



## Stella Astley

January 21, 1926 - March 30, 2025

### Celebrating a Life of Dedication and Love

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, whose life was a testament of devotion, faith, and tireless effort.

Stella Astley, 99, of Irwin, went to be with the Lord March 30, 2025 peacefully at home and in the loving care of her family. She was born January 21, 1926 in Trafford, a daughter of the late Harry and Anastasia (Povelko) Tereletsky. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband William E. Astley and siblings Mary Barnyk, Sophie Pulkownik, and Harry, Michael, and Nicholas Tereletsky. She is survived by her loving children William S. Astley (Susanne) of Plattsmouth, NE, James G. Astley (Betsy) of Pittsburgh, Linda D. Lakdawala (Robert Baudoux) of Oakmont, Jeffrey D. Astley (Carol) of Harrison City, Edward A. Astley of Carnegie, Kevin R. Astley (Ellen Dermigny) of Adamsburg, and Glenn C. Astley (Lisa) of Irwin; thirteen grandchildren; two great grandchildren along with many nieces and nephews.

Her love and commitment extended beyond her family, as she was a devout Catholic who found solace and purpose in her faith.

Following the heartbreaking loss of her dear husband Bill in 1990, she embraced a new calling that would touch countless lives around the world. She dedicated herself to hand making and donating an astounding 94,867 sets of rosary beads, filling the void left by Bill's passing with a mission of love and compassion. Her devotion to this cause was unwavering, and it became a

cornerstone of her life's work.

Her contributions to the community were profound. She was honored to be a faithful member at Immaculate Conception Church in Irwin, where she served as a Eucharistic Minister, CCD instructor, and Lecter at both funerals and masses. Her voice graced the funeral choir, and she actively participated in the Christian Mothers group, embodying the spirit of service and faith.

Prior to transitioning to a homemaker, Stella worked at Westinghouse airbrake supporting the war effort during World War II. Her impact extended to the family's rental properties, where she played a pivotal role in managing the business. Doing this while raising seven children was no easy task. Her strength and determination were evident in her often humorous threats of "a good swift kick" to keep them in line.

Her love for gardening was a constant throughout her life. She spent countless hours tending to the family garden when her children were young, and later, she turned her attention to her beautiful flowers as her kids left the roost. Her passion for crafts was equally remarkable; she handmade Christmas ornaments, crocheted dozens of afghans and hand knitted christening outfits for her grandchildren with loving care.

Her legacy is one of boundless love, unwavering faith, and dedicated service. Her memory will forever be cherished by her family, friends, and all whose lives she touched.

May she rest in eternal peace in Heaven.

Friends and family will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at the William Snyder Funeral Home, 521 Main St., Irwin. Parting prayers will be held in the funeral home at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 4, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church. Interment will follow in Union Cemetery, North Huntingdon. In lieu of flowers contributions can be dedicated on behalf of Stella Astley to St. Vincent de Paul at [ssvpusa.org](http://ssvpusa.org). For online condolences please visit [www.snyderfuneralservices.com](http://www.snyderfuneralservices.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Irwin Union Cemetery

431 Bridge St  
Irwin, PA 15642

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.  
521 Main Street  
Irwin, PA 15642  
(724) 863-1200  
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

APR 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.  
521 Main Street  
Irwin, PA 15642  
(724) 863-1200  
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

## Parting Prayers

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APR 4. 9:30 AM - 9:35 AM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.  
521 Main Street  
Irwin, PA 15642  
(724) 863-1200  
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

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APR 4. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Church of the Immaculate Conception  
308 2nd street  
Irwin, PA 15642

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ Darden purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Stella Astley.



Darden - April 04, 2025 at 10:19 AM

DA

“ Darden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stella Astley.

Darden - April 04, 2025 at 10:19 AM

JW

“ We the Wood cousins Ronnie-Denny-Pam-Lisa & all the Spouses and all the other children and grandchildren we all were blessed with surely all want to express our love for Aunt Stella and Uncle Bill and being blessed to have there children in our lives and can surely appreciate all of the past memories of Being blessed to be part of this Ashley family - May God Bless you all and give you all the comfort and peace that you need from loss of Your Mother Grandmother and Great grandmother 🙏

John R. Wood - April 04, 2025 at 12:04 AM

JW

Let the past stay close to your heart and remember we all have the opportunity to spend Eternity with Them A-Men for That

John R. Wood - April 04, 2025 at 12:24 AM

SH

“ I know your mother was a very special person, and I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my sincere sympathy. I have fond memories of pool parties at her house and her calling everyone "Lovey". - Sue Harford

Suzanne Harford - April 03, 2025 at 06:35 PM

LA

“ Love, Bethanne & Andrew. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Stella Astley.



Love, Bethanne & Andrew. - April 03, 2025 at 08:07 AM

DS

“ Dave, Kathy, and April Staab purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Stella Astley.



Dave, Kathy, and April Staab - April 03, 2025 at 12:05 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Stella Astley.



April 02, 2025 at 09:00 PM



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

April 02, 2025 at 09:00 PM



“ UPMC Shadyside 6/7 Pavilion Staff purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Stella Astley.



UPMC Shadyside 6/7 Pavilion Staff - April 02, 2025 at 04:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stella Astley.



April 02, 2025 at 03:51 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. My Aunt Stella and Uncle Bill were very special to me when I was young. Heaven has very special angels. Love Judy T

Judy Tereletsky - April 02, 2025 at 11:17 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stella Astley.*



April 02, 2025 at 09:18 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Stella Astley.*



April 01, 2025 at 05:36 PM



“ *Ashlyn C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stella Astley.*

**Ashlyn C.** - April 01, 2025 at 12:07 PM



“ *Billy Key & DMG Mori Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Stella Astley.*



**Billy Key & DMG Mori Family** - April 01, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Stella Astley.*



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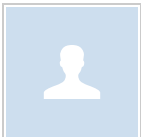


“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stella Astley.*



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April 01, 2025 at 08:24 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Stella Astley.*



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April 01, 2025 at 07:06 AM

JB

“ Jimmy and Betsy purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Stella Astley.



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**Jimmy and Betsy** - March 31, 2025 at 08:19 PM

JB

“ Jimmy and Betsy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stella Astley.

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**Jimmy and Betsy** - March 31, 2025 at 08:19 PM