



Donald J. Ophals

OBITUARY

COLONIE – Reverend Donald J. Ophals, 88, died peacefully Monday, August 2, 2021 at his home in Colonie. Son of the late Louis and Helen Ferguson Ophals, he was born in Long Island City in Queens, NY. Father Ophals was a graduate of St. John's University in Queens, NY in 1954. He then served for two years in the US Army in Austria and Germany. He studied for the priesthood at Our Lady of Angels Seminary in Niagara Falls, NY. He was ordained a priest on May 27, 1961 by Most Reverend William A. Scully, Bishop of Albany, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. He served at St. Brigid's, Watervliet, St. Mary's, Troy, St. Marie's, Cohoes, St. Mary's, Little Falls, St. Anne's, Waterford and St. Patrick's in Catskill. Father's final

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assignment was at St. Francis de Sales, Troy for 35 years. During that time he was the Dean of Northern Rensselaer County for 19 years. He is survived by four siblings, Jean (Vic) Delisle, Milwaukee, WI, twin sister, Dorothy (Tom) Emblar of South Setauket, NY, Richard (Yoshi Morita) Ophals, Jackson Heights, NY and William (Aida) Ophals of Lords Valley, PA. His brother, John Ophals died in 2018 (his wife Vicki survives) and his sister, Mary Summerbell died in 2019. He is also survived by 28 nieces and nephews, and many grandnieces and grandnephews and several great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews. A Reception of the Body service will be conducted on Thursday at 9:30 am at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, NY. A viewing hour will take place from 10-11am. A con-celebrated Funeral Liturgy will follow at 11:00 am at Christ Our Light Catholic Church. Burial will be in St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Unity House, 2431 6th Avenue, Troy, NY. Father Ophals served on their Board for more than 30 years and has volunteered in their Food Pantry since his retirement in 2008. Arrangements are by the Parker Bros. Memorial, Watervliet. Condolence book at [ParkerBrosMemorial.com](https://www.parkerbros.com).
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