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**HELENA FERN VANDYKE**, age 83, of Ithaca, NY, passed away on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. She was born on December 29, 1942 in Auburn, NY, to the late Horace and Dorothy (Andrews) VanDyke.

She is predeceased by her parents; and her brothers, Arthur "Art" VanDyke and David T. VanDyke. She is survived by her sister, Cora Sue Davis; sister-in-law, Francis (Oliver) VanDyke; along with several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Helena was an active volunteer in the Ithaca area, where she made her home. She also competed in the Special Olympics, and faithfully attended the Church on the Rock (Reliant Center) for over 40 years.

Helena will be laid to rest at Pleasant View Cemetery in Reading Center, NY. Arrangements are under the direction of Vedder-Scott & Zinger Funeral Home, Montour Falls, NY. To leave the family a message of condolence, please visit [www.vedderscottzinger.com](http://www.vedderscottzinger.com)



## Obituary

**JOANN K. (INMAN) WHITTED**, age 70, of Montour Falls, NY, passed away on Thursday, January 1, 2026 at Schuyler Hospital. Joann was born in Ithaca, NY on April 14, 1955 to the late Calvin C. and Etta E. (Tyler) Inman.

Joann is predeceased by her parents; brothers, Michael Inman and Calvin Inman; and a sister, Linda Smith. She is survived by a son, Timothy Whitted; three daughters; siblings, Russell (Stacy) Whitted, Patricia (Mike) Allen and Sandra Inman; longtime companion, Robert Franklin; along with eight grandchildren.

Joann worked in the Catering Dept. at Cornell University for many years. She enjoyed gardening, helping friends and watching wildlife. She will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved her.

A Celebration of Life will be held in late spring. Contributions may be made to your local animal shelter, Veterans or mental health organization. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Vedder-Scott & Zinger Funeral Home, Montour Falls, NY. To leave the family a message of condolence, please visit [www.vedderscottzinger.com](http://www.vedderscottzinger.com)



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## Obituary

**HOWARD TALLMAN SEARLES, JR.**, 95, passed away Sunday, January 11, 2026 after a brief illness. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at 2:00 pm at the Odessa Baptist Church, 111 Fowler Place, Odessa, NY 14869.

Howard was born in Geneva, NY on May 19, 1930, to the late Howard and Elizabeth Searles. He graduated from Geneva High School and SUNY Delhi with a degree in Construction Management and SUNY Oswego with a degree in Industrial Arts Education.

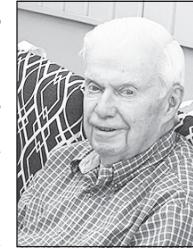
Howard was predeceased by his wife of 50 years, Marietta Knisley Searles in 2010. He is survived by his son, Alan Searles of Odessa, NY, and daughters, Carol French (Rick) of Bradford, NY and her children Shannon (Mat) and Aaron (Megan) and their children Dominik and Colton; and Mary Beth (James) Huber of Raleigh, NC and her children Bryan and Timothy. He is also survived by his sisters Christine Milne, Dorene MacDonald, Marion (Richard) Buck and Isabel (Jack) Mroczkowski and sister-in-law Patricia Searles. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother Fred Searles and sister Sally Booth and brother- and sister-in-laws Edward MacDonald, Bruce Milne, Eugene Knisley, John Knisley and Kathleen Blackburn.

Howard was a long-time member of the Odessa Baptist Church where he served as a Trustee and Treasurer for many years. He retired from Odessa Montour Central School where he taught wood shop for 25 years. Howard was a master woodworker whose work can be found in many homes in the area. He was a long-time member of the Odessa Lions Club and was also an Odessa Village Trustee from 1964-1968 and Mayor of Odessa from 1968-1974 overseeing the construction of the Village Hall that included a Community Center and Fire Station completed in 1970. Howard and Marietta enjoyed going on many trips with family and friends. Howard also loved working on jigsaw puzzles especially when his grandchildren and great-grandchildren assisted.

Howard was drafted in the Korean War serving from May 1951 to February 1953. He spent 10 months in Korea with the 7th Infantry Division, 31st Regiment, Heavy Mortar Company.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Odessa Baptist Church, PO Box 149, Odessa, NY 14869.

Funeral Arrangements are under the direction of Vedder-Scott & Zinger Funeral Home, Montour Falls, NY. To leave the family a message of condolence, please visit [www.vedderscottzinger.com](http://www.vedderscottzinger.com)



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### AMERICAN BAPTIST:

- Dundee Baptist Church, 20 Seneca St., Dundee, NY 14837. 607.243.7313. Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m.

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- Alpine Baptist Church, 5950 Cty Rt. 14. 607-594-2128. Thursday 7pm, Sunday School 10am and Sunday Worship 11am. KJV1611
- First Baptist Church, 213 5th St., Watkins Glen NY. 14891. Pastor Jeff Miller. Sunday service 9:30am. Sunday School 10:30am. Live stream on Facebook. All are welcome, come as you are.
- Glen Baptist Church, 33311 Reading Road, Watkins Glen. Sunday School 9:40am; Sunday Morning Worship 11:00am; Sunday Kids/Adult Bible Study 5:30pm; Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30pm
- Grace Baptist Church, 2032 Chambers Rd., Beaver Dams NY 14812, 607-962-4864. Service Times: Sunday school 9:45am; Sunday morning service 11:00am; Sunday Evening 6:00pm; Wednesday evening Bible study; 7:00pm. Nursery available each service. Junior Church 12 and under Sunday morning. We are a independent, fundamental, Kings James only, Bible believing Baptist church.
- New Hope Baptist Church, 5528 State St. Millport, NY 14864. 607-739-2482. Pastor Jack Deyo. Church Service Wednesday 6pm, Sunday Service 11am, Sunday School youth & teenagers.
- Odessa Baptist Church, 111 Fowler Place, Odessa, NY 14869. 607-594-2800. Adult and Teen Sunday School 9:30am. Service 10:30am Young Kids Sunday School during service. Wed. Women's Bible Study 9:30am. Sat, Men's Bible Study 6:30am. Sun, Group Bible Study 6:00pm.
- Pine Valley Baptist, 4872 Pine Crest Rd., Millport, NY 14864. 607-739-7767. Sunday Service 10:00am.

### CATHOLIC:

- St. Benedict's Church, 307 Speedway, Odessa, NY, Saturday 5:00 pm Mass
- St. Mary's of the Lake Church, 905 N. Decatur St., Watkins Glen, NY, Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am Masses
- St. Stanislaus, 7646 Whitehead Hill Rd., Bradford, NY. Mass: Saturday 6pm, Sunday 11:30am
- The Parish Of Mary Mother Of Mercy: St. Francis Solanus, 3660 Orchard St., Interlaken. Mass: Sat., 4:00pm; St. James the Apostle, 17 Whig St., Trumansburg, NY, Mass: Sunday, 9:00am; Holy Cross, 7231 Main St., Ovid, Mass: Sunday, 10:30am. For more info phone 607-294-0064. Or email: [immmercy@dor.org](mailto:immmercy@dor.org)

### EPISCOPAL:

- Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, 11 Elm Street, Trumansburg, NY 14886. 607-387-6274. Sunday service at 9:30am, Rev. April Stace.
- St. James' Episcopal Church, 112 Sixth St., Watkins Glen 10:45 service, Fr. David Hanselman
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- Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 2872 Westinghouse Rd., Horseheads. 607-739-9412. Sunday 10:30 Community Worship Service with Music. All are welcome.

### METHODIST:

- Burdett United Methodist Church, Lake Street, Burdett. Sunday Worship, 11-Noon. Live stream on Facebook.
- Cayutaville Methodist Church, Sunday Service at 9:30.
- Fresh Start Church, Service held at the Glen Theater, Franklin St., Watkins Glen, NY 14891. Sunday service at 10:00am.
- Mecklenburg United Methodist Church, 6069 Turnpike Rd., Mecklenburg, NY 14863, Sunday Services at 8:30AM All are welcome! Come as you are!
- Montour Falls United Methodist, 128 Owego Street, Montour Falls, service time 9am.
- Odessa-Catharine United Methodist Church, 305 Church Street, Odessa. Sunday School 9:30-10:30AM Sundays, Church 11:00 AM Phone: 607-594-2271. Pastor Mike Kelly
- Reynoldsville United Methodist Church, Sunday service 9:30-10:30
- Tyrone United Methodist Church, 3647 Church Hill Road, Tyrone, NY 14887. 607-292-3239. Pastor Lee Capodagli. Worship service every Sunday beginning at 10:15am.

### NON-DENOMINATIONAL

- Beaver Dams Community Church (Formerly Beaver Dams UMC) 1285 Co. Rt. 19, Beaver Dams. Sunday Worship at 9:30. All Welcome, Independent Christian Church
- Bethel Fellowship Church, 2035 State Route 14, Montour Falls Sunday Service begins at 10:30am. Wednesday Reborn Free Recovery Meeting begins at 6pm.
- Full Gospel Church of Catlin Center, 683 Backer Road, Beaver Dams, NY 14812. Pastors Terrence and Melissa Passmore. Sunday Worship 11:00am, Children's Sunday School 11:30am, Prayer Meeting Sunday 5:30pm. Wednesday night Bible Study 6:30pm. 607-873-7185. email: [fgccatlin@gmail.com](mailto:fgccatlin@gmail.com) Facebook page: Full Gospel Church of Catlin. We look forward to seeing you.
- Full Gospel Covenant, 4227 Perry Hill Road, Altay. Sunday Service 10 a.m. All are welcome. Come as you are.
- Tompkins Corners Country Church, 402 Chambers Rd., Horseheads 10:00am. Sunday School 10am. All are welcome. Independent Christian Church.

### PRESBYTERIAN:

- Burdett Presbyterian Church, 3995 Church St., Burdett, NY 14818 607-546-8560, Sunday worship starts at 10am. All are welcome!
- First Presbyterian Church of Watkins Glen, 520 N. Decatur St. Sunday Worship 11:00am.
- Hector Presbyterian Church, State Rt 414, Hector, NY. 9:30am Sunday Worship service
- Moreland Presbyterian Church, 3045 Beaver Dams Moreland Rd. Beaver Dams NY 14812. Reverend Paul Yoder, Sunday 9:30-10:30. All are welcome to join in person or by phone. Call in at 701-802-5357, access code 2568066
- Rock Stream Presbyterian Church, 6062 Reading Road, Rock Stream, Sunday Worship 10:00am.

### REFORMED:

- Interlaken Reformed Church, 607-532-4321. 8315 Main Street, Interlaken, NY. Morning Worship Services at 10:30. "GO Church" for children ages held during the worship service. All are welcome!!

### WESLEYAN:

- Grace Lee Wesleyan Church, 2075 Chambers Road, Beaver Dams. 9am Discipleship Hour; 10am Connection Cafe; 10:30am Worship; 6:30pm Youth Group.

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"Every January is National Human Trafficking Awareness month," said Deborah Kuehner, executive director and founder. "This event is designed to both raise awareness about the issue of sex trafficking and support our mission through youth-led fundraising efforts. In addition, it is especially meaningful because it engages young people in a positive, tangible way—helping them understand the realities of trafficking while encouraging leadership, compassion, and community involvement." Local youth participants will take part by securing sponsorships or flat donations to skate laps during the event, empowering them to play an active role in educating the community while raising funds to support women who have survived sex trafficking or sexual exploitation and are healing at the Potter's Hands Foundation. The Foundation raises awareness about the dangers and signs of trafficking. In addition, the Foundation is the only long-term, residential, treatment-specific program in the Finger Lakes, Western New York, and the Southern Tier for female survivors that provides safe and stable shelter, food security, education, counseling, mental health coaching, and life skills management. Survivors do not pay for any support provided by the Foundation. In addition, the Foundation does not seek or receive any support from the government. For more information or to schedule an interview with Executive Director Deborah Kuehner, please contact Stephanie Specchio at 607-331-4276.

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January 23, 2026, 6:00PM  
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	<b>June 20, 2026</b>	Waterfront Festival & Cardboard Boat Regatta 11am - 7pm Seneca Harbor Park
	<b>July 25, 2026</b>	Odessa Community Day Noon - 5pm Church St, Odessa

	<b>Sep. 11, 2026</b>	Grand Prix Festival 10am - 8pm Downtown Watkins Glen
	<b>Oct. 3, 2026</b>	Falls Harvest Festival Noon - 7:30pm Main St, Montour Falls
	<b>Dec. 4, 2026</b>	Watkins Glen Village Christmas 5pm - 8pm Downtown Watkins Glen

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