



## Catharine Garvey

April 26, 1916 - November 9, 2013

Baldwinsville, NY-Catharine Garvey (nee Schmieder) a lifelong resident of Albany NY passed away peacefully of natural causes on November 9th in Baldwinsville, NY surrounded by her family.

She was born on April 26, 1916, daughter of Augustus Schmieder and Anna Fisch Schmieder.

She was preceded in death by her brothers Rev. Jude Schmieder (OFM) and Joseph Schmieder, and sisters Mary Schmieder Giarve and Onna Schmieder Pollock. She is also preceded in death by her husband of 33 years, James Thomas Garvey and an infant boy.

Catharine was a graduate of Vincentian Institute and Albany State Teachers College where she majored in chemistry. She was a teacher in the Albany Diocese parochial schools, Our Lady of Angels and Blessed Sacrament School and is remembered fondly by her many students.

After retiring from Blessed Sacrament in 1980 she devoted her considerable wit and energy to volunteer activities including: teaching English as a second language, religion to the mentally disabled, tutoring at the Albany School for the Blind. She was also a docent at the Albany Institute of History and Art, a volunteer for the American Red Cross, swimming instructor of water aerobics at the Albany Public Bath, a lay minister at Blessed Sacrament where she also sang in the church choir. In 2001 she was honored with a Lifetime

Achievement Award from the Capital District Senior Issues Forum.

Catharine enjoyed classical music, especially opera, was an accomplished pianist, often frequented the theatre and the ballet, enjoyed line dancing, square dancing, swimming, reading (especially mystery stories), gardening, travel, needlework of all kinds, ice-skating, watching baseball, tennis and boxing. She wrote short stories for her grand children and loved puzzles and word games, especially Scrabble.

She is survived by David Thomas Garvey (Kathleen), Katherine Peyser (Richard), James S. Garvey (Catherine), M. Kristine Kolker (Michael), eleven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be Wednesday November 13 from 3-6pm at McVeigh Funeral Home in Albany.

The funeral will be held on Thursday the 14th at 10:30am, at Blessed Sacrament Church (605 Central Ave, Albany).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Blessed Sacrament School, 607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206, in honor of Catharine Garvey.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave  
Albany, NY

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV **14**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church  
607 Central Ave (Father John Bradley Way)  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
[info@mcveighfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@mcveighfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Catharine Garvey*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *I was in choir with Catharine for 12 years and planned with her and others a party for Dominick Giaquinto who was leaving as choir director in 1999. Catharine was a good sport with a great sense of humor and she even starred in one of the skits we wrote -- she was hysterical! We all used to say that when we grew up, we wanted to be just like Catharine Garvey! She was truly one of a kind. She will be missed.*

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**Julie Lawton** - December 07, 2013 at 01:11 PM



“ *Dear Kevin and Family, From listening to you talk about her at work, I know your Grandmother was a great woman and you loved her very much. I am sorry for your loss and will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. I am sure she was very proud of the wonderful man that you grew up to be.*

*Myrt La Shomb*

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**Myrt La Shomb** - November 12, 2013 at 09:13 PM

MP

“ Dear Kris and Family- I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. She was a strong woman and has touched the lives of many- I find it hard to believe it has been 36 + plus years since we first met and became friends. I wish you and your family peace in the upcoming months as your lives again change and unfold.  
Your friend, Marianne Zabinski Powers

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**Marianne Powers** - November 12, 2013 at 07:39 PM

JD

“ We send deepest sympathies to you as you grieve the loss of your beloved Mother and Grandmother. I feel blessed to have spent time together with your Mother just a few weeks ago. God's speed Catherine.

*Jean Dorsey and Family*

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**Jean Dorsey** - November 12, 2013 at 12:20 PM