



## Harriet S. Langley

June 6, 1923 - May 15, 2021

Albany-3 weeks shy of her 98th birthday Harriet Shaughnessy Langley passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 15, 2021. She was born 6/6/1923 to Harry and Rose Shaughnessy, in Springfield, Ill. She grew up on the Northwest side of Chicago with her sister Rose Anne and brothers Jimmy and Bill.

In the mid 40's Harriet moved with her family to Newtonville, N.Y. She was a top notch executive assistant holding many prominent positions in NYS government and private practices.

Travel was at the top of her list. She moved to California for a couple years before returning to the Capital District. A few years later she took a 6 month trip to live in Italy and toured Europe extensively. Visiting relatives in Ireland several times was a favorite.

In 1964 Harriet married her one true love Walter B. Langley, Esq. (Soon after to become N.Y. State Senator Walter B. Langley!) She was very proud to work on his campaigns and the social events of the political lifestyle.

Not too long after the passing of Walter in 1976, she took on a new project. Robinson Square in downtown Albany was being developed. She felt it would be a perfect spot to open "The Shop for Pappagallo". A shop for womens shoes and accessories. She loved greeting customers, seeing old friends and making new ones.

Living in Delmar away from the inner city was her next big move. There she enjoyed her life in the suburbs. She lived in a very tight knit community and thrived on the many friendships she made.

Harriet was a devout Catholic. She spent many hours volunteering at the food pantry sponsored by the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception where she was a long time Communicant.

Harriet was predeceased by her parents, her husband Walt and her two brothers Jimmy and Bill. Also her first born niece Mary Lynn Gaudet. She is survived by her sister Rose Anne (the late Joseph Gaudet) and sister-in-law Barbara (Bobbie Shaughnessy) her nieces, Susan (the late Paul) LaVigne, Marbeth (Vincent) Sweeney, Patricia ( the late Larry Scheer), Lynn (Jack) Curran, and Kelly Shaughnessy. Her nephews Jim (Peg) Gaudet, John (Liz) Gaudet, Bill (Elizabeth) Shaughnessy and Michael (Sherrie) Shaughnessy. Also survived by Dorothy Sweeney and Roger Langley and many nieces and nephews from the Langley family. She is urvived by many many Grand and Great grand nieces and nephews.

Along with her devoted nieces Sue and Pat we would like to thank the staff on

6B at the Teresian House for their care and attention to Harriet's needs.  
Especially making sure her scotch was served before her evening meal!

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Harriet's family Friday, May 21,  
2021 11:30 am to 12:30 am at the Parish of Mater Christi, Albany, NY.

Her Memorial Funeral Mass will then follow at 12:30 pm.

Please only enter the church from the parking lot doorway; masks and social  
distancing are required; you can view the Mass at  
[YouTube.com/C.ParishofMaterChristi](https://www.youtube.com/C.ParishofMaterChristi)

In lieu of flowers donations to the Teresian House would be appreciated.

To leave a message for the family please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Harriet S. Langley*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *To all of Harriet's devoted family, our thoughts are with you. We always enjoyed chatting with Harriet at family celebrations - and know she's watching over all of you with great pride. Love, Maura & Bill Hisgen*

**Maura** - May 19, 2021 at 08:27 AM



“ *Joan Schram lit a candle in memory of Harriet S. Langley*



**Joan Schram** - May 18, 2021 at 06:50 PM

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“ Dear Family and Friends of Harriet,

*I count myself very fortunate to have known Harriet as a treasured Aunt and also as a woman. I count her as one of my the most influential women I have met in my life.*

*We met when I was 13 at her wedding to my Uncle "Bud" and her beloved Walt. I was in awe, at that age, of that beautiful, confident, warm and friendly woman.*

*I married and my husband and I were living the grad student life. We came to know each other later in Albany. We moved away but whenever we were back in the Albany area, we tried to get together for a lunch or a family event.*

*I so enjoyed Harriet's sharp wit and gentle sarcastic remarks and observations.*

*Harriet was a class act and she is sadly missed.*

*Our memories of her will keep her alive in our hearts.*

*Joan Sweeney Schram*

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**Joan Schram** - May 18, 2021 at 06:13 PM

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“ My dear, dear friend! You are finally at peace. Our memories are golden, God Bless! 🙏🙏🙏

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**Alicia McNiff** - May 18, 2021 at 01:16 PM