



Paula Jean Sturgess

July 27, 1944 - January 21, 2026

Paula Jean Hoagboon Sturgess, 81, of North Main Street, Gloversville, passed away early Wednesday morning, January 21, 2026, at home. She was born in Gloversville on July 27, 1944, a daughter of Edward and Ada Galway Hoagboon and a graduate of Gloversville High School. She was a lifelong area resident.

Mrs. Sturgess was employed by Espey Manufacturing and Electronics Corp. in Saratoga for over 10 years. Later, she was a financial record clerk with the City of Gloversville, retiring in 2005 after 21 years of service.

Paula was most proud of her family. She dedicated her life to raising her children and loving her grand and great-grandchildren.

She married Benjamin J. Sturgess, Jr., on November 17, 1962. Sadly, he died on April 29, 2004. In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her brother, Robert H. Hoagboon.

Survivors include, her children, Karen (Harold) Van Alstyne of Gloversville, Edward (Catherine) Sturgess of Gloversville, and Benjamin (Kimberly) Sturgess, III, of Broadalbin; her sister, Patricia Achzet of Gloversville; her grandchildren, Edward (Laura) Sturgess, Jr., Richard (Jennifer) Sturgess, Devyn (Thomas) Crocetta, Luke (Nina) Phelps, Heather Phelps, Benjamin J. Sturgess, IV, and Grace Van Alstyne; her great-grandchildren, Lily, Ayden, Emma, Giovanna, Lia, Giuliana, Hayden, Caroline, Quade, Ada, Rowan, and Arlo; her sister-in-law, Sandy Hoagboon of Johnstown; many other grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and her very best friends, Linda and

Pete Patterson and their family.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2026, from 1 – 4 p.m. at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106 (corner of Route 29 & Black Street), Johnstown. A funeral service will be held at 4 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Robert Lowenthal, officiating. Burial will be in the spring at Ferndale Cemetery, Johnstown. Memorial contributions may be made to Miracle Ear Foundation, in care of the funeral home.

UPDATE: SPRING BURIAL INFORMATION

Final burial for Paula will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026 at Noon at Ferndale Cemetery, Johnstown with Rev. Robert Lowenthal, officiating.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN **24**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home
111 County Highway 106
Johnstown, NY 12095
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Funeral Service

JAN **24**. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Final Burial

APR **25**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Ferndale Cemetery
Johnstown, NY

Tribute Wall

MC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. With deep condolences the volunteers at Comfort Zone.



Maria Cinquanti - February 13 at 01:30 PM



“ Brenda Fremont lit a candle in memory of Paula Jean Sturgess



Brenda Fremont - January 26 at 04:06 AM

KC

“ Paula was a good friend to my sister Patty Gargiulo, Benjamin and my son Joe Cozzolino were friends in first grade, I worked with her at City Hall. Her husband tried to find my husband a job when he was out of work. I was proud of the entire family, Sincerely Katherine D'Errico Cozzolino..

Katherine Cozzolino - January 23 at 07:59 AM

KG

“ We have wonderful memories of growing up and always going to Paula and Buddy’s house to play and visit. The “cousins” would get together and play kick the can, or some other game late into the night. As we got older, visiting was just as wonderful. Meeting with family never grew old and Paula was the centerpiece we all revolved around. We will miss her so very much. All here send their regards and prayers...including Jon Eric, Sondra, and Wade. Love you Paula!! Kim (Hoagboon) and John Grosse.

Kim (Hoagboon) Grosse - January 22 at 11:50 PM

KG

“ Kim and John Grosse purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White for the family of Paula Jean Sturgess.



Kim and John Grosse - January 22 at 11:43 PM

KA

“ Karen lit a candle in memory of Paula Jean Sturgess



karen - January 22 at 10:37 PM

KA

I miss you so much mom!! LOVE YOU MOST💜💜

karen - January 22 at 10:38 PM

CG

“ Candy, Kelly & Dan and Paul & Ginger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula Jean Sturgess.

Candy, Kelly & Dan and Paul & Ginger - January 22 at 06:31 PM

RF

“ Rick & Mary Frasier purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Paula Jean Sturgess.



Rick & Mary Frasier - January 22 at 05:05 PM

RF

“ Rick & Mary Frasier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula Jean Sturgess.

Rick & Mary Frasier - January 22 at 05:05 PM

JF

“ JANET. JOHN AND FAMILY purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Paula Jean Sturgess.



JANET. JOHN AND FAMILY - January 22 at 10:42 AM

JF

“ JANET. JOHN AND FAMILY planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula Jean Sturgess.

JANET. JOHN AND FAMILY - January 22 at 10:42 AM

TC

“ Toni Marie Christiano lit a candle in memory of Paula Jean Sturgess



Toni Marie Christiano - January 22 at 09:44 AM

JR

“ Our prayers to all of her family. Pastor Joyce Royal



Joyce Royal - January 22 at 09:21 AM

TS

“ Tony, Beth, Drew, and Harrison Sturgess planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula Jean Sturgess.

Tony, Beth, Drew, and Harrison Sturgess - January 22 at 08:52 AM

TS

“ Tony, Beth, Drew, and Harrison Sturgess purchased the *Cherished Memories - All White* for the family of Paula Jean Sturgess.



Tony, Beth, Drew, and Harrison Sturgess - January 22 at 08:52 AM

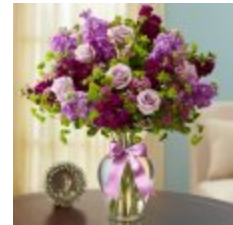
MF

“ Mr. & Mrs Joseph Javarone & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula Jean Sturgess.

Mr. & Mrs Joseph Javarone & Family - January 21 at 09:08 PM

MF

“ Mr. & Mrs Joseph Javarone & Family purchased the *Shades of Purple* for the family of Paula Jean Sturgess.



Mr. & Mrs Joseph Javarone & Family - January 21 at 09:08 PM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – Purple* was purchased for the family of Paula Jean Sturgess.



January 21 at 09:00 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Paula Jean Sturgess.



January 21 at 08:15 PM



“ Paula and I were in the same HR. and English class senior year at GHS. She could NOT get a good word from our teacher, Jack, no matter how hard she tried. I, on the other hand worked for the nice man at his camp all year long and he took HIS time to help me ready for scholarship tests. Paula used to tease me that I was "brownin up ." ALL in fun. I will miss her.

orson p. griffith - January 21 at 07:42 PM



“ Love Auntie & Unca purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Paula Jean Sturgess.



Love Auntie & Unca - January 21 at 07:28 PM



“ We are very sad to hear of the sudden passing of Paula,condolences to the family,may you find comfort in the memories you share of her . Rip
Ellen & Rick Lair

Ellen & Rick Lair - January 21 at 07:02 PM