



Shirley J. Alkinburgh

June 2, 1949 - February 4, 2026

Shirley J. Alkinburgh, 76, of County Highway 106, Johnstown passed away at home on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Gloversville on June 2, 1949, a daughter of Alex, Jr. and Florence Firth Aesch and was a 1967 graduate of Gloversville High School. Shirley was a lifelong area resident.

Family was everything to Shirley. Her most cherished times were spent with family and friends. She was selfless in her life's journey, making sure everyone in her circle was taken care of through love, guidance, empathy, and support. Shirley had several hobbies she enjoyed. She loved her house plants and bird feeders. She was happy to see the hummingbirds at their feeders along with the cardinals, canaries, and blue jays that would visit. She enjoyed camping trips with family and friends, playing Bingo, and going to the casino with her sister. She also enjoyed traveling to see her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and going to Cape Cod. Her memory will be held dear in the hearts of all who knew her.

She was employed at St. Thomas Co., starting as a stitcher and later became operations manager. After the business relocated, Shirley attended FMCC and received a certificate in medical office management. She worked as an office manager for Dr. Glenn and later for St. Mary's Healthcare in Gloversville for nearly 25 years, retiring 13 years ago.

Mrs. Alkinburgh was a former member of the North Main Methodist Church. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her stepmother, Mary

Aesch; a brother, James Aesch; and stepsisters, Elaine Rathbun and Debbie Skretkowicz.

Survivors include her husband, Larry J. Alkinburgh, whom she married on May 18, 1968; two children, Scott (Sue) Alkinburgh of Greensboro, NC and Tracy Stevens (David McNeil) of Perth; two brothers, Robert Aesch and John (Gloria) Aesch, both of Gloversville; her sister, Elinor Mills of TX; step-siblings, Leo (Pam) Rathbun, of VA, Kevin (Kathy) Rathbun of AR, and Mark (Tina Pabis) Rathbun of St. Johnsville; seven grandchildren, Addam (Ashley) and Andrew (Shannon) Stevens, Kenzie and Natalie Alkinburgh; Ethan (Kelley) Miller, and Andrew and Mathew McNeil; three great-grandchildren, Ryleigh, Zoey, and Willow; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Calling hours will be held on Monday, February 16, 2026, from 10am – noon at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black Street), Johnstown. A service will follow at noon with, Dr. Kevin Cope, presiding. Burial will follow at Ferndale Cemetery, Johnstown. Memorial contributions may be made to James A. Brennan Memorial Humane Society, in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Ferndale Cemetery

Johnstown, NY

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 16. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

FEB 16. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MJ

“ *RIP my friend, we had many laughs together.*

My condolences go out to Larry and your family. You will always be remembered by those who knew you.



Marjorie E Jones - February 14 at 07:04 PM

GW

“ *In our lives we are lucky to meet know and love somebody like Shirley!*

*I've known her since childhood we shared many happy times. Her lose has left a empty place in my heart ❤️
Love you always Jerry Wagner*

Gerald Wagner - February 12 at 09:42 PM

LF

“ *Love Bob and Chris Lock and Family purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Shirley J. Alkinburgh.*



Love Bob and Chris Lock and Family - February 12 at 01:04 PM

LF

“ *Love Bob and Chris Lock and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley J. Alkinburgh.*

Love Bob and Chris Lock and Family - February 12 at 01:04 PM

CV

“ *Christine Vanhoesen lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Alkinburgh*



christine vanhoesen - February 12 at 05:39 AM

CV

so sorry for your loss she was a great women prayers and hugs to all

christine vanhoesen - February 12 at 05:40 AM

JC

“ *Condolences to Larry and to all of Shirley's family and friends.*

Jim Cook - February 11 at 11:18 PM

PC

“ *Penny Cinelli lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Alkinburgh*



Penny Cinelli - February 11 at 06:30 PM



“ *Condolences to the family and friends of Shirley Alkinburgh.*

Dorothy Richeson - February 11 at 06:05 PM

SS

“ Sandra S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley J. Alkinburgh.

Sandra S. - February 11 at 02:03 PM

MU

“ Muhlberger's purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Shirley J. Alkinburgh.



Muhlberger's - February 10 at 03:40 PM

ST

“ Scott Calhoun and Team purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Shirley J. Alkinburgh.



Scott Calhoun and Team - February 10 at 11:34 AM

ST

“ Scott Calhoun and Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley J. Alkinburgh.

Scott Calhoun and Team - February 10 at 11:34 AM



“ *White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley J. Alkinburgh.*



February 10 at 11:07 AM



“ *Rob H lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Alkinburgh*



Rob h - February 09 at 06:52 PM



“ *Patricia Green lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Alkinburgh*



Patricia Green - February 09 at 02:27 PM



“ *Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley J. Alkinburgh.*



February 09 at 10:36 AM

TI

“ Tina lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Alkinburgh



Tina - February 09 at 09:54 AM

AM

“ I will rejoin you one day in heaven Shirley and our antics can continue. My dearest best friend I have so many memories of our trips to Cape Cod, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Niagara Falls, and other fun places. Our dinners together, volunteering at the Moose, what a wonderful life! You raised 2 wonderful kids and had a great ride together with Larry. Until we meet again ❤️

Audrey Morley - February 08 at 06:29 PM

ER

My deepest sympathy to Larry and Shirley's family. I have many fond memories of Shirley and her smiling face and laugh. I'm very sorry for your loss. May wonderful memories sustain you during this time.

Elissa Rosa - February 08 at 07:28 PM

LS

My deepest condolences to Larry and family. She had a quick wit with an infectious laugh. May your memories of her be with you always.

Linda S Sweet - February 09 at 09:44 AM



Shirley was my best friend in elementary school. Playing after school at her home or my aunt's. What fun we had. So happy to have reconnected with her on Facebook. Prayers for her family.

Betty Curry - February 09 at 02:03 PM

SF

Shirley was a beautiful person.i lived next door to her for awhile .she was always there to help if needed .Larry tracy and Scott I am so sorry for your loss

Sandra frank - February 11 at 09:31 AM

JJ

*Sgt. Larry & Family:
My sincere condolences for your loss. Praying each passing day will bring you peace.*

JAMES JOHNSON - February 11 at 02:51 PM

DE

*Larry, Scott, Tracy and Family,
We are so very sorry for your loss. God Bless all of you as go through this very difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Dave and Sandy Edwards*

David Edwards - February 14 at 07:14 PM