



## Sophia K. (Yelovich) Holland

September 4, 1979 - November 25, 2021

Sophia K. (Yelovich) Holland, age 42, of Irwin, formerly of Orrtanna, passed away Thursday, November 25, 2021. She was born September 4, 1979 in Teaneck, New Jersey, a daughter of V. Rev. Elias and Bonnie Yelovich. She was an Orthodox Christian and a member of her father's congregation in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Sophia attended Fairfield Area High School and received her High School Diploma from the Pennsylvania Home School Association and went onto attend Slippery Rock University studying Music Therapy. She worked until disabled by her illness at the Creative Adventures Learning Center in North Huntingdon. She also taught piano lessons and played piano at the chapel of the Auberle Center in McKeesport. Sophia was a loving mother, daughter and sister, an angel in the flesh. To know her was to love her. She was a very gifted and talented pianist. She suffered a long illness and was cared for over a period of years by the medical professionals at Magee Woman's Hospital. She never spoke harshly about anyone, even overlooking all the many acts of unkindness that she endured. Sophia was patient and fought her illness with all her strength. In addition to her parents, she is survived by her children Helena Holland, Joseph Holland and Jonathan Holland; and sisters Irene (Bradford) Yelovich Senning of Pittsburgh, Dr. Helena (Paul) Yelovich-Bland of New York City, Alexandra (Yelovich) Gangeware of Orrtanna and Xenia Yelovich of Irwin. Friends and family will be received Monday from Noon till time of funeral service at 3 P.M. at the William Snyder Funeral Home, 521 Main Street, Irwin, 724-863-1200. Interment will

be on Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Evergreen Cemetery, 799 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Memorial contributions can be made to METAvivor Research and Support, 1783 Forest Drive #184, Annapolis, MD 21401. For online condolences please visit [www.snyderfuneralservices.com](http://www.snyderfuneralservices.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

799 Baltimore Street  
Gettysburg, PA 17325

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **29**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.  
521 Main Street  
Irwin, PA 15642  
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## Service

NOV **29**. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sophia K. (Yelovich) Holland*

October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *Sophia K. (Yelovich) Holland*

August 23, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ *Pam and I send you our sincere Christian sympathies and prayers. We sorrow with you at Sophia's death, but know she has come to know the fulfillment of her baptismal promises. God's peace, presence and strength to you and all the family at this time.*

*Paul and Pam Brndjar and family:  
Mark and Teresa Brndjar and children  
Elisabeth Brndjar  
Leah Brndjar & Christian Sanje and children*

**Pamela Brndjar** - November 30, 2021 at 11:00 AM



“ *Kelli and Kendall Pershing purchased the Arrive In Style Blooms for the family of Sophia K. (Yelovich) Holland.*

**Kelli** - November 28, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sophia K. (Yelovich) Holland.



November 28, 2021 at 03:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sophia K. (Yelovich) Holland.



November 27, 2021 at 09:38 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Sophia K. (Yelovich) Holland.



November 27, 2021 at 04:59 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sophia K. (Yelovich) Holland.



November 27, 2021 at 01:07 PM

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“ Amber Julian and Heather Brockman Lee purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sophia K. (Yelovich) Holland.



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**Amber Julian and Heather Brockman Lee** - November 27, 2021 at 12:59 PM

FL

“ Dear Holland and Yelovich families, I am very deeply saddened to hear of Sophia’s passing. I have such especially fond memories of being with all of the members of the wonderfully amazing Yelovich family in my time as a catechumen at Saint Catherine’s. I will always remember Sophia’s smile and her quiet yet independent intelligence and strength. She will be remembered in the liturgies that I serve. May God grant her paradise and may His peace and consolation be with all of you.

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**Fr. Kevin Gregory Long** - November 27, 2021 at 09:52 AM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Sophia K. (Yelovich) Holland.



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November 26, 2021 at 05:07 PM

OK

“ *Father, Matushka Bonnie and all your Family*



*With the heavy heart , our profound sadness  
, my family of Andrej and Marina*

*Kurganevitch , Tony and Jekaterina Milano , and myself, send to  
you - Father Elias , Matushka Ann and all your Family - the heart  
filled condolences, our prayers, love, strengths, and sincere  
hearts in this, very difficult moment in your life .*

*Please, dearest Family of Father Elias and Matushka Bonnie/Ann ,  
please accept our love and heart filled support of prayers for your  
and our beloved Sophia Katherine in her way to meet our Lord,  
Jesus Christ and be with Him and Holy Theotokos in Paradise and  
life eternal!*

*May the memory of Sophia Katherine be eternal!*

*Father, please, in this devastating and heart braking moment,  
remember the words you taught us!*

*Yes. Our body dies. But not our soul and mind!*

*Our earth life will finish, but we have the life eternal with our Lord  
Jesus Christ , with Holy Mother of God - Holy Theotokos and all  
Saints !*

*It is the new beginning, the new beginning of the life eternal for our  
soul, waiting to be reunited with body in the Holy Pascha -  
Resurrection of Christ!*

*Christ is Risen! So and we, will be risen , who has falling asleep to  
be in Paradise and endless Joy with our LORD JESUS CHRIST !*

*Sophia Katherine has falling asleep, like we all will do when our  
time will come.*

*Like, who already falling asleep our Parents, relatives, friends,  
closest ones we know and we don't know...*

*Christ will awake us all and reunite us with our body in the Day of*

*HIS HOLY RESURRECTION!*

*Glory to God for every thing! GLORY TO HIM!*

*In Christ,*

*Olga Kageyama and the family of Kurganevitch and Milano*

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**Olga Kageyama** - November 26, 2021 at 04:41 PM

MK

“ *Our deepest condolences to all the Yelovich family for your great loss. May God rest her soul with the saints in heaven and grant her eternal memory.*

*Mona Khalifa and family*

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**mona Khalifa** - November 26, 2021 at 02:41 PM

MK

“ *Our deepest condolences to the entire Yelovich family. We are very saddened to hear of Sophie's passing and pray that God help you all find peace and comfort in His promises to come. May God rest her soul, memory eternal.*

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**Maria (Khalifa) Kotsatos** - November 26, 2021 at 01:43 PM

RY

“ Lord, Martha said to Jesus, If you had been here my brother would not have died But il know that whatever You ask of God...God will give it to You" Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said, "I know he will rise again at the resurrection at the last day" Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life He who believes in Me though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die....Do you believe this?" "Yes Lord" she said to Him "I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God Who was to come into the world"

*This is our Hope and our Faith....Rest easy little Sophia....until.....*

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**Rev S F Yelovich** - November 26, 2021 at 12:26 PM

TF

“ The Schultz Family purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Sophia K. (Yelovich) Holland.



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**The Schultz Family** - November 26, 2021 at 10:47 AM

LM

“ My husband and I would like to send all of our love for my Uncle Bruce and Aunt Bonnie and to my cousins; Sophie fought one long fight and I will remain in awe of her strength and positivity through it all. She will forever be missed in our hearts. God Bless, Love Mark and Larisa Martin

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**Larisa Martin** - November 26, 2021 at 09:51 AM

JK

“ *Jim, Stacey, and Morgan Kianese purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Sophia K. (Yelovich) Holland.*



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**Jim, Stacey, and Morgan Kianese** - November 25, 2021 at 09:43 PM

SS

“ *All the love to my Aunt Bonnie ,Uncle Bruce, and cousins. Our prayers are with you and her children. Sophie was a brave soul and fought her illness fiercely with grace. Love Sonya,John,and Ben Sell.*



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**Sonya Sell** - November 25, 2021 at 08:05 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sophia K. (Yelovich) Holland.*



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November 25, 2021 at 07:15 PM