

ROSALIE WATT HARKINS



Rosalie Watt Harkins, 98, of Oakmont, PA, died at home, surrounded by family on March 01, 2024. She was born in Parnassus, PA, in 1925, but was raised in Hot Springs, Arkansas, by her paternal grandparents, Samuel and Rosa Watt, while her father, Clay Watt traveled for work. She graduated from Hot Springs High School in 1943, after which she married and had her first son, Frederick Mark Palmer in

1944. She later joined her mother, Anna Salome Sweeney to live in Pittsburgh in 1953, and to work on the tow boats of Pittsburgh's rivers and the Mississippi River. In 1955 she married John Harkins, a boiler engineer on the boat.

Rosalie and John had three children, Jacqueline Kabel, (Dennis), Evelyn Zimmerly (David), and Samuel Harkins. She has four grandchildren, Melanie Kabel, Adam Kabel (Ashley), Dustin Kabel, and Clayton Harkins; and three great-grandchildren, Austin Lampley, Mariah Lampley, and Abigail Kabel. Rosalie was predeceased by her husband, John; her son, Mark; her siblings, Marie Francis, (Thomas) John Sweeney (Shirley), Ida Palmer (Paul), and Harry Sweeney. She has one surviving sister, Roberta Ross (William); one sister-in-law; Shirley Sweeney; and brother-in-law, Paul Palmer. She was also predeceased by many of her friends.

Rosalie was a member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church. See a recent interview of Rosalie during her last visit to Hot Springs, <https://www.hotsr.com/news/2023/apr/21/watch-sam-watts-granddaughter-recounts-life-love/>.

A Memorial Service is scheduled for March 9, 2024, at 3 PM, in All Saints Episcopal Church, 3577 McClure Ave., Pgh., PA 15212. If desired, donations to All Saints Episcopal Church would be greatly appreciated.

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