



## Shirley E. Sowle

June 12, 1939 - October 20, 2024

Shirley E. Sowle, 85, of Crannel Road, Galway passed away on Sunday, October 20, 2024, at St. Mary's Healthcare, Amsterdam.

She was born in Amsterdam on June 12, 1939, a daughter of Walter and Marion Pischel May and attended school in Galway. Shirley was a lifelong area resident.

Mrs. Sowle was employed as a cook in the cafeteria at Galway Central School, for 26 years, retiring in 2001. For several summers, she also worked at the Yaddo in Saratoga Springs and enjoyed meeting people who spent time there.

Shirley enjoyed her flower gardens and feeding the wild birds. Most of all, she loved spending time with family and friends.

She married Percy V. Sowle, Jr. on August 31, 1957. Sadly, he died on February 3, 2004. In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by a brother, Robert May, and a sister, Dorothy Dampier-Sowle. Survivors include four children, Peggy (Tom) Roser of Galway, Robert Sowle (Jane Bezio) of Broadalbin, Patricia (Tom) Niles of Summerton, SC, and Mark (Chris) Sowle of Galway; eight grandchildren, Kellie (Jeff) Diel, Kristopher Roser, Amanda (John) Wilson, Joshua (Melissa) Roser, Sr., Ryan (Elyse) Blackwood, Robert (Heather) Sowle, Nicole Sowle (Damian Lamphear), and Matthew Sowle; eleven great-grandchildren, Bella, Sarah, Adam, James, Alex, Elizabeth, Evan, Mackenzie, Madison, Joshua Jr., and Jacob; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A graveside service will be held on Friday at 12:30 pm at East Galway Cemetery with Paul Munchbach, officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, in care of the funeral home. Arrangements are by the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106, Johnstown, NY 12095.

Shirley's family is grateful to her dear friend, Penny, for the time she spent with Shirley.

# Cemetery Details

## East Galway Cemetery

Galway, NY 12074

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT **25**. 12:30 PM (ET)

East Galway Cemetery  
2787 Welch Rd #2701  
Middle Grove, NY 12850

# Tribute Wall

NA

“ Nancy, Brittani, Jacob, Shane, Adam, Skyleer purchased the *Healing Tears - All Pink* for the family of Shirley E. Sowle.



Nancy, Brittani, Jacob, Shane, Adam, Skyleer - October 24, 2024 at 05:16 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley E. Sowle.



October 24, 2024 at 02:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley E. Sowle.

October 24, 2024 at 02:12 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Shirley E. Sowle.



October 23, 2024 at 03:04 PM

PP

“ So many fond memories that go back to my childhood. I will never forget stopping in for a visit and listening to all the hunting reports from Uncle Junie while she made sure we had coffee and snacks. Our visits would be so fun with her having a planned get together so we could see everyone. As we grew older they would come to visit in Maine and we cherished our time together. She was like my second Mom and always made sure to keep in touch by an evening phone call to check in on our family. We loved each and every visit and call. Your memory will live in our hearts forever. Thinking of the entire family during this difficult time and sending love to you all.  
Alan, Pam and Family

Pam Pottle - October 23, 2024 at 06:19 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Shirley E. Sowle.



October 22, 2024 at 08:32 AM

LW

“ Lynne W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley E. Sowle.

Lynne W. - October 22, 2024 at 08:32 AM

LW

“ My childhood was spent at the Sowle household . I considered Shirley as my second mother . Thanks for memories Shirley , Peggy and Robert Love Lynne

Lynne Weir - October 22, 2024 at 08:23 AM

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“ Shirley was one of kindest, sweetest women I know.  
She always had that beautiful smile and a twinkle in her eye.  
Her family and loved ones were her world.  
Condolences to her children and their families.

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**Lorie Urquhart** - October 21, 2024 at 09:37 PM