



## Lena M. Kingsley

November 23, 1932 - June 6, 2024

Lena M. Kingsley left her home for the final time on Thursday afternoon, June 6, 2024, while sitting in her favorite rocking chair where she would read and talk on the phone with her family and friends.

Lena was born in Sayre, PA to the late Angelo and Concettina (Mattie) Rossillo. She lived in the Milltown area for 19 years. After graduating from high school, she worked at the “Park Bakery” in Sayre. During this time, she met the Love of Her Life, Paul “Elwell” Kingsley. They were married on May 3rd, 1952. Together they built their home on the Kingsley farm in Standing Stone Township where they raised 3 children and lived together for 68 years until Elwell’s passing on April 15th, 2021. Lena continued to live in her home, except for her snowbird trips to Florida to stay with her daughter Debbie and son-in-law Randy Caswell. She enjoyed the warmer weather and being with family. In addition to working at the Park Bakery, Lena also babysat two precious little boys for a time, worked at the Towanda Area School cafeteria, and cooked for Sammy’s Restaurant in Wysox. Whenever guests came to visit, chances are they would end up playing Aggravation or playing cards. Lena loved the comfort and support that she received from the Saints Peter and Paul Parish family, and all the help that Father Ed was able to provide through the last few trying years. Her greatest joy was cooking for her family, everyone especially loved her homemade ravioli and pizza, she always had cookies in the freezer to give to the grandkids and great grandkids when they came to visit. Lena loved reading to the children and giving them books. Lena

also crocheted beautiful baby blankets for all the newborns in the family. Lena is survived by her sons, Mike (Judy) Kingsley, Jon (Lori) Kingsley and daughter, Deborah (Randy) Caswell, grandchildren, Carly (Randy) Kocher, Casey (Craig) Holcomb, Scott (Kim) Caswell, Matt (Mariana) Caswell, Krista Speier, Rebekah (Clayton) Dulaney, Miranda (Dalton) Maynard, and Tori (Brandon) Carr, great grandchildren, Cora Downing, Conner, Courtney, Cadence, Brooke, and Trent Holcomb, Anabella and Celina Caswell, Madison Caswell, Skylar Powell, Austin Smith, Megan Speier, Alyssa, Ailyn and Jax Dulaney, Parker and Carson Maynard and Riggs Carr, great great grandchildren, Kennedy and Cameron Powell, Her sister, Louise Karoly whom she talked with every day, brother and sister-in-law, Tony and Cindy Rossillo, brother-in-law, and sister-in-law George and Theresa Kingsley, and sister-in-law Bertha Kingsley.

Lena was predeceased by her loving husband Elwell, a son Paul Kingsley II, brother, Anthony Rossillo, grandson, Timothy Caswell, brothers-in-law, Burton Kingsley, Stephen Karoly, Harold Jayne and Edwin Brown, sisters-in-law, Clara Brown and Ruth Ellen Jayne, niece, Sandra Brown, and nephew Mark Kingsley.

The family will receive friends Friday morning, June 14, 2024, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11:00 a.m. Friday at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Third Street, Towanda. Interment will be in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, North Towanda, PA. In lieu of flowers, bequests may be directed to Saints Peter and Paul Church, 106 Third Street, Towanda, PA 18848 or to the Children's Leukemia Research Association, 585 Stewart Avenue, Suite 520, Garden City, NY 11530 In memory of Lena M. Kingsley. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery

James Street  
North Towanda Township, PA 18848

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

S.S. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church  
106 Third Street  
Towanda, PA 18848

# Tribute Wall

KK

“ *Deepest sympathies to the Kingsley family. I have fond memories of visits to the Farm eons ago and Lena’s special hospitality. My thoughts and prayers are with you.* ”

Kevin Kingsley - June 14, 2024 at 06:22 AM

SW

“ *Lena felt like she was a part of my family, for as many years as I have known her. She always was so kind and friendly. Her cooking was out of this world! I’ll never forget the first time I ate her homemade pizza. She was amazing! She will be missed at family events at Jon & Lori’s. So much love to you both and your family.* ”

Shari Williams - June 13, 2024 at 05:32 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, Jon and Lori. We love you!* ”



Lissa Clayborn - June 12, 2024 at 06:58 PM

MC

“ *Mary Ann Allan and Children purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Lena M. Kingsley.* ”



Mary Ann Allan and Children - June 12, 2024 at 12:53 PM

MM

“ Please accept my sincere sympathy on your loss. I so admired Lena and always looked forward to seeing her at 4 PM mass, as she always had a smile on her face and would greet everyone.

Mary Kay Ward - Monroeton - June 11, 2024 at 08:22 PM

NL

“ Jon & Lori, so sorry for your loss.

Norma Lee - June 11, 2024 at 12:40 PM

GJ

“ Jon, there's nothing I can say to ease the loss of your mother, but may you be comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding you in the days ahead. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.  
Respectfully, Grace Jackson

Grace Jackson - June 11, 2024 at 09:56 AM

GL

“ Mike, Judy and Family, so sorry to hear about your loss.

Gary Lewis - June 11, 2024 at 07:06 AM

JO

“ I'm sorry to hear of Lena's passing. I worked with her at Sammy's, and I remember her always making her meatballs and spaghetti sauce, and other Italian foods. I've thought of her over the years, she will be missed.

Jody - June 11, 2024 at 05:43 AM