



## Lucretia Anne Finkell

March 29, 1945 - July 22, 2020

ALBANY - Lucretia Anne Finkell, 75, has joined the great wives, mothers, sisters, aunts, grandmothers and friends who have left us far too soon. She came to rest, for a time, on Wednesday, July 22 2020 at Albany Medical Center.

Born in Brooklyn, NY she was the daughter of the late Andrew and Lucretia Dailey Scharf.

Lucretia graduated from Grover Cleveland High School and Queens College in Queens, NY, where she was president of the Delta Zeta Sorority. She was an active member of St. James Episcopal Church, Elmhurst, Queens, NY. Lucretia worked as a teacher for the New York City Public School System in Brooklyn; the Church Rock Elementary School in Gallup, NM; the Kingston (NY) City School District; and the Temple Israel Nursery School in Albany, NY.

Lucretia served as president of the PTA at Albany Public School 19, Hackett Middle School, and Albany High School, as well as president of the City Council PTA. In the mid 1990's, she was honored to be selected as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee for the Albany Public School System.

Lucretia was a spirited, loyal supporter of Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region from its earliest days. She served as both a volunteer and board member. For over 20 years, she also acted as the chair for the Teddy Bear Banquet and Auction, a fundraiser she helped transform into the current Bids for Kids event.

Actively involved with International Crossroads (Horizons International), Lucretia and Garry welcomed and befriended many international students from UAlbany and RPI. As a result, her family grew to include young adults in China, Europe and North Africa.

Lucretia was an active member of Palatines to America, a German genealogy organization for which she recently became the membership chair of the New York Chapter. She greatly enjoyed learning about her German and Irish ancestors as well as connecting with her current extended family.

Jesus and the Bible provided the foundation and guiding principles for Lucretia's life. One of her favorite scriptures was 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 with its promise of eternal life in God's Kingdom.

Most of all, she poured her life into her family. Lucretia was the incredible wife of Arthur Garry Finkell; remarkably patient mother of Seth D. Finkell (Sequoyah), Jared N. Finkell (Makenzie Weinman), Ethan G. Finkell (Julie) and Asher J. Finkell; world-famous grandmother to Devan, Isaac, Liam, Milo and Otto; sister of Andrew F. Scharf (Margaret) and Anita Baybick (Jeffrey),

who was so dear to her. She is survived by many nieces, nephews, friends and colleagues.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Lucretia's family Sunday, July 26, 2020 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please only enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot doorway; Masks and Social Distancing are required; only 40 visitors will be allowed at a time.

Funeral Services Monday, July 27, 2020 at 10:00 am at McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany. Interment will be held at Albany Rural Cemetery, immediately following the Funeral Service.

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

Those wishing to remember Lucretia in a special way may send a contribution to Ronald McDonald House, 139 S. Lake Avenue, Albany, NY 12208

# Cemetery Details

## Albany Rural Cemetery

68 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY 12204

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lucretia Anne Finkell*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**amanda** - August 03, 2020 at 11:35 PM



“ *I love Lucretia. Just seeing her face makes me smile. She was so funny, whimsical and charming. I loved her laugh, her sense of humor and sitting at your kitchen table over cereal often talking politics when I was in the 5th grade. We had so much fun together. Asher and I used to laugh thinking about our parents working together, imagining them just pushing around stacks of paper and stamping things. Such an important part of my childhood and life. I am so very sorry for your family's enormous loss. She will be dearly missed. All my love, Amanda*

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**Amanda** - August 03, 2020 at 10:41 PM

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**John Finkell** - July 29, 2020 at 09:29 PM

EM

“ Dear Garry and Family

*Lucretia is a beautiful spirit. Jim and I feel blessed to have spent time with her and witness her smile and warmth.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you. You will miss her physical presence, her amazing smile, but we know that you will feel her spirit with you, comforting you and guiding you. A life well lived, she is now enjoying all the blessings promised.*

*Jim and Eileen McLoughlin*



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**Eileen Mcloughlin** - July 27, 2020 at 07:39 AM

SH

“ Dear all, it was a pleasure to get to know Lucretia, she was such a warm hearted person. My thoughts are with you, Garry, and your whole family durin the funeral today and the following times. Take care and get my deepest condolences from Germany, Stephanie

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**Stephanie Heinze** - July 27, 2020 at 04:35 AM

DK

“ *Lucretia: Wife, Mother, Sister, Grandmother, Friend, Advocate and much more to many. Deeply loved and will always be remembered.*



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**David Kircher** - July 26, 2020 at 04:35 PM

DB

“ *Lucretia, you left a mark on all of us — what it means to be Christian. Thank you for everything you did & accomplished, and love for GArry. Now your gift is Heaven. Our deepest condolences to you Garry and your family. I share with you, as a brother, in your sorrow. God Bless.*  
*Love & Prayers, DAN BUDDIE*

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**DAN BUDDIE** - July 26, 2020 at 01:31 PM

TW

“ *Deepest sympathies to Gary and the boys. Our prayers are with your entire family. I will always remember Lucretia as a loving mother, an ardent advocate and a good friend.*

*Terry and Janice White*

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**Terry White** - July 26, 2020 at 01:13 PM



“ *my sympathy to you Garry and to all of the family*

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**Paula Hennessy** - July 26, 2020 at 10:02 AM

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**Michael Piellusch** - July 26, 2020 at 07:18 AM

CF

*Awesome couple and parents* ❤️

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**Courtne C. Finkell** - July 26, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lucretia Anne Finkell.*



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July 25, 2020 at 09:40 PM

LN

“ *Our friendship has spanned more than 55 years. Lucretia and Garry's faith and lives have been a testimony for us all. Lucretia is in glory with the Lord and we should have a joyous celebration. May God comfort Garry and their sons in this sad time. We will miss her loving kindness and frequent laughter. It was our great honor to know her and call her "sister".*

*Lesley and Mike Noble*

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**Lesley and Mike Noble** - July 25, 2020 at 09:37 PM

HY

“ We are sorry for Garry and the family's loss. Looking back all those years since we met, memories are fresh. We will always remember her. We will meet again. - Hanyu and family.

Hanyu Yang - July 25, 2020 at 05:57 PM

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Michael Piellusch - July 25, 2020 at 04:47 PM

MP

*Fordham Reunion 2014 - needs photoshop lightening*

Michael Piellusch - July 25, 2020 at 04:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lucretia Anne Finkell.



July 25, 2020 at 04:13 PM

CH

“ David and I so enjoyed the brief time we spent with Lucretia at Jared's and Makenzie's wedding and reception. Having read about her remarkable life and as a fellow teacher , I only wish I had more time to spend with her sharing our experiences. May the whole family be comforted knowing how much she was loved and admired. Carol Harrell

carol Harrell - July 25, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ Garry and family -- I am so sad to learn of Lucretia's passing. It's obvious how much she was loved and will be missed. Please accept my sincere condolences. Pat Spratt

Patrick Spratt - July 25, 2020 at 10:35 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lucretia Anne Finkell.



July 25, 2020 at 12:32 AM

LL

“ Oh no .I am so sorry Garry and family. Lucretia was a wonderfully kind and strong lady.Garry and Lucretia have done so much for so many people that it is impossible to fully thank him .Prayers and hugs Coach Finkell, St. Francis Indian School Warriors . Corine and Larry ,Ontario ,Canada .

Larry Leblanc - July 24, 2020 at 11:18 PM

LM

“*Her mouth is full of wisdom, her tongue with kindly teaching.*” --  
*Proverbs 31:26*

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**Leo and Martha** - July 24, 2020 at 10:27 PM

ML

“*Lucretia is much loved by so many, and Leo and I are blessed to be among them.*

*She took me under her wing at School 19, and I gratefully followed her and learned so much. With Lucretia's guidance, we revitalized the Albany City Council PTA. I'll never forget our trip to the Catskills for a NYS PTA conference. We had a ball and, again, I learned so much from Lucretia.*

*I know that her memory will be a blessing for many, Leo and I included. Although pandemic concerns preclude our attendance at the funeral services, please know that we will be with you in spirit and that Lucretia and the Finkell family will remain in our prayers.*

*Sending love and hugs from our whole family.*  
*Martha Levy*

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**Martha Levy** - July 24, 2020 at 09:50 PM



“*Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lucretia Anne Finkell.*



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July 24, 2020 at 09:19 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Lucretia Anne Finkell.*



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July 24, 2020 at 08:49 PM



“ *When I was a pediatrician in Albany Lucretia and Gary entrusted their children to my care.*

*When I suggested to them that Albany needed a Ronald McDonald House she and Gary jumped on board without hesitation during the early days when the success of that idea was at best uncertain.*

*Forty years later their efforts endure.*

*What a fabulous family! I am so happy to have known Lucretia and her family.*

*Matt Rogan*

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**Matt Rogan** - July 24, 2020 at 08:41 PM

BR

“ Dear Garry,  
What a great, great loss. I will always remember Lucretia as a wonderful, kind, generous woman with a great heart and soul. I so valued our time together at RMHC where I marvelled at her energy and generosity of spirit. She had such love for her family, for the RMHC children, and such a openhearted love for the world. My deepest condolences to you and your children and grandchildren.  
With great fondness,  
Bronna Romanoff

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Bronna Romanoff - July 24, 2020 at 08:16 PM

PP

“ As Aaron Pisani's mom, a friend of Ethans, I will always remember Lucretia's Never ending smile. She was always a person to look to in times of question. Sincerely appreciate knowing Lucretia. Gary, Seth, Jared, Ethan and Asher Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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peggy pisani - July 24, 2020 at 08:04 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lucretia Anne Finkell.



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July 24, 2020 at 07:32 PM



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