



Mary Gwendolyn Steele

January 1, 2026

Mary Gwendolyn (Coffin) Steele, 101, of Allentown, passed away peacefully on January 1, 2026, at Luther Crest – Allentown. She was the wife of the late Donald L. Steele. Born in Irvington, NJ, she was the daughter of the late John E. and Annie V. (Thomas) Coffin.

Gwen earned her degree as a registered nurse in 1944 from the Jersey City Medical Center. After raising her children she worked for over 20 years as a registered nurse at Cedarbrook Nursing Home. She retired in 1985 as Assistant to the Director of Nursing. Gwen loved golfing, was an avid reader and travelled with her husband. She was a member of the Red Hat Society. Gwen was also a member of First Presbyterian Church- Allentown.

Gwen's greatest joy in life was her family. She was a very devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She truly enjoyed spending time with her family and caring for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Gwen's kind, loving nature and her wonderful sense of humor will surely be missed.

Gwen is survived by her sons Donald L., Jr., husband of Virginia, of Coplay, Leigh E., husband of Cynthia, of South Whitehall Twp.; grandchildren Donald L., III., husband of Jennifer, of Laurys Station, Michelle, wife of Jerry Booths, of Lehighton, Leigh E., Jr., husband of Monika, of Perkasio and step

granddaughter Tiffany, wife of Christopher Beahm, of New Tripoli. Gwen is also survived by 7 great grandchildren: Ashley, Erica, Wyatt, Cole, Liem, Peyton and Brody, and one step great grandchild, Wyatt.

Gwen is preceded in death by her 2 brothers and sister, and also by her granddaughter Deborah Steele.

Services will be Saturday April 11, 2026, at 11:00 AM, at Trexler Funeral Home, 1625 W. Highland St. Allentown, PA 18102. Calling period will begin at 10:00 AM. Burial to follow at Grandview Cemetery, Allentown.

Memorial contributions may be made in Gwen's memory to St. Luke's Hospice c/o Trexler Funeral Home, 1625 W. Highland St. Allentown, PA 18102.

Condolences may be offered at trexlerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Cemetery

2735 Walbert Ave.
Allentown, PA 18104

Previous Events

Calling Hour

APR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trexler Funeral Home
1625 Highland Street
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Memorial Service

APR 11. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Dear Don, Leigh and Family,

My heart is broken learning of the passing of your mother. Words truly cannot express the love and respect I have always held and felt for your mom. I will always cherish the many fond memories I shared with her and your families over the years. Her unconditional acceptance during my youth and my formulative years were so meaningful and impactful in my development and future life pursuits. What a lucky guy I was to have here in my life!

My love will never wane.

Sincerely,

Jeff Wenck and Family

Jeff Wenck - January 29 at 08:14 AM