



## Philip J. Sgarlata

March 2, 1931 - November 5, 2015

Albany-Philip John Sgarlata, 84, died peacefully on Thursday, November 5, 2015, at Hope Hospice in Fort Myers, Florida. His loving family was by his side throughout his final journey.

Philip was born on March 2, 1931, in Albany to the late John and Antonina Sgarlata. He graduated from Christian Brothers Academy in 1949, where he was well known for hosting festive parties featured in the local papers. He graduated from Siena College in 1953, having been elected President of his senior class. Three years later, he graduated from Albany Law School. Philip spent most of his career with the New York State Department of Health, where he was a recognized expert in health care law and policy.

Most of all, Philip will be remembered as a devoted father, husband, grandfather and uncle who dearly loved, and was loved by, his family and friends. Philip married Patricia "Pat" Sheehan, his loving wife of 54 years, in 1961, and the two raised their family in the Albany area. After retiring from the Health Department in 1995, Philip spent many happy winters with his wife in Florida, consulting for clients, singing in the local chorale, and enjoying a myriad of social activities with many friends. Philip is survived by his wife Patricia, and also by daughters Lisa Wilkinson (John) of Delmar, Karen Baron (Faustin) of Cary, North Carolina, and Christine Chung (James) of Glenmont. He is also survived by four grandchildren Andrew and Daniel Wilkinson and

Connor and Caitlin Chung, and many nieces and nephews. Philip was predeceased by his parents and his brother Frank Sgarlata.

Donations in Philip's memory can be made to the Alzheimer's Association Northeastern New York, Chapter 4, Pine West Plaza Suite 405 Albany, NY 12205, or to the Development Office, Hope Hospice, 9470 Health Park Circle Fort Myers, FL 33908.

The family would especially like to thank Philip's nephew John Sgarlata and his wife Lisa of Fort Myers for their love, devotion and support during Philip's illness.

Funeral services Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 10:30 am in the Parish of Mater Christi, Albany where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Interment will immediately follow the Mass at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Philip's family Saturday morning, 9:00 am to 10:30 am in the church.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave  
Albany, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **14**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Philip J. Sgarlata

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

NB

“ I worked with Phil for many years at the State Department of health. He was a wealth of knowledge, combined with being a wonderful person and friend. He helped me through many issues, always with a smile. I had lost track of him, and was glad to read that he appeared to have enjoyed his true retirement, and continued to be the family man that I came to know. Phil helped me to be a better employee, please accept my condolences. Regards, Neil Benjamin



neil benjamin - November 17, 2015 at 09:44 PM

MO

“ To family: May the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort during this difficult time " He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all face."



Montana - November 17, 2015 at 01:21 PM

DG

“ Dee And Fred Grimaldi lit a candle in memory of Philip J. Sgarlata



Dee and Fred Grimaldi - November 15, 2015 at 06:47 AM

MS

“ *Uncle Phil will always be one of the classiest men I have ever had the honor to know. Fiercely protective of his family and he welcomed me with open arms. He will be missed beyond words, but only until you attempt to debate Christine, are welcomed into Lisa's home or share a bottle of beer with Karen and you realize Uncle Phil's very best will always live on. Proud to smile with memories.*  
Nell Schmitz

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**Mary Nell Schmitz** - November 14, 2015 at 09:21 PM

NM

“ *The Law Firm of O'Connell and Aronowitz is deeply saddened to learn of the death of our dear friend and former colleague, Phil Sgarlata. After a distinguished career as a public servant with the New York State Department of Health, Phil became of Counsel to our Firm and graced us with his presence for several years. His humility and great sense of humor masked a powerful intellect that served us well. We are eternally grateful that he came our way, and we extend to Pat and his Family our sincerest condolences.* - Neil Murray

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**Neil Murray** - November 13, 2015 at 01:18 PM

PM

“ *Pauline Morrissey lit a candle in memory of Philip J. Sgarlata*



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**Pauline Morrissey** - November 13, 2015 at 05:44 AM

KM

“ I have many happy memories of Phil. As a young adult I visited with my Aunt Pat for many years and stayed at their home. One of my happy memories of Phil was how his sense of humour was always so welcoming. Another was how he treated me as another member of the family. Phil was my taxi ride to the golf courses in Florida, he was also my taxi to the airports for all those years. Things will not be the same again.

*Pat, Lisa, Karen and Christine you are all in my thoughts.*

*R.I.P Phil xx*

*Katherine (Ireland)*

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**KATHERINE MORRISSEY** - November 12, 2015 at 10:56 AM

AV

*Pat,*

*I was so sorry to hear about your husband's death. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.*

*Andrea Vallance*

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**Andrea Vallance** - November 12, 2015 at 11:37 AM

CA

*Always loved going to the Sgarlata home! Mr. Sgarlata always greeted me with a smile and a joke and made me feel so welcome! What a gentleman! Will miss you Mr. Sgarlata!*

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**carolyn** - November 13, 2015 at 06:36 PM