



## Sophie J. Gierek

April 28, 1934 - February 7, 2025

Sophie J. Gierek (nee Janusz), 90, a longtime resident of Lodi, passed peacefully on Friday, February 7, 2025. Sophie was born and raised in Passaic and settled in Lodi in 1960 with her husband, Ray. Sophie worked for Macy's at the Garden State Plaza in Paramus for over 20 years, retiring in 2012. She was a devout Catholic and her faith carried her through the joys, sorrows, and challenges of life. For 60 years, Sophie loved going on vacation with friends and family to the Pan American Hotel in Wildwood Crest. She was very proud of her Polish heritage, especially maintaining traditions during the holidays. Sophie enjoyed listening to patriotic music and she touched the lives of many people. Sophie was passionate in everything that she did and lived her life to its fullest each and every day. She was a resilient, kind, and compassionate woman who looked forward to celebrations with her entire family. Sophie was the beloved wife of the late Raymond Gierek, devoted mother of Gregg Gierek and his wife Patricia, and Donna Gierek, doting grandmother of Ryan Gierek, and dear sister of the late Alfred Janusz, Eugenia Zawadski, Bertha Pelka, and Emily Bednarz.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Sophie's name to the Passaic-Clifton Lions Club (<https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/cliftonlionsclub/page-10.php>) would be kindly appreciated by her family.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Nicholas Cemetery

2 Terrace Avenue at Passaic Street  
Lodi, NJ 07644

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 10. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Kamienski Funeral Home of Wallington  
106 Locust Avenue  
Wallington, NJ 07057

## Visitation

FEB 11. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

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106 Locust Avenue  
Wallington, NJ 07057

## Funeral Mass

FEB 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Rosary R.C. Church  
6 Wall Street  
Passaic, NJ 07055

## Burial

FEB 11. 11:15 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Nicholas Cemetery  
2 Terrace Avenue at Passaic Street  
Lodi, NJ 07644

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Donna, Greg, and Family,  
Your mom Sophie was a wonderful friend to my mom since elementary school. Up until a few days before her entering eternal life, they chit-chatted on the phone weekly. She was a wonderful, warm, loving woman. May she rest in peace.  
The Jarotskis

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**Diane** - February 16, 2025 at 09:42 PM

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“ Sending much love. As requested, a donation was made to Lions Club of Passaic-Clifton Blind and Charity Fund, Inc.

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**Glenn and Lisa Gierek** - February 10, 2025 at 04:33 PM

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“ Sending much love. As requested, a Donation to Lions Club of Passaic-Clifton Blind and Charity Fund, Inc. was made.

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**Glenn and Lisa Gierek** - February 10, 2025 at 04:31 PM

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“ Dear Donna,  
Your mom was so proud of you. Your biggest Cheerleader. You were a devoted daughter. She brought joy to my aunt at Foc and developed a warm friendship.  
May your mom rest in eternal peace.  
Warmest Regards,  
Rose

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**rose ranuro** - February 10, 2025 at 02:09 PM



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

February 09, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Sophie J. Gierek.



February 09, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ Donna and family,  
Please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of your dear Mom.  
With Love,  
Kal and Aileen Kapocsi

Aileen Kapocsi - February 09, 2025 at 09:40 AM



“ Sherry L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sophie J. Gierek.

Sherry L. - February 08, 2025 at 05:14 PM

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“ Sherry L. purchased the *Fairest of All* for the family of Sophie J. Gierak.



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**Sherry L.** - February 08, 2025 at 05:14 PM

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“ Love, Ron, Dana, Ava & Matthew purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Sophie J. Gierak.



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**Love, Ron, Dana, Ava & Matthew** - February 08, 2025 at 12:21 PM