



## Rosemarie Ackerman

November 25, 2021

Rosemarie Ackerman, 86, of Allentown, passed away on November 25, 2021. She was the loving wife of the late Rudy S. Ackerman. Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late Nello and Dahlia (Galli) Ercolani. Fashion and art played a major role in her life, and most will remember her as having an elegant style. She was influenced by her mother and sewed clothing for herself and her two young daughters. She later started to design clothing and in the 1980's, studied at Scuola di Taglio de Lazzari in Florence, Italy, where she learned their specific method of pattern drafting. She worked at the Baum School of Art from 1974 until she retired in 2011. In 1985, she became the Director of Special Events and then from 2003 until her retirement, she was the school's Development Director. She earned her bachelor's degree in Arts Administration from Moravian College. In her later years, she enjoyed knitting and spending time with her fellow knitters and her family. Her family is grateful for the care and kindness provided by the Phoebe Nurses and Staff in the Trexler Way Neighborhood over the last 16 months following her stroke.

Survivors: Daughters: Sally Ackerman King and Ann Ackerman Lalik wife of John Lalik, Brother: Nick Ercolani and his wife Joceline Lega and Grandchildren: Alexander Lalik, Nicholas Lalik, Matthew King and Maria King.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 1:30 P.M. in the First Presbyterian Church of Allentown, 3231 W. Tilghman St. Allentown. A calling hour will be held on Thursday, from 12:30 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. in the Church. Arrangements by the J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home, Allentown.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Phoebe Ministries in Allentown at [www.phoebe.org/giving](http://www.phoebe.org/giving) or The Baum School of Art.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

2010 W. Chew St.  
Allentown, PA 18104

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

DEC 2. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Allentown  
3231 Tilghman St.  
Allentown, PA 18104

## Service

DEC 2. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“*Rose was such a joyous member of FPCA. She and Ann would save our seat each week and she always made me laugh. And her style was awesome. I have such vivid and positive memories of her and her laughing eyes! She is at peace now and her presence very much missed here.*

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**Kate** - December 02, 2021 at 10:22 AM

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“*I remember the first time I met Rose. It was in the Emmaus Moravian Church, where she was seated with her family. My family was introduced to them all and Rose initiated a wonderful conversation about her daughter and I sharing the name Sally and how much she liked Emmaus. From that time on, she quickly ingratiated herself with the women in our church who were knitters, sewers and enjoyed working with fabric on many different levels. She was a delightful addition to the congregation. When they moved on to try out other denominations, we missed them. Rose was always a truly creative and gifted woman who believed in supporting the arts whole heartedly. She was fun to be with and adored her family. We will miss her.*

*Sallie Keller Smith*

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**Sallie Keller Smith** - November 30, 2021 at 12:49 PM

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“*Rose was a powerhouse. Ed and I send our deepest condolences to you, her family. Her friends will always remember that smile, her generosity and her love of the world of art. Any conversation with Rose was intense and interesting.*

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**Nan & Ed Yarrish** - November 30, 2021 at 12:48 PM