



# Audrey Balawajder

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**A**udrey N. Balawajder, 91, formerly a 60-year resident of West Mifflin, passed away peacefully at UPMC Williamsport Hospital on January 20, 2025 and most recently was a resident at WeCare Nursing & Rehabilitation in Montoursville.

She was born in Duquesne on September 13, 1933, a daughter of Paul and Anna (Syrek) Neslanik and Martha Neslanik.

She was a 1951 graduate of Duquesne High School where she remained very active with her high school class reunion committee and went on to graduate from Douglas Business College. Audrey retired after 31 years at Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory in West Mifflin.

She had been a longtime member of the former Holy Spirit Catholic Church and very active in the church's Rosary Chain and Golden Agers. She was a founding member of the Star Bowling League in West Mifflin, an active card player, she loved playing cards with her neighbor Dorothy and all of her friends on Spring Valley Rd. Audrey was most proud of her Polish heritage; she was a member of the Polish Cultural Council in Pittsburgh as well as attending the Polka Festival at 7Springs Resort for over 40 years.

Audrey and her husband, Joseph S. Balawajder were married on July 10, 1954, they celebrated 58 years of marriage prior to his death in 2012.

Surviving are her sons, Gregg (Christine) Balawajder of Montoursville and their son Joseph and daughter Aly (Kurt) Wertz; and Retired Lt. Col. Todd (Clare) Balawajder of Williamsburg, VA and their son Andrew; and siblings Laura Gontkon (deceased), Roberta (Fred) May of Redmond, Wash., Hedy (Dr. Warren) Howe of Cranberry, PA and Paul (Dolores) Neslanik, of Greenville PA.

Family and friends will be received on Thursday, January 30, 2025 from 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00pm. at Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, 301 Curry Hollow Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15236.



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A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:00am on Friday, January 31, 2025 at Triumph of the Holy Cross Parish, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Worship Site, 1 Grove Place, Pittsburgh, PA with burial to follow at Lebanon Church Cemetery in West Mifflin.

In lieu of flowers the family respectfully suggests memorial contributions may be made to WeCare Nursing & Rehabilitation, 1445 Sycamore Rd., Montoursville, PA 17754 for the benefit of their activities.

Online condolences may be left at [www.jeffersonmemorial.com](http://www.jeffersonmemorial.com)



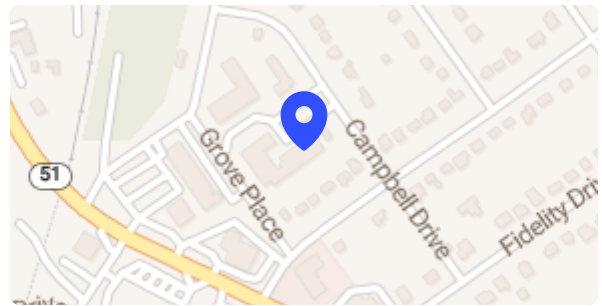
# Events

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## Mass of Christian Burial

- Friday**, January 31, 2025
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- St. Elizabeth of Hungary**  
1 Grove Place, Pittsburgh PA 15236



## Cemetery Details

- Lebanon Church Cemetery**  
2615 Old Elizabeth Road, West Mifflin PA 15122





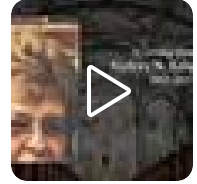
# Tribute Wall

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**Jefferson Memorial Cemetery & Funeral Home** shared a **Video**.



January 29 at 6:33 PM



**Renee Kosor** posted:

I was Audrey's hair designer for many years. She was not just a client to me she was like a mother. My husband and I owned the salon and he would either stop in or call when he knew she had an appointment. She loved my husband and would always bring me little snacks or when she went to the polish festival a couple of those famous polish doughnuts. I did her hair up till the time when my husband passed away and she called me to see if I was ok. I loved her very much and shared her faith in the Lord. We had many conversations about love and family of which she loved hers very much. I feel like I know you all and have seen all stages of your lives. My sincere sympathy to you all. Our faith tells us in our holy bible. We do not grieve as others do because we know we will see each other again. We are sad but knowing where she is now standing with Jesus she is shining and very very happy. May the Lord be with you in this time and thank you for sharing your mom with me. God Bless  
Renee Kosor

January 23 at 3:33 PM



**Your Ccrbr Team** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Balawajder family.



January 23 at 12:39 PM



**Your Ccrbr Team** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Audrey.



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## Media

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