



It is with broken hearts that our family lays to rest our mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, Donna (Zimmerman) Raupers-Merry, age 92, of Erie passed away surrounded by her family on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at St. Mary's at Asbury Ridge.

She was born on February 26, 1928 in Erie, PA, daughter of the late Raymond W. and Mabel (Patterson) Zimmerman.

Donna was a 1946 graduate of Academy High School proudly representing her school as "Head Majorette". She continued her career graduating from St. Vincent School of Nursing in 1949, working as a Registered Nurse at St. Vincent Hospital, Hamot Hospital and as a private duty nurse. Her nursing degree, nursing experiences and continued self-education through years of researching medical articles and books earning her the special title of "Family Medical Advisor".

Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her husbands, Paul "Fuzzy" Raupers and James "Fritz" Merry and a brother, Raymond P. Zimmerman; great-granddaughter, Hope Marie Brown; nephew, David Zimmerman; stepdaughters, Kathleen Merry and Charlene Szklenski.

She is survived by children, Carolyn Baldwin (Gary Johnson), Vicki Santone (Guy), Rebecca Allen (Brent) and Paul Raupers (Mary), twelve grandchildren and many great-grandchildren: her stepfamily including stepchildren. James F. Merry III and his wife, Leslie, Patricia Booser (Clint), Michael Merry; step-grandson, Christopher J. Merry and twelve step grandchildren and many step-great-grandchildren; and her cat, Katie.

She will be sadly missed each day until we see her again. God Bless you, God's newest "Medical Angel".

Our family would like to thank the entire nursing staff and all of the employees of St. Mary's Home at Asbury Ridge for their unwavering support and caring of our mother and our family!

Funeral arrangement is private and at the convenience of the family with private services and burial in Erie Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Merle E. Wood Funeral Home, Inc., 845 East 38<sup>th</sup> Street. Online condolences may be offered by visiting [www.merlewoodfh.com](http://www.merlewoodfh.com).

Memorials may be made to the St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.