



Helen J. "Honey" Roller

April 6, 1929 - January 25, 2026

Helen Joyce Roller, affectionately known to everyone as "Honey," went to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 25, 2026. She was 96 years young, though she possessed the spirit of someone half her age and the organizational system of a high-end government agency.

Born in Gloversville on April 6, 1929, she was the daughter of Albert and Elizabeth (Elsie) Morbach Roller. A lifelong resident of the area, Honey was a graduate of both the St. Mary's School and Gloversville High School (Class of 1947). Honey was a devout Catholic and member of the former Sacred Heart Church and Church of The Holy Spirit.

Honey's work ethic was legendary. After early stints as a candy striper and a clerk at the stationery counter at McClellan's Department Store while in high school, she dedicated nearly five decades mastering the art of the payroll. She worked at Schines from 1948-1951 when she went to work for the company that was later acquired by Zuckerwar and the Grandoe Corporation in 1953. Honey remained with the Grandoe Corporation until her retirement in June 1997.

Honey was known for and loved fiercely for her positive attitude, sharp wit, and fun loving personality. She was almost always in a good mood humming, singing, and dancing. She was one of a kind - the kind of person who never filtered her thoughts, never held back her opinions, and never once pretended

to be anything other than exactly who she was. She was meticulous about everything - finances, cleaning, organizing, and punctuality. Everything had a way in which it was to be done and/or its place and she let you know it! Honey was always up for an adventure and loved to travel to take in sights and visit family. Each year Honey hosted the family's traditional Christmas Eve party, recreating days of old where she made the "kids" sing silent night before opening their gifts and posing for excessive photos. Honey loved sweets, was famous for her whipped jello, making her own birthday cards, wrapping birthday gifts with the newspaper comics, and watching Hallmark movies. Always young at heart, Honey kept up with all of the trends - watching tv shows and mastering social media so that she could keep up with all of her nieces and nephews who were spread out across the states. She texted, posted on Facebook, sent snapchats, and liked instagram posts. Her nightly "good night" Facebook messages were a staple for her loved ones, often accompanied by the occasional—and entirely accidental—Facebook Live broadcast or Snapchat post that kept her family laughing across state lines. Her humor, warmth, and unmistakable presence will be deeply missed.

Survivors include her brother, Julius C. Roller Sr. of Johnstown, and a sprawling legacy of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews, stretching all the way down to the "great-greats." She was predeceased by her parents, her brothers, Albert (Shonny) Roller Jr. and Edward Roller Sr. and her sister, Doris Cotoia.

The family extends their sincere appreciation to the aides who provided Honey with such wonderful care and companionship over the past few years.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, February 6, 2026, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc., 111 County Highway 106, Johnstown. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 2:00 p.m. at The Church of the Holy Spirit, with Father Matt Wetsel officiating. Burial will be in the spring at Prospect Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Meals on Wheels in care of the funeral home.

UPDATE: SPRING BURIAL INFORMATION

A graveside service for Honey will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2026 at 1 p.m. at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Gloversville with Father Matthew Wetsel, officiating.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home
111 County Highway 106
Johnstown, NY 12095
(518) 883-5323
debbie@halgasfuneralhome.com
<https://www.halgasfuneralhome.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Church of the Holy Spirit
149 South Main Street
Gloversville, NY 12078

Final Burial

APR 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

Prospect Hill Cemetery
Gloversville, NY 12078

Tribute Wall

CD

“ I was in Honey’s company a few times and she was unforgettable, her sense of humor, self assurance, and friendly spirit was amazing. Some years ago, my husband and I were traveling to Alaska, and stayed at Carol and Buck’s house before leaving from Logan airport. After realizing that Albie’s medication was left at home, Honey came to the rescue. She happened to be traveling to visit Carol and was able to secure the medication and deliver this to us! After arriving Honey wanted to go shopping, even though she was in a wheelchair Carol and I accompanied her to a few stores, one was the Bass Outdoor Store and she enjoyed talking to people and checking out the merchandise, even though she wasn’t planning on fishing or hunting! Honey was one of a kind, her unique spirit will remain in the memories of those who knew and loved her forever.

With heartfelt condolences,
Conniejo Dicruttalo

conniejo Dicruttalo - February 01 at 06:59 AM

PT

“ Honey worked at Grandoe the same time as I did. Her sense of wit and humor were unforgettable! I loved her laugh so much. I used to take coffee breaks and lunches sometimes with the gals. We were like family there . The gals put on a beautiful bridal shower and baby shower 10 years later. My best memories of her and I laughing at the same thing. Those were the good ol days. Condolances to all of the families. She was a gem. Hold on to her laughter and carry it on! Prayers Kathy to your Aunt Honey and my dear friend Helen! 🙏
Respectfully Patty Tyrrell



Patty Tyrrell - January 31 at 07:21 PM

BR

“ Brian R. purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Helen J. "Honey" Roller.



Brian R. - January 30 at 11:36 PM

LM

“ Carol, I am so sorry about the passing of your dear Aunt. I worked with her at Grandoe gloves many years ago, in the office. Helen was a fun, loving, kind, helpful lady. She and my mom worked together for many many years and we're good friends. I am sending sincere condolences to your family.

linda mendetta - January 30 at 06:52 PM

MT

*Helen was a Very Special Person and I am honored to have her in my life.
She will be missed!!
Mike Teetz*

Mike Teetz - January 31 at 09:53 AM

JL

“ Julia, Ella & Landyn Luey purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Helen J. "Honey" Roller.



Julia, Ella & Landyn Luey - January 30 at 06:19 PM