



Catherine Hersch

March 17, 2025

Catherine (Polaha) Hersch, 93, of Allentown passed peacefully with the angels to her forever home in heaven with her children by her side on Monday, March 17th. She was the wife of the late Robert C., who passed on February 10th, 1987. She was the second oldest of 6 children of the late Catherine (Skripek) and John Polaha.

Catherine had a zest for life and enjoyed each day to its fullest. She was a devout Catholic and a member of St. Francis of Assisi Church 70+ years. She practiced her faith through her care and concern for her family and friends, always helping with a loving smile. Catherine worked in the cafeteria for Parkland School District for 20+ years, where she inherited her ever-popular peanut chew recipe. After retiring, she enjoyed traveling with her family, bowling, and also playing cards, especially pinochle. She looked forward to Sunday breakfasts after Mass with her dear friends.

Catherine is preceded in death by her siblings Annamae Wukitsch, John Polaha, twins Bernard Polaha and Bernadine Baker and Mary Kester. She is survived by 5 sons and 2 daughters - Jerry (Susie); Yvonne Cramsey (John); Joseph (Sherri); Steve (Candice); Susan Richard (John); Tom (Sue); and Scott (Karen), and 20 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial: 10:00 AM, Friday, March 21 at St. Francis of Assisi

R. C. Church, 1046 W Cedar St, Allentown. Calling hour to begin at 9:00 AM at church.

Memorials can be considered in lieu of flowers to the church. Condolences may be offered at trexlerfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

547 N Krocks Rd
Allentown, PA 18106

Previous Events

Calling Hour

MAR 21. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
1046 W Cedar St.
Allentown, PA 18102

Mass of Christian Burial

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Graveside Burial

MAR 21. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ Dear Hersh Family, I was so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. But I was so happy I got to meet and know her a little bit at the Polaha family reunion. She was a beautiful person. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sincerely,
Janice (Polaha) Myers and Family

Janice Myers - March 24, 2025 at 09:38 AM



“ Full Heart was purchased for the family of Catherine Hersh.



March 20, 2025 at 01:37 PM



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

March 20, 2025 at 01:37 PM

BH

“ Bill Hirschman lit a candle in memory of Catherine Hersh



Bill Hirschman - March 19, 2025 at 10:09 PM

JN

My deepest sympathy to Cathy's pinochle playing family. She was a wonderful person and mother. She will be missed at our Tuesday cards. I know she is resting in the arms of Our Lord. Jeanette Noakes

Jeanette Noakes - March 21, 2025 at 10:18 AM