



## Phyllis M. Ackerman

September 16, 1937 - October 15, 2024

Phyllis M. Ackerman, age 87, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at St. Charles Health Campus in Jasper.

Phyllis was born in Jasper, Indiana, on September 16, 1937, to Edwin B. and Lenore (Buehler) Knies. She married Raphael "Rafe" Ackerman on September 26, 1959, in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper. After 61 years, he preceded her in death on February 6, 2021.

Phyllis was the oldest grandchild of 69 Knies first cousins with a total of 86 first cousins between the Knies and Buehler families.

Phyllis was a 1955 Jasper High School graduate. She worked at the Novelty in Jasper. Alongside her husband Raphael, they started Ackerman Oil in 1963, after the passing of Phyllis's father Edwin B. Knies. They were proud to see the business progress to the 4th generation.

She was a member of Precious Blood Catholic Church of which she and her husband were founding members. She was active in her children's lives, serving as a Girl Scout, Cub Scout, and 4-H leader, and was an active JHS Boys' and Girls' Club booster leader. She helped create the Girls' sports banners that hung in old JHS gym and organized a group of ladies to sew

JHS Choir uniforms. She was also very civic-minded. She was a candy striper at Memorial Hospital. She was an active member of the German Club, where she served as past secretary. She was also a ROJAC volunteer at the City Mill.

She and Rafe loved to go dancing. They were often seen at the VFW on the weekends. She enjoyed golfing at the Country Club, trivia, game shows, and crossword puzzles. She loved playing cards- Sheephead, Poker, Euchre, and Cinch. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with family. Sunday was kids' day and the family spent the day together. She loved following the kids and grandchildren in sports, band, and any activities.

Phyllis loved living at St. Charles Villas and really enjoyed St. Charles Assisted Living. Her friends called her the, "unofficial social director." She always brought joy and cheer. Since she never went to college, she called Assisted Living her dorm experience.

She is survived by three children: Michael (Ann) Ackerman, Laura (Paul) Grammer, both of Jasper; IN, Jill (Paul) Jones, Greenville, IN; six grandchildren, Adam (Julia) Ackerman, Ashlyn Ackerman (Alex Hoffmann), Ryan (Morgan) Grammer, Logan (Beth) Grammer, Garrett Jones, Gwyn Jones, four great-grandchildren: Corbin and Vivian Grammer, Roman and Warren Grammer, two sisters: Sarah Meyer and Anne (Ed) Oser, two sisters-in-law: Camilla Moeller and Cleo Brown.

Besides her husband, she is preceded in death by one brother, Edwin C. Knies and in laws: Frank Meyer, Vera and Don Renner, Irene and Ernie Werne, Marge and Wilbert Edwards, Jerome Moeller, and Fred Brown.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Phyllis M. Ackerman will be held at 10:00 a.m.

on Monday, October 21, 2024, in Precious Blood Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with entombment to follow in Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum.

A visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 20, at the Becher Kluesner Downtown Chapel and from 9:00 a.m. until the 10:00 a.m. service time at Precious Blood Catholic Church on Monday. A rosary will be prayed at 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home on Sunday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jasper German Club Endowment at the Dubois County Community Foundation, Precious Blood Catholic Church, or the Dubois County Museum.

Online condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum

1020 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN 47546

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown  
214 East 7th Street  
Jasper, IN 47546  
(812) 482-4141  
email@becherkluesner.com

## Visitation

OCT **21**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Precious Blood Catholic Church  
1385 W 6th St  
Jasper, IN

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Precious Blood Catholic Church  
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Jasper, IN



# Tribute Wall

DC

“ You all have my sympathy. I will keep you in my prayers.

Diane Cloud - October 19, 2024 at 07:32 PM

AH

“ I have special memories of Phyllis and her energetic zest for life, conversation & connection. She was so supportive, cheering us on at volleyball games and who could forget the ever-present yummy snacks she always had for us at the house! May she finally rest in peace after bringing so much joy throughout her life to so many. My deepest sympathy to Jill, my dear friend and her family & the entire Ackerman family.  
Ann (Blessinger) Hadley



Ann Hadley - October 19, 2024 at 10:11 AM

SH

“ Fond memories went thru school with Phyllis. Great person. Prayers & Sympathy. RIP

Sarah Berger Humphrey, Muncie IN



Sarah Humphrey - October 17, 2024 at 04:30 PM

CH

“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire Ackerman family. May the memories you hold dear bring you great comfort. Your mother/grandmother was such a joyful person to be around. May she enjoy eternal rest with your dad.*



Chris Bohnert Hinkle - October 17, 2024 at 07:15 AM

JS

“ *The last time I talked to Phyllis and Rafe was a few years ago at Ruler. We were in the refrigerated section of the store discussing how good the bagged sauerkraut was!!! I felt a real German connection!!! They were such a cute and sweet couple! I hope they are enjoying being reunited again in Heaven! I hope they dance!*



Julie Schutz - October 16, 2024 at 07:20 PM

SH

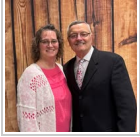
*Family of Phyllis, Phyllis & I were classmates all through our school days, St Joe & JHS. A wonderful person. Prayers & Sympathy. R.I.P. Phyllis*  
*Sarah Berger Humphrey, Muncie IN*

Sarah Humphrey - October 17, 2024 at 12:39 AM

UD

“ *We remember Phyllis as bubbly, cheerful & very helpful, especially when our Dad, Pop Oser passed away & She served us with the nicest lunch! Sending our sympathy & condolences to all the family - I know she will be missed!*

Ulli Dennett - October 16, 2024 at 04:29 PM



“ *Sympathy and Condolences to all of the family*



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**Joseph Cozza** - October 16, 2024 at 03:11 PM

JK

“ *Phyllis was quite a lady and has left quite a legacy. My sympathy and condolences to all of you.*



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**Joan Eckerle Knies** - October 16, 2024 at 11:57 AM

MD

“ *I have fond memories of my friendship with Phyllis. We have been friends since our freshman year at JHS. She was such a kind and caring person and was always doing something for somebody else. She dearly loved her husband and her family. My heartfelt sympathy to her children, Mike, Laura and Jill and to her sisters Ann and Sarah. RiP Phyllis you have earned your wings and will always have a special place in my heart.*

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**Marilyn Dittmer** - October 16, 2024 at 10:48 AM

JK

*Phyllis became a beautiful friend when my husband passed. She invited me to play cards with her group of ladies. She always came to play with a joke to start our afternoon and she had actions to get the point across. Always so funny and had us all in stitches! She will be missed so much. Cards will not be the same without her! She has no idea how much she will be missed!*

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**JANICE KRESS** - October 17, 2024 at 07:23 AM