



Helen K. Finlan

March 12, 1927 - April 21, 2026

After a long and fulfilling life, Helen K. Finlan, 99, of Towanda, PA, passed away peacefully at home while in the care of her loving daughter Marylin. She was welcomed into heaven by her husband and son on Tuesday April 21, 2026. Helen was born in Burlington, PA on March 12, 1927; the youngest of five children of Jacob Kokoszka and Mary Szychowski Kokoszka. Growing up in East Towanda, Helen attended Towanda High School, graduating in 1946. Helen began her working career with Prudential Insurance. During this time she met her husband John Edward Finlan, whom she married on June 30, 1956. Together they shared 42 years of marriage. Helen went on to be employed by Fontaine Weaving Co, Valley Cities Gas, and Citizens and Northern Bank in Wysox, PA; where she retired in December of 1990 in anticipation of the births of her first two grandchildren.

Throughout her life, Helen was involved in various clubs and memberships such as Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Parish, The Altar and Rosary Society, Catholic Daughters of America, Towanda Country Club, Win Over Weight (WOW), the Red Hat Society, and the Towanda Garden Club. After retirement, she served as Finlan's Tavern's longest employee as a bookkeeper. She loved get togethers with family and friends, spoiling her grand and great grandchildren, dancing, and of course polka music. Along with being an avid golfer and bowler, Helen enjoyed ceramics, birdwatching, gardening, reading, crossword puzzles, and admiring her picturesque view of the Susquehanna river from her front porch.

Surviving are her daughter Marylin Garris, grandchildren Raymond Jacob Finlan II (Christina), Marissa Barnett (Rhyan), and Taylor Pruyne (Codey). Great grandchildren Olivia Finlan, Aiden Barnett, Raymond Jacob Finlan III and Luke Pruyne, along with several nieces and a nephew. Helen was predeceased by her husband John Finlan (1998) and her son Raymond Finlan (2021).

“Gran” will be fondly remembered for her red lipstick by her extended family, friends, therapy staff, and aides. As she would always say “Put a little lipstick on, You’ll be fine!”

The family will receive friends Tuesday April 28, from 11 am to 12:30 pm at Maryott Bowen Funeral Home, 217 York Ave, Towanda followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 1 pm at Saints Peter and Paul Church, 3rd St Towanda, PA. Interment will be in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, North Towanda, PA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to St Agnes School, 102 Third St, Towanda, PA 18848, or to the charity of one's choice in her honor.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

S.S. Peter & Paul Cemetery

30 James Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Previous Events

Receive Friends

APR 28. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home
217 York Ave.
Towanda, PA 18848
(570) 265-2272
info@bowenfuneralhomes.com

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church
Third Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall

LM

“ *Lynn moyer lit a candle in memory of Helen Finlan*



Lynn moyer - May 05 at 04:58 PM



“ *Marylin, I am sorry to read of your Mother's passing. Let your memories give you comfort.*
Joel Birdsall

Joel Birdsall - April 28 at 12:09 AM

CS

“ *Carole Snyder lit a candle in memory of Helen Finlan*



Carole Snyder - April 27 at 06:15 PM

LM

“ *Love, Mary, John, Meg, Morgan, Miranda purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Helen K. Finlan.*



Love, Mary, John, Meg, Morgan, Miranda - April 25 at 05:03 PM

LM

“ Love, Mary, John, Meg, Morgan, Miranda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen K. Finlan.

Love, Mary, John, Meg, Morgan, Miranda - April 25 at 05:03 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Helen K. Finlan.



April 25 at 10:18 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Helen K. Finlan.

April 25 at 10:18 AM

SL

“ Sue & Tim LaNasa purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Helen K. Finlan.



Sue & Tim LaNasa - April 25 at 09:00 AM

SL

“ Sue & Tim LaNasa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen K. Finlan.

Sue & Tim LaNasa - April 25 at 09:00 AM

MP

“ *Mary Pond lit a candle in memory of Helen Finlan*



Mary Pond - April 24 at 03:23 PM

MP

“ *We all will miss her beautiful smile. Her eyes light up when smiling. She was a beautiful woman inside and out. We love you Gram Finlan, Your missed already.*

Mary Pond - April 24 at 03:22 PM

CH

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of the family.*



Claire Holton-Lizon - April 24 at 11:29 AM

MM

“ *Marylin, lots of love and hugs! Thinking of you all* 💜

Mandy Manley - April 24 at 10:34 AM

TF

“ *The Obermanns and Garris Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Helen K. Finlan.*



The Obermanns and Garris Families - April 24 at 08:52 AM

TF

“ *The Obermanns and Garris Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen K. Finlan.*

The Obermanns and Garris Families - April 24 at 08:52 AM

SL

“ *Sue LaNasa lit a candle in memory of Helen Finlan*



Sue LaNasa - April 24 at 07:55 AM

JU

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Helen's passing. I worked with her at Citizens & Northern in Wysox. She was a very dear person and will be missed.*
Julie Moriarty

Juliem184@outlook.com - April 23 at 11:24 PM