowitz in

1987, and ending with Wilson Elser, where she was a legislative director and office manager until 2003.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, Ann served for two terms as Village Trustee, and later Mayor of the Village of Athens. She was instrumental in reinstating the Athens Street Festival, was one of the founders of the Athens Betterment Committee and Athens Volunteer playschool and was a member of the Athens Garden Club. She also served as a volunteer docent for the Thomas Cole House for many years.

Very active in politics, she participated in various peaceful demonstrations against war and injustice and worked at the polls during many elections throughout her life. In her spare time she loved to read, take beautiful photographs, cut and arrange flowers, and take walks along the Hudson River.

She and her husband, Joe, traveled extensively through Spain and France, as well as Ireland. Ann felt particularly connected to her Irish ancestry, and was thrilled to reconnect with family and visit ancestral gravesites in the towns of Coal Island, and Ardara. She spent many blissful summers at the family cottage on Cape Cod, and happy winters on Florida's Gulf Coast and Amelia Island.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Ann's family Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 N. Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Ann's Funeral Mass will be Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at the Parish of Mater Christi, 40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way), Albany, NY 12208 at 10:30 am.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Ann's memory can be made to the Villa Joseph Marie School (<https://www.vjmhs.org/give/annualfund>), Boston Children's Hospital (<https://secure.childrenshospital.org/donate>) or Siena College (<https://www.siena.edu/donate>).

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com  
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

*Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only*

## Funeral Mass

MAY **27**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ I remember Mrs. Myers, as we called her, as a very kind and thoughtful person. She would always speak to me with respect and consideration even though I was just a middle schooler. She took me to my first and only concert (for years) at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center. We saw the Carpenters. That evening was such a rare and memorable experience for me.

*I also remember her as humble. I asked her once if she spoke Spanish, and even though it was not her vocation, she explained to me her efforts to learn the language well.*

*Finally, I recall the beauty of her home. There were lush flower gardens all around the house and always something cooking in the kitchen. It was warm, cozy, and welcoming.*

*I know she left so much kindness and love in her wake. My thoughts and prayers are with her.*

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**Ellen Marie Reinsdorf** - May 27 at 06:50 AM

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“ We love you, *Petrina and Family* purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ann R. Myers.



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**We love you, Petrina and Family** - May 24 at 05:33 PM

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“ *FNDC friends purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Ann R. Myers.*



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**FNDC friends** - May 22 at 09:46 PM

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“ *We are very saddened to learn of the passing of our former mayor and longtime club member, Ann R. Myers. Athens would not be the amazing Hudson Valley village and town it is today without the commitment and dedication that Ann showed for many years. She was an amazing ambassador in so many roles within the area.*

*To Joe, Michael, Gabrielle, and the entire family, we offer our sincerest condolences. Her memory will long live in Greene County.*

*-- Steven Mann, President  
Athens Community Garden Club*

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**Steven Mann** - May 22 at 09:34 PM

SM

“ *Mike, so very sorry to read of your mom's passing. She was always so great when we were kids at Athens Elementary School. Always had a smile and always there for every event. May her memory be for a blessing.*



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**Steven Mann** - May 22 at 09:17 PM