



## Mrs. Helen M. State

August 16, 1931 - August 23, 2021

Helen M. State, 90, of Cortland, passed away at home on Monday August 23, 2021. Born August 16, 1931 in New Jersey, Helen was a daughter of Hugh and Sarah Kinsella Maxwell and a resident of Cortland most of her life.

Helen was a 1949 graduate of St. Cecelia's Parochial School in Kearney, New Jersey, She retired after many years of service as the secretary to the President and Board of Directors of the Cortland Savings Bank. Additionally, she was a communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, a member of St. Mary's School Parents Guild, assisted in the nursery for church and Bingo and also served as a teacher for religious education.

Helen is survived by her two daughters; MaryBeth Conlon and Sally Ann (Daniel) Stehm both of Cortland and her son; John (Ruth) State III also of Cortland, a sister; Sue Maxwell of Cortland and a brother; Robert Maxwell of Maine, 10 grandchildren; Christine (Kevin) Smith, Thomas, Michael, John, Liam, Mary Kathleen and Ellen Conlon, Aidan and Owen Stehm and Gabriella State., 2 great grandchildren; Declan and Ronan Smith and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents; Helen was preceded in death by her husband; John W. State, Jr. in 2020 as well as siblings; Joan Roszkowski, Sally O'Kane, Pete Maxwell and Michael Maxwell.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, prayers of committal will follow in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. The family will be present to receive friends on Friday from 5-7 p.m. in the Chapel of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y. [www.riccardifuneralhome.com](http://www.riccardifuneralhome.com) Contributions in Helen's memory may be made to St. Mary's Church 59 N. Main St. Cortland, N.Y. 13045

## Cemetery Details

### St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

4101 West Rd  
Cortland, NY 13045

## Previous Events

### A Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Church  
Cortland, NY 13045

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen M. State.*



August 27, 2021 at 07:46 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen M. State.*



August 26, 2021 at 10:22 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen M. State.*



August 26, 2021 at 11:17 AM



“ *Betty Haverlock lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen M. State*



**Betty Haverlock** - August 25, 2021 at 02:10 PM

AP

“ *Amy Tutino Piatak lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen M. State*



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**Amy Tutino Piatak** - August 25, 2021 at 02:07 PM

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*A friend to many. Knew her from Cedar St family members RIP\_—to see John again. The nicest CNY family. Condolences to Mary Beth as well as the whole State family.*

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**Amy Tutino Piatak** - August 25, 2021 at 02:10 PM

JK

*Our condolences and prayers to Helen's family during this difficult time.*

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**Jill Kowalewski** - August 27, 2021 at 04:52 PM

RS

*Our thoughts and prayers to the State family. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Rob & Mary Spaulding** - August 30, 2021 at 08:23 AM

JB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. May all your memories give you all comfort.*



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**Janet Bay** - August 25, 2021 at 12:34 PM