



## Gertrude G. Dawson

August 19, 1927 - June 7, 2024

Gertrude G. (Gresko) Dawson, age 96, wife of the late Harry Dawson Jr., of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, passed away on Friday, June 7, 2024 in Sunrise of Paoli. Born on August 19, 1927, in Pottstown, she was a daughter of the late Cecilia (Elias) and John Gresko.

A 1945 graduate of Phoenixville High School, Gertrude had been employed right out of high school as a secretary at the Phoenixville Iron Company, then as a billing clerk at Kulp and Gordon Motor Freight, before becoming the head of the cafeteria at St. Ann's School for about 5 years when her sons were young. For four years during the 1960s, Gert continued as a personnel secretary for the Army-Air Force Exchange Service at the Valley Forge Army Hospital before her employment with the Phoenixville Area School District for 21 1/2 years until her retirement in 1991.

She had been a member of St. Ann Parish, the AARP, and the Phoenixville Senior Center. Gertrude dedicated much of her time volunteering alongside her husband at PMYC, where she ran the concession stand for 50 years.

Mrs. Dawson is survived by a son: Richard H., husband of Deborah Dawson; granddaughters: Katie Dawson, Renee Dawson, and Rebecca Lawless; and great-grandchildren: Carter & Sadie Lawless. She was preceded in death by a son: Robert J. Dawson; and siblings: Margaret M. Cobb, Rita Kamerdze, and

John S. Gresko.

Graveside services will be held privately at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Gertrude's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105, <https://www.stjude.org/donate>, the Shriners Hospital, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607, <https://lovetotherescue.org/give>, or through a mass card.

Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc. Condolences may be offered online at [www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com).

# Tribute Wall

BT

“ Dear Dawson Family  
Prayers and thoughts to all of you!  
Mrs.Dawson (Gert) was part of my growing up the sweetest Lady  
around always smiling.  
Will be missed ❤️

Barry Taglieber - June 14, 2024 at 03:27 PM

LB

“ Dawsons, Prayers to you all. Gert ran the refreshment stand at  
PMYC like nobody's business. She was the sweetest lady. I'm sorry  
for your loss.

Lynn, Julian, and Olivia Bozzelli

Lynn Bozzelli - June 10, 2024 at 04:04 PM

JF

“ Jennipher Bournonville Adams & Family  
purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the  
family of Gertrude G. Dawson.



Jennipher Bournonville Adams & Family - June 10, 2024 at  
02:32 PM

JM

“ Ricky , My condolences to you on the loss of your mom . I will never  
forget her and your dad working side by side at PMYC when I was  
playing football . What nice parents you were blessed with .

John Manorek - June 10, 2024 at 01:02 PM

BC

*Hi Rick, you know how much those many years*

*Gertie and I spent at that stand. The sweetest thing was all the times we spent together, doing I don't remember what, they were just great times. She'll be happy now to be with Harry again. God bless you and your family Rick, she certainly loved you and was so very proud of all of you. God bless. Barbara*

**Barbara T Caffrey** - June 13, 2024 at 09:53 PM

DO

“ *Gertie was the most giving lady I knew. Her crochet baby buntings were always so beautiful. Gertie had me over for a weekend and shared her pattern with me and taught me how to crochet one. Her dedication to the community was something to be admired. Gertie you gave us all lessons on how to be a good friend and citizen. Thank you for being my friend ❤️. Prayers to her family as this is a tremendous loss.*

**Dottie** - June 10, 2024 at 09:25 AM

PQ

“ *Mrs. Dawson was a remarkable lady!! May she rest peacefully in the presence of our Lord eternally. I will miss her smile.*



**Patricia D Quinn** - June 10, 2024 at 07:10 AM

JD

*My deepest condolences condolences condolences...Gert was a wonderful person. My father and mother would go on a occasional trip to the casino's with her and Harry...my she rest in peace..*

**Jennifer Dziob** - June 15, 2024 at 04:37 PM