



Donald F. Sobkowitz

July 29, 1935 - April 21, 2026

Donald F. Sobkowitz, 90, of County Highway 158, Johnstown, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at home.

He was born in Amsterdam on July 29, 1935, a son of John and Frances Kanches Sobkowitz and attended local schools. Don was a lifelong area resident.

Mr. Sobkowitz was employed as a body shop technician at Brown's Ford in Johnstown for most of his automotive career, retiring in 1990. He also owned and operated Hill Crest Auto Sales in Perth.

Don served in the Army National Guard of New York from 1956-1961.

Don was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Gloversville. He enjoyed cutting and selling firewood, hunting, and was a member of the NRA. Don loved vacationing in Maine with his grandchildren and garage-saleing with his wife. He also loved music and dancing with his wife, Gaile. Don was proud of the landscaping and pond-scaping projects he worked on at his home. He removed many boulders to create beautiful gardens and a nearly two-acre pond that supports rainbow trout. This project began in 1996 and has become a meaningful part of the family property.

In addition to his parents, Don was predeceased by a son, Christopher, a brother, Robert, a sister, Joan, and a grandson, Chauncey.

Survivors include his wife, Gaile Paro Sobkowitz, whom he married on June 24, 1955; a son, Scott (Theresa) Sobkowitz of Perth; Donna Dudka of Amsterdam; two brothers, Lawrence Sobkowitz of Bridgeport, CT. and Ronald

(Joann) Sobkowicz of Mayfield; four grandsons, Joshua, Abraham, and Jacob Carey, and Thomas Sobkowicz; a great-granddaughter, Amber Carey; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Cremation was performed at Park View Crematorium, Schenectady. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at 11am at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 12 James Street, Gloversville, with Pastor Peter Ellis, officiating. A graveside service with military honors will follow at Perth Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc., Johnstown.

Cemetery Details

Perth Cemetery

County Highway 107
Amsterdam, NY

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Emmanuel Baptist Church
12 James Street
Gloversville, NY 12078

Military Graveside Service

MAY 9. 12:30 PM (ET)

Perth Cemetery
County Highway 107
Amsterdam, NY