



Mahlia Ashley Lowell

December 12, 1992 - June 3, 2026

We are saddened to announce the passing of Mahlia Lowell, age 33, on June 3, 2026.

Mahlia was deeply loved by her family, friends, and the community, and her memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

She is survived by her parents, Shane Scheifla (nee Chudy) and Robert Lowell.; her stepmother, Tina Lowell; her grandmother Jeanny Steimer; her siblings Joseph Lubitz, Tiffany Lowell, and Brooklyn Lubitz; her partner, Allison Nestico; and countless other family members and friends whose lives she touched.

Known by many as Christian Gaye, Mahlia was a celebrated drag performer and advocate within the LGBTQIA+ community. She shared her creativity, compassion, and authenticity with others, using her platform to uplift those around her, promote acceptance, and encourage people to embrace who they are.

Mahlia's family will receive friends and relatives on Thursday, June 11, 2026, between the hours of 11:00 am - 1:00 pm & 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm at the Dietrich Funeral Homes, Inc. 2480 Kensington Avenue Amherst New York 14226. A Service of Remembrance will commence at 6:30 pm.

In memory of Mahlia, donations may be made to Crisis Services, an organization she worked closely with throughout her drag career and the one that held a special meaning to her. Mahlia will be greatly missed and forever remembered.

Mahlia's family would like to acknowledge your love, concern, prayers, friendships and support at this difficult time. They are humbled by the kindness of their relatives and friends.

Everyone is invited to share a favorite memory, sign the on-line guest book and light a candle on her tribute page at www.kevinmmasonfuneralhome.com.

Mahlia's family has entrusted the Kevin M. Mason Funeral Home with final arrangements.

Previous Events

Family and Friends

JUN 11. 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM (EST.)

The Dietrich Funeral Homes, Inc.
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Tribute Wall

AM

“ On behalf of the Filipino-American Association of WNY, I extend our condolences to Mahlia's family, especially to Jeanny Steimer on the passing of her grandchild. May your warm memories offer you comfort during this difficult time. - Anthony Mangaser, President FAA-WNY

Anthony Mangaser - June 17 at 12:42 PM

RJ

“ I had the privilege of meeting this beautiful person many years ago. Ever since we had a few good laughs together and some advice moments to give to each other. I will miss talks about our fur babies and how crazy they are. In our moments we had I will miss you and your hugs and smile. You always had time to hear me rant about things. Thank for the time I had on earth with you. Love Ruby



Ruby Jenderseck - June 11 at 02:29 PM

BO

“ Lighting a candle in Mahlia/Christian's memory. Sending prayers of comfort to family and friends. Rest in peace beautiful soul.



Bonni - June 10 at 10:01 PM

JF

“ Jackie Fleming lit a candle in memory of Mahlia Ashley Lowell



Jackie Fleming - June 10 at 01:38 PM



“ I met her at Evergreen Health. She was very kind. I didn't know her well but I will mourn her passing. May you find peace at the source, Mahlia/Christian.

Amelia Wysocki - June 10 at 10:55 AM

BL

“ Buffalo United Flag Football League purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Mahlia Ashley Lowell.



Buffalo United Flag Football League - June 10 at 10:21 AM

SD

“ Sonwil Distribution purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mahlia Ashley Lowell.



Sonwil Distribution - June 10 at 09:57 AM

BS

“ Buffalo Storm planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mahlia Ashley Lowell.

Buffalo Storm - June 10 at 09:21 AM

BS

“ Buffalo Storm purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Mahlia Ashley Lowell.



Buffalo Storm - June 10 at 09:21 AM



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

June 09 at 11:03 AM

SC

“ SUSAN CAMPBELL lit a candle in memory of Mahlia Ashley Lowell



SUSAN CAMPBELL - June 08 at 11:11 AM

RL

“ ROBERT LOWELL lit a candle in memory of Mahlia Ashley Lowell



ROBERT LOWELL - June 08 at 01:22 AM

LW

“ Love The Wesslands purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Mahlia Ashley Lowell.



Love The Wesslands - June 05 at 07:41 PM



“ Sydney Fortin lit a candle in memory of Mahlia Ashley Lowell



Sydney Fortin - June 05 at 05:06 PM

SW

“ Sydney W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mahlia Ashley Lowell.

Sydney W. - June 05 at 05:04 PM

JG

“Pride was the first time I meet her she is amazing performer and her smile is like no others I ever meet she will always be in our hearts prayers and much love to you all

Jeanne Graves - June 05 at 11:47 AM

TI

“Tiffany purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Mahlia Ashley Lowell.



Tiffany - June 05 at 11:27 AM

CL

“Chris, Alyssa, Yoda, Zyn & Camden Lommer purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mahlia Ashley Lowell.



Chris, Alyssa, Yoda, Zyn & Camden Lommer - June 05 at 11:14 AM

SV

“ My wife and I are sending our love and condolences to the family and loves ones of Mahlia. I was I school with both her and Allison, and got to see Christian Gaye perform a handful of times.



There is nothing I can say to lighten the loss of someone so ingrained in the LGBT+ community, especially during our month of pride, but I hope that the family knows we all grieve with you, and we will all miss the light Mahlia brought to the community.

Sara VanDette - June 05 at 09:00 AM



“ You will be missed by many more than you would ever know



Barb Ford - June 05 at 12:09 AM

AL

“ Allison planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mahlia Ashley Lowell.

Allison - June 04 at 10:02 PM

AL

“ Allison purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mahlia Ashley Lowell.



Allison - June 04 at 10:02 PM

PM

“ Pam, Zach and Molly purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mahlia Ashley Lowell.



Pam, Zach and Molly - June 04 at 08:17 PM

KH

“ There are no words to express our sympathy to each of you. We cannot imagine the shock and pain you all feel. We are holding each of you very close in thought and prayer at this very difficult time. May you be comforted by all the beautiful memories you cherish. Sending our condolences and support to each of you. Kevin M. Mason and the Kevin M. Mason Funeral Home family.



Kevin M. Mason Funeral Home - June 03 at 07:47 PM