



## Martha Sophia O'Day

October 9, 1926 - October 13, 2010

Martha S. O'Day, age 84, passed away peacefully at her home on Wednesday, October 13, 2010, surrounded by her family, who loved her so dearly. Martha was born in Wilmington, DE on Oct. 9, 1926, one of nine children of Joseph and Mary Kowalczyk, who were immigrants from Poland. Martha was raised in Wilmington and moved to Old New Castle upon her marriage to Maurice D. O'Day in 1946.

Martha worked as a waitress for several years at Arsenal on-the-Green, Rebel Cork, and The Pasta Pot. After the passing of her husband, she moved in with her daughter, Sally, and her family for 25 years. She was overjoyed at the arrival of her five grandchildren and took great pride in watching them grow to adulthood. Martha had a wonderful sense of humor that she passed on to all of her family. She loved to laugh and have fun, spend time with family and friends, and prepare wonderful holiday dinners.

In recent years, her days were filled with helping to care for the young children of a long time friend, Dawn Duman. She developed a very close relationship with "her girls" Jesslyn and Quinn. They called her "MomMom" as did her grandchildren. She loved rocking them in her rocking chair, and watching their children's shows with them on her bedroom TV. While they lived at her home for a short time, when Quinn was born, it was MomMom's room that little Jesslyn would run to as soon as she woke up. They made her feel young

again.

Martha is survived by her daughters, Maureen Marshall & husband Alan; Susan Banaszak & Rob Daniels, and Sally Powell & husband John; grandchildren: Jonathan, Jason and Lauren Powell, and Jake and Kate Banaszak. She was preceded in death by her husband, Maurice D. O'Day; daughters, Martha and Linda O'Day; all of her brothers and sisters; and her parents.

The family is very appreciative to Heartland Hospice for the kindness and special care given to Martha and her family.

Friends may visit with the family on Monday, October 18, 2010 in Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Road, Newark, DE 19702 from 2pm-3pm followed by a Celebration of Life Service at 3 pm. Burial will be private. For directions and to express an online condolence, visit [www.strano-feeley.com](http://www.strano-feeley.com).

Strano & Feeley  
Family Funeral Home  
302-731-5459

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

OCT 18. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home  
635 Churchmans Rd  
Newark, DE 19702  
(302) 731-5459  
info@stranofeeley.com

### Service

OCT 18. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Carol Logan lit a candle in memory of Martha  
Sophia O'Day*



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