



Emil Gruenke

December 10, 2025

On December 10, 2025, Emil Gruenke entered the Kingdom of Heaven, his 102nd year of life. Emil was born in 1923 in Germany, the second of seven children. After WWII he was employed by Volkswagenwerk in Wolfsburg, West Germany.

Emil and his late wife Albertine and only daughter Veronika emigrated to the USA in 1952. He settled in Allentown in 1953 and was employed by Arbogast and Bastian until his retirement. Emil was a member of the former St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Allentown, enjoying the German services and the community of friends. Among the children there he will forever be known as "Onkel Emil". A man of the earth, he loved a meticulous lawn and garden. In fact, he was not pleased until everything he did was just right! Summers he enjoyed sitting on the front porch waving at neighbors. We will miss him, his strong convictions, and determination for life itself. May he find comfort in the arms of God.

Emil was predeceased by his wife of almost seventy years Albertine (Stekler), parents Emil and Amanda (Polinske) Gruenke, older brother Reinholdt, and sisters Erika Kammerer and Sophie Hodson. He is survived by daughter Veronika Horn and fiancé Gordon Connochie, grandson Jonathan Horn, great grandson Liam and his wife Marissa and their daughter Josephine Veronika

and expected son Atticus, great grandson Ryan and his wife Summer Grace, and Kristine Horn, mother of Liam and Ryan; sisters Margaret Kammerer and Liesa Jost, brother Alfred and wife Joan.

Services: 11:00 AM, Wednesday, December 17 at Trexler Funeral Home, 1625 W. Highland St. Allentown. Calling hour will begin at 10:00 AM.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Cemetery

2735 Walbert Ave.
Allentown, PA 18104

Previous Events

Calling Hour

DEC 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trexler Funeral Home
1625 Highland Street
Allentown, PA 18102
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info@trexlerfh.com
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Funeral Service

DEC 17. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Rikki Oberdoester purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Emil Gruenke.*



Rikki Oberdoester - December 15, 2025 at 02:30 PM

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“ *The grandkids purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Emil Gruenke.*



The grandkids - December 14, 2025 at 05:04 PM