



## Olga P. Mehalchick

May 24, 1922 - December 7, 2018

Olga P. Mehalchick, 96, of Towanda, PA passed away Friday, December 7, 2018 at the Skilled Nursing Unit of Guthrie Memorial Hospital, Towanda, PA. Olga was born in Drifton, PA on May 24, 1922, the daughter of Michael Banja and Anna Barvilchock Banja. She graduated from Hazle Township Grammar School with the honor of representing her class at the Masonic Temple in Hazelton, PA by reciting an essay, Sails of Success. As a student of Hazle Township High School, Hazelton, PA, Olga was engaged in theatre, chorus, and graduated with high honors with the class of 1940. After graduation, she was employed by the Freeland Dress Co. and held the position of the office of Secretary of the I. L. G. W. U. (International Ladies Garment Workers Union). While a member of the bowling team, she met her future husband, Emil J. Mehalchick, who she married in 1946. While he was attending college, she worked in various stores in Easton and Allentown, PA.

In 1953, they moved to Towanda where she became involved in church and community activities. She served as President of the Altar and Rosary Society for 3 years and Grand Regent of the Catholic Daughters of America. She was a member of the Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and St. Agnes School PTG. She served as Den Mother for the Boy Scouts. She enjoyed baking and served as chairperson of the baked goods booth at the Altar and Rosary Bazaar. Her hobbies were sewing, reading and tending to her flowers. She helped deliver meals to shut ins and enjoyed their company.

She was the proud mother of four children, Patricia A. Spaulding of Towanda, Robert J. Mehalchick (Claudia) of Monroeton, Karen C. Stroud of Durell, and Melanie M. Spencer (predeceased her on April 19, 2009), her grandchildren, Heather A. Richardson (James), Shannon M. Renninger (Kyle), Jessica L. Bundle (Jason) and Christopher (Melissa Hamby), step granddaughter, Lucinda Vanderpool (Donald), great grandchildren, Jimmy and Warren Richardson, Emma, Chelsey and Isaac Renninger, step great grandchildren, Bethany Dodge, Cole Williams and Mya Schmidt, step great great grandchildren, Bailey, Brynleigh and Ryland Carey, sister in law, Gloria Banja of Henryetta, OK and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her parents, Olga was predeceased by her husband of 62 years, Emil J. Mehalchick on June 27, 2009, daughter, Melanie Spencer on April 19, 2009, step grandson, Justin Moyer on February 6, 2011, brothers, John, Emil and Edward Banja and sisters-in-law, Veronica Banja and Eleanor Banja. The family will receive friends Friday, December 21, 2018 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, December 22, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Third St. Towanda, PA with Rev. Edward Michelini, pastor as celebrant. Interment will be in St. Casimir's Cemetery, Freeland, PA. The family suggests that contributions may be directed to SS. Peter and Paul Church, 106 Third St. Towanda, PA 18848 or to St. Agnes School, 102 Third St. Towanda, PA 18848 in memory of Olga P. Mehalchick. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Casimir's Cemetery

Freeland, PA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Olga P. Mehalchick*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Olga P. Mehalchick*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Olga P. Mehalchick*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Olga P. Mehalchick*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Olga P. Mehalchick*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Karen and family, My sincere sympathy for your loss. Your mother was a special lady. May the special memories you all shared, live forever in your hearts as a reminder that you cared*

**Helen Harshbarger** - December 14, 2018 at 12:05 PM

MP

“ *My Deepest Sympathies & Prayers to all of the Families  
Marie Post, Towanda, Pa*

Marie A. Post - December 13, 2018 at 04:22 PM

DE

“ *Dear Karen & Family ,  
I send my deepest sympathy to you and your extended family at the  
passing of your Mom. What a blessing for you all to have her with  
you thru so many years. When our parents leave there is a tear in  
our lives but the wonderful memories help to stitch and patch us up.  
Love & Peace to all Donna Fratrik Engle*

Donna Fratrik Engle - December 13, 2018 at 02:43 PM

CV

“ *Life is changed, not taken away. Life that is eternal transcends all  
time and space. There are no longer restraints of the human  
condition. Death does not separate us from those we love. It  
deepens our union with God and with each other. There is joy that  
never ends. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Heartfelt Sympathy, Carol Ann Viechec*

Carol Ann Viechec - December 13, 2018 at 12:36 PM

DS

“ *Patty, Bob and Karen so sorry to hear of your  
Mothers passing, I remember your mother as  
a beautiful and spiritual lady and involved in  
the church and community. My thoughts and  
prayers are with you and your families and  
hope that your wonderful memories will sustain you through this  
difficult time. God Bless. Dorothy Shay Sauro*



Dorothy Shay Sauro - December 12, 2018 at 10:00 AM

MM

“ Karen;

*May you and your family have a sense of joy and peace knowing you were blessed with such a nice mom.*

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**Mike MacInnis** - December 12, 2018 at 05:45 AM