



Mary Elizabeth Poole Douglas

August 21, 1929 - May 24, 2026

Mary Elizabeth Poole Douglas of N. Towanda, Pa. went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on May 24, 2026, at the age of 96. She was born on August 21, 1929, to Ernest and Reta Young Poole and grew up on the family dairy farm near Afton, N.Y. where she helped out with daily chores. She was a 1948 graduate of Afton High School. She attended the Afton Baptist Church where she met the love of her life, A. David Douglas, who was the son of the pastor of the church, Rev. Alan Douglas. They were married on October 11, 1948. They moved to the Towanda area in the early 1950's when Dave obtained a job at GTE Sylvania, and they lived most of their adult lives in the Towanda area. She was the mother of 7 sometimes rambunctious children who at times tested her patience, but she always expressed her love and support to each one in ways which we will never forget. They celebrated 73 happy, devoted years of marriage before Dave passed away in June of 2022. Mary was known to be a very loving, caring, kindhearted person who was always thinking of ways to help others in need. She lived her Christian faith in a way that was visible to all who knew her. She was a strong role model to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews, and to all who spent any time with her.

She was a longstanding, faithful member of the Independent Baptist Church in Towanda going back to the 1950's, serving as a S.S. teacher, a VBS teacher, serving on the Ladies' Missionary Fellowship, and helping out in many other ways. She was an accomplished Marimba player and often played during the

church services. In addition to being a loving, devoted mother and wife, she also worked in the community as a Nutrition Aide and was a Foster Grandparent in the Towanda Area School System in her 80's which showed her love and concern for children.

Surviving sons and daughters include Alan (Jeanne) Douglas of Ghent Hill, Reg (Judy) Douglas of N. Towanda, Jim (Bev) Douglas of N. Towanda, Reta Damiani of N. Towanda, Steve (Debi) Douglas of Arequipa, Peru, Caroline Hedglen of Locust Grove, Va., and her special son Daniel Douglas of N. Towanda. She is also survived by sister-in-law Judy Poole, 17 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-granddaughter. She was predeceased by her husband, A. David Douglas, her parents, brother William Poole, and his wife, Lorraine, her sister, Pauline Comings, and her husband, Philip, and her brother Ned Poole.

Memorial contributions can be made in her name to the Independent Baptist Church, 109 Cherry St., Towanda, Pa. 18848 or to Serve, Inc., 22 Chiola Lane, Towanda, Pa. 18848

Visiting hours will be held at the Independent Baptist Church, Towanda, Pa. on June 2, 2026, at 9:30 A.M. with a memorial service following at 11:00. Interment will be in the Afton, New York cemetery at the convenience of the family. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenf uneralthomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Cemetery

Afton, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Independent Baptist Church
109 Cherry Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Service

JUN 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GM

“ Gladys, Elaine, Margaret, and Mary purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Elizabeth Poole Douglas.



Gladys, Elaine, Margaret, and Mary - May 30 at 12:20 PM

NW

“ Nancy weber purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Elizabeth Poole Douglas.



Nancy weber - May 29 at 09:30 PM

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“ Nancy weber planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Elizabeth Poole Douglas.


Nancy weber - May 29 at 09:30 PM

MF

“ I had the warm memory of meeting Mary just one time, at Dave's funeral, but I was so touched earlier by the hometown paper article on their 70th wedding anniversary. I've attached it here. My grandparents almost made it to 75 years, and it brought back sweet memories. God bless you all, and Dan, a special hug for you. In His Grip, which is where Dave & Mary are now, Mark Fischer



Mark Fischer - May 29 at 07:28 PM

 Brenda
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“ One thing I will always remember about her is sitting with her at the community cup and translating everybody's conversations because she couldn't hear them. She smiled and always touched my hand and said thank you. She always had a smile on her face. She was a very happy person. I'm grateful that God let her live those 96 years to watch her son grow up and the rest of her family do awesome things. She will be greatly missed.

Brenda Brown Kovacs - May 27 at 10:26 PM