



## Joann Downs Rowland

April 25, 1927 - February 9, 2012

Albany-Joann Downs Rowland, 84, was called to Eternal Life Thursday, February 9, 2012. She was born in Sayre, PA in 1927, the daughter of the late Agnes Lucy and Richard Joseph Downs.

She was the sister of Joseph and the Right Reverend Richard J. Downs, the Director of Catholic Charities in Albany, both of whom preceded her in death. She was the mother of Sheela A. Rowland and Maureen H. Rowland and the grandmother of Erin and Kathleen Barber. She was the beloved friend of Mrs. John (Elva) Dootz.

Joann worked for the Internal Revenue Center and retired from the County of Albany after over twenty-seven years of service. She graduated from Blessed Sacrament Grammar School and The Academy of the Holy Names. She attended Russell Sage College. Joann was a communicant for many years at her brother's parish, the former Holy Cross Church in Albany. She was presently supporting the Parish of Mater Christi.

Funeral services Monday, February 13, 2012 at 11:00 am at the Parish of Mater Christi, Albany where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may also call Monday morning after 10:00 am at the church.

Interment St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Catholic Charities, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, NY 12203.

To leave the family a special message on their guest book, obtain a prayer card or directions, or share a photo with them, please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi  
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)  
Albany, NY 12208

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Joann Downs Rowland*

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“ *My condolences to the Rowland Family,*

*During this time of great sorrow, may it comfort you to know that others are deeply touched by your loss. I too know the pain of losing someone dear. Even though our hearts are broken, rest assure that our Grand Creator cares about you personally (1 Peter 5:7) and can help you through this difficult time.*

*Revelation 21:4 says "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." Soon God will do away with death forever, there will be no more sorrow, heartache, or pain. I hope this brings you a measure of comfort during this painful time.##imported-begin##Ms.*

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