



## Marilyn J. Gower

January 30, 1939 - April 25, 2026

Albany, NY - Marilyn J. Gower, 87, entered Eternal Life Saturday, April 25, 2026 with her children by her side, at St. Peter's Hospital. Born in Albany, she was the daughter of the late John T. and Mary Paratory Jones.

Marilyn graduated from Russell Sage College, and most enjoyed spending her hours with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Special years were spent with her husband boating and fishing on Lake George. Marilyn enjoyed watching and rooting for the Yankees. She was a devoted communicant of St. Pius X Church where she attended Mass daily. Marilyn also enjoyed offering the rosary with her community of friends at Montclair.

She was the wife of the late Donald E. Gower, who went to Our Lord in 2015; beloved mother of Stephen J. Gower (Eileen), Susan G. Barranca (Michael), and Sharon G. Small (Ernest); cherished grandmother of Christopher Small (Kaitlyn), Matthew Barranca, Oliver Small (Carmen), Allison Barranca, Katherine Rosa (Robert), Emily Barranca, Stephen T. Gower, and Andrew Gower; loving great grandmother of Sawyer, Nicholas, and Leilani; sister of the late Sandra Farrell (Frederick); survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and their families, whom she held very close to her heart.

At Marilyn's request, viewing hours are being held privately for the immediate family. A Funeral mass will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 2:30 pm at St.

Pius X Church, Loudonville, NY . The Mass can be viewed at [www.stpiusloudonville.org](http://www.stpiusloudonville.org)

The Rite of Committal will be held at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery immediately following the Mass.

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

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Marilyn in a special way, may send a contribution to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to the March of Dimes.

# Cemetery Details

## **Our Lady of Angels Cemetery**

1389 Central Ave  
Albany, NY

# Previous Events

## **Funeral Mass**

**MAY 2. 2:30 PM (ET)**

St. Pius X Church  
23 Crumitie Rd  
Loudonville, NY 12211  
(518) 462-1336

# Tribute Wall

PL

“ In my short time of having Marilyn as a neighbor I thoroughly enjoyed talking Yankee baseball with her. I had hoped to see her for this season but know she will be rooting from up above. Everyone can use “an angel in the outfield” I’ll miss you

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**Patty Light** - May 02 at 06:24 PM

JM

“ I can’t top the beautiful words that everyone has expressed.. although .. I have been visualizing Marilyn and her connection with all the children in the neighborhood and my children from the second they met her... they still adore her and me too. She truly was a magnet for us all. I received an email from my Grandson in CA expressing his thoughts... he was a youngster... but he felt a connection like everyone.  
Her children and grandchildren thought the world of her and took beautiful care of her...  
You’re all in my thoughts and prayers 🙏  
Mrs Mosher

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**jean Mosher** - May 02 at 10:27 AM

MC

“ Susan and Sharon, I am so very sorry for your loss. I have such fond memories of her going back to our MHS days and all the times going forward. Your mom always had a smile and hug at the ready. She made you feel welcomed and loved. I will truly miss her. My prayers are with your families.  
Marianne (Manning) Conley

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**Marianne Conley** - May 01 at 01:29 PM

RG

“ Rich and Roseann offer our sincere sympathy to Marilyn’s family. She loved her family and talked about you often. We will always remember her welcome when we first moved in the Montclair and sitting on the rocking chairs and having some great talks. Rest in Peace Marilyn. Rich and Roseann Gleason

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**Roseann Gleason** - April 29 at 05:25 PM

JK

“ Marilyn's family, Lynda and I send our sincere prayers and condolences for her passing. She was a wonderful and classy lady. She made many new friends at the Montclair, and she will be dearly missed. God bless Marilyn and her family! John and Lynda Kearney

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**John Kearney** - April 29 at 02:23 PM

Jl

“ My deepest condolences to Stephen, Sharon, Susan and your families. Let the happy memories of your Mom warm you like a comfy blanket on a chilly morning.

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**Joe leraci** - April 29 at 09:50 AM

SM

“ Stephen, Susan and Sharon, my sincerest sympathy to you and your families. So happy we were neighbors growing up. She was always so kind and sweet to our family. You will be in my prayers. Sheryl Aidala Malo

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**Sheryl A Malo** - April 29 at 08:21 AM

KM

“ *I will miss seeing Marilyn in the lobby or outside with friends. She was a beautiful person, always perfectly coiffed, she always made me smile. Rest in peace Marylin .*

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**Kathleen McDonald** - April 28 at 09:06 AM

“ Sometimes you meet someone and they immediately become life-long friends. That’s how it was for Marilyn and me. I feel like I’ve known her all my life. She and I were “besties”.

*My heart is broken. Marilyn was Roman Catholic, as am I, and we spoke of our faith often. I know she was called home to God and she will no longer have any more suffering or pain. For that I am most grateful. And I know that she was looking forward to the day when she would be reunited with her husband, parents, and sister. That day is here.*

*We belonged to rosary group together. I’d walk down the hall to pick her up and we’d walk over together. It was a long walk for her. We sat together outside in the summer, and in the lobby in the winter. And many nights I’d walk down to her apartment and we’d watch one of her favorite t.v. shows “The Big Bang Theory.” Her apartment was like an inferno; a warm 85 degrees. That was our Marilyn.*

*In our conversations there was never a time when Marilyn didn’t mention how grateful and blessed she was to have the children she has. And she loved her children and grandchildren with all her heart. And her great-grandchildren as well (to whom she called the “greats”). You are her greatest legacy.*

*When we first met I found out that Marilyn was “gluten free”; as am I. That immediately meant that she would become my “taste tester” of gluten free baked goods. And believe me, she was brutally honest about what she liked and didn’t like. Which was just one more thing I loved about her. Marilyn spoke her mind but never in a cruel way.*

*We both watched the Yankees on t.v. and we texted each other back and forth during the games. We were both convinced lots of times that we could have done better at coaching than Aaron Boone. He always left the pitchers in too long and we’d gripe about that (and LOTS of other things). She loved when Michael Kay was*

*announcing (not so much anyone else).*

*We didn't have to talk about it much, but we both knew how we felt about one another. She made living at the Montclair bearable because I always knew I had a friend here watching out for me. We watched out for each other. Hopefully she is still watching over me.*

*I will miss her. I already do. My heart has a piece missing and that piece belonged to her. It's difficult to walk by her door and know she isn't inside.*

*I know she is in a better place. I think lots of times she tried to prepare me for this day. But I didn't want that day to be so soon.*

*You were so very special to me. Rest in peace my dear friend. Until we meet again . . . . .*

*Theresa*

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**Theresa** - April 28 at 08:09 AM