



Gladys Ann Nowakowski

June 14, 1928 - April 8, 2020

Gladys Ann (Selleck) Nowakowski, 91, a lifelong Stamford resident, passed away on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 after a brief illness. She was born June 14, 1928 in Stamford, CT, to the late Stanley and Rose (LaMonica) Selleck. Gladys was married to the love of her life, Henry Nowakowski for 58 years, prior to his passing in October 2011.

Mrs. Nowakowski was a 1946 graduate of Stamford High School and worked at American Cyanamid in Stamford before marriage and raising a family. Gladys Nowakowski loved to sew, knit, cook, garden, bowl, and golf. As a golfer, her greatest achievement was a hole-in-one. She was a member of the E. Gaynor Brennan Municipal Golf Course, and played every week with the Ladies 9-Holers. Gladys held a strong faith and was a member of the Sacred Heart Church Rosary Society. She had been an active member of Stamford's AARP. Gladys will be remembered by many as a familiar face at regular American Red Cross blood drives. Her love of family was so apparent in the love and pride for her children, grandchildren, and beautiful great grandchildren.

Gladys was featured in a November 2017 Stamford Advocate article on senior citizens and voting, where she proudly stated that she had not missed a vote since she was 21. She had voted in every national, state and local election since she was eligible to register, and felt that as an American it was

something she should do.

Gladys is survived by a son, Stanley J. Nowakowski and wife Barbara, of Brattleboro, VT; daughter, Kyleann Donnelly, of Bethel, CT; also grandchildren Adam Nowakowski and wife Michelle of Somers, CT; Sarah (Nowakowski) Dahlheimer and husband David of Medway, MA; Monica and Marc Donnelly of Bethel, CT; Matthew Donnelly and wife Amanda of New Milford, CT; and precious great grandchildren Madison Linda and Landon Joseph Nowakowski, and Amelia Rose and Eric Albert Dahlheimer.

In addition to her beloved husband Henry Nowakowski, Gladys was predeceased by her parents Stanley and Rose Selleck. Gladys will be sadly missed by her family, friends, and by all those who came to know and love her.

For all those who may have experienced Gladys' delightful smile, or have been on the receiving end of her giving and caring personality and deeds, we ask during this unfamiliar time that you pay forward her kindness.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gladys Nowakowski's memory to: Sacred Heart Church, 37 Schuyler Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902.

Due to the current CDC federal guidelines in keeping with public safety standards, the family is holding a Private Prayer Service on Thursday, April 23rd at the Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue in Stamford. Burial will be private.

A webcast of the services will be live streamed at 11am, for family, relatives and friends to be able to take part in her services. To attend, please select "webcast video" on Gladys' obituary at www.bosakfuneralhome.com.

The family has entrusted the funeral arrangements to Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, in Stamford, CT. To leave a condolence message for the family you may visit the guestbook at www.bosakfuneralhome.com or on [Facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome).

Previous Events

Prayer Service (Live Streamed)

APR **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home
453 Shippan Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902
(203) 325-9300
<https://www.bosakfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Bosak Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Gladys Ann Nowakowski*



Bosak Funeral Home - April 18, 2020 at 03:58 PM

JM

God Bless you cousin Gladys and Rest in Peace! Love Willie, Jody and the entire family

Jody (Rosa) Mhoney - April 23, 2020 at 11:22 AM

CN

*We were so happy to be part of this service for Gladys! A beautiful, special person!
Ken & Cathy*

Catherine Newbegin - April 23, 2020 at 11:24 AM

HA

Rest in Peace Gladys, It was beautiful to be able to listen to Gladys Service. Thank you for the Video, Mr. Bosak. Stanley, thank you for the memories. She is gone, but will always be in our prayers in thoughts. God Bless you all. Henrietta Adams

Henrietta Adams - April 23, 2020 at 11:33 AM

NA

Stanley, Kyle & families, So very sorry for the passing of Gladys. May your special memories, in time, ease your sorrow. May she Rest In Peace! I was happy to be able to attend her virtual service. With much sympathy & love, Nancy (Rosa) Arcano

Nancy (Rosa) Arcano - April 23, 2020 at 11:40 AM

LS

My deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Gladys. Gladys was very warm and friendly I met her at Sacred Heart Church and we became good friends, I would call on a weekly basis while she was at Brighten Gardens and make several visits to see her. I will miss our conversations, the laughs we had and just catching up on the good old days. Gladys I Love you and I will miss you very much.

Lena Sottosanti

Lena Sottosanti - April 23, 2020 at 11:42 AM

TM

We are very glad that we were able to virtually attend Gladys's memorial service. What a wonderful tribute to your kindhearted, energetic, loving mom! Stan, your heart felt words and those of her great grandchildren depicted your mother's truly honored influence on your entire family. We will be thinking of Gladys as we prepare her recipe for stuffed squash blossoms this summer.

Love, Tory & Mark

Tory & MarkMillar - April 23, 2020 at 11:46 AM

EM

very kind of you to have this virtually thank you Stanley was very nice, sweet, short and ,meaningful My prayers are with you and family be safe love Eva

Eva mucci - April 23, 2020 at 02:37 PM

AC

*Thank you for sharing.
Great way to send a beautiful women home and now reunited with her husband and family that has entered into heaven. May she rest in peace.*

Alan Colabella - April 23, 2020 at 05:14 PM

KH

“ Stanley, I'm thinking of you and your family at this time. I remember when your mom and dad would come over on Sunday with the donuts. And, I remember our great Thanksgiving dinners spent together. Your mom and dad had a wonderful marriage and cherished each and every moment of it. I also remember the postcards we would receive from all of you when you were young and your mom and dad would travel with you across America. That was awesome.

I last saw your mom at Mia's graduation party and it was so nice to sit with her and talk with her. She is a special lady.

God bless you and your family. The video tribute that you did is so wonderful.

Love,

Cousin Kim

Kimberly A Hadden - April 22, 2020 at 07:40 PM

PD

“ Gladys and Henry were family to us. We had alot of great times throughout the years. She will be greatly missed. We are sending love to Kyle and Stanley and the family.

Pat and Ed Delyonas - April 22, 2020 at 12:40 PM

SD

“ Aunt Gladys was quite a woman. She was my sponsor for my confirmation and I did her hair for many years. She will be missed. Love and prayers to Kyle, Stanley and the rest of the family.

Suzanne Delyonas - April 22, 2020 at 11:44 AM

BI

“ To Gladys' Family and Loved Ones;
Josie and I will always Miss both Gladys and
Henry for their Laughs and Good Natured
jokes. I played golf with both of them and it
was Fun to see Gladys beat both of us!!
Many Fond Memories and our Hearts and Prayers go out to All of
You.
Bruce and Josie Irish



Bruce & Josie Irish - April 21, 2020 at 01:14 PM

KD

“ Stanley, Kyleann and Family: Gladys was my first boss at American
Cyanamid. We formed a friendship at that time, and it flourished
through the years! I will miss our many warm and loving
conversations, her beautiful smile, and the many laughs we shared.
She and your Dad were very SPECIAL people in my life. Sincerest
sympathy to all of you.
Love,
Kathy DeBartolo

Kathy DeBartolo - April 21, 2020 at 07:56 AM

BM

“ So sorry to hear of Aunt Gladys' passing. She was a lovely, kind and
generous woman. Please accept my condolences, Barbara
Delyonas Mitchell

Barbara Mitchell - April 19, 2020 at 08:20 PM

JA

“ Dear Stan and Kyle Ann, I just learned of Aunt Gladys passing, please do accept my sincerest condolences. I remember her well as a lovely, gracious, generous lady, very kind and a great cook! First time I ever had perogies, home made. We shared so many holidays and birthdays, and I so looked forward to seeing her, Uncle Stan and you Stan and Kyle Ann. I hope life is treating you kindly. Your Mom was a rare gem.

Jim Aulenti - April 18, 2020 at 08:15 PM

JA

I'm sorry Stan & Kyle Ann, a senior slip. Uncle Henry.

Jim Aulenti - April 18, 2020 at 08:20 PM

JR

*Dear Kyle & Stan,
I am heartbroken and so sorry on the passing of your Mom and my dear friend Gladys!
I will forever cherish the memories from a young child of both Gladys & Henry especially at Mountain Manor! Not only being a wonderful loving friend to my Mom & Dad but a cherished friend to Tom & myself.
I will miss our chats & occasional visits to Conn.
She was always there to surprise me with her wonderful stuffed cabbage or a special handmade treat!
Gladys was always the life of the party and was loved by all who knew her!!
I know she is already on the green with Henry trying to make that hole in one!!
I will miss you Gladys and forever in my heart
Rest in peace until we meet again!
Our sympathy & prayers to the entire family!
Jean & Tom Redner*

Jean Redner - April 18, 2020 at 09:55 PM

SD

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Sarah Dahlheimer - April 18, 2020 at 07:14 PM

CN

So many beautiful memories! Gladys and Henry were truly loved and they loved all of you. Thank you for this tribute! Ken and Cathy

Catherine Newbegin - April 19, 2020 at 10:13 AM

LK

I grew up with Gladys's children. She was like a second Mom to me and a great friend to my Mom who would always walk over to her house to share a cup of tea and chat. I want to extend my deepest sympathy to the family. A beautiful lady that I will never forget.

Linda Delfino Kezel - April 21 at 2:15 PM

Linda Delfino Kezel - April 21, 2020 at 02:15 PM

RO

I get the great chance in life to meet, to care for one of the best residents. Gladys was a bouquet of fresh roses that brighten my day every day at work. We miss her

Rose - April 23, 2020 at 11:59 AM

LL

Wow! What a loving, beautiful tribute to a dear, special woman. The video brought tears to our eyes. The reading by Stan at the funeral, with his remembrances and the dear thoughts from the great grandchildren, was also most special. Sending our love to our extended family.

Laurel and Andre

Laurel and Andre LaFlamme - April 23, 2020 at 02:11 PM

PE

“ *I don't think I have met anyone quite like Gladys. She was filled with laughter and wit and made family gatherings so much fun. A lovely, kind lady and a joy to know*

peg - April 18, 2020 at 01:19 PM

LL

“ *Andre and I always enjoyed family events with Gladys. Her not being present will be felt at future events. We will miss her bright smile and engaging conversation. Sending BIG love out to our extended family of Nowakowskis and Dahlheimers. Though we cannot be present physically for Gladys' funeral, we will be with all of you remotely. Hugs from afar, Laurel and Andre*

Laurel and Andre LaFlamme - April 18, 2020 at 01:02 PM

SD

“ *7 files added to the album Memories Album*



Sarah Dahlheimer - April 18, 2020 at 12:30 PM

EM

will always remember when we were in poconos one easter, it snowed and there was a knock on our cabin door and i opened it and there was a big Easter basket from Aunt Gladys. i also remember on my 16th birthday. Kyle's wedding, there was a birthday cake for me i love her, may she be at peace now and b playing golf with my dad and Uncle Henry Rest in Peace. Mom misses you and was sorry she couldn't make it but she was at church in prayer for you we love you, going to miss the christmas cookies you always made and the cookouts in your back yard when the feast was there, may the angels above bring you to your everlasting home. Evamarie

Eva mucci - April 23, 2020 at 02:48 PM