



## Joan C. Altieri

January 23, 2026

Joan Claire (Folwell) Altieri, 85, of Allentown, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on January 23, 2026, surrounded by family.

She was born on October 13, 1940, to the late Charles and Claire (Henninger) Folwell. Joan will be lovingly remembered for her constant presence, her joyful Easter egg hunts filled with intricate clues, her boundless creative spirit, and the quiet, steady guidance she offered throughout the years.

Joan earned degrees in Education and in Library Science from Cedar Crest College and Kutztown University respectively. She found deep fulfillment working in the children's department at the Mary Meuser Memorial Library where her creativity brought stories and learning to life. From life-sized renaissance characters to paper mache castles, her whimsical displays enchanted and educated young readers.

She is survived by her sons, Joseph (Janice), James (Patricia), and Jeffrey; her grandchildren, Liana (Alexander Murray), Andrew, Evan, Maris, and Mary Kathleen; and her great-grandchildren, Adrian and Eden Murray.

She is also survived by her sisters Gail Folwell and Diane Fahler, and her former spouse Joseph G Altieri.

A private family service will be held at the Grandview Mausoleum, Allentown.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Joan's memory to support the Mary Meuser Memorial Library, c/o Trexler Funeral Home, 1625 W Highland St, Allentown, PA 18102 or directly via <https://meuserlib.org/memorials-and-honorariums/> .

# Cemetery Details

## Grandview Mausoleum

2735 Walbert Ave.  
Allentown, PA 18104

# Tribute Wall

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“ I didn't know Joan, but know she must have been a wonderful woman because she raised a VERY thoughtful, handsome, caring son in Jeffrey whom I have known for years through my daughter (who was a previous coworker @ Pindar Publishing), and now as a wonderful neighbor on 18th St.

*My deepest sympathy to all her sons, grandchildren, great grandchildren and siblings. May your memories of Joan give you peace and may God give you great comfort in knowing you cared for her through the years of her life here on earth.*

*Karen Posten*

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