



## Gladys Irene Allis Abell

February 7, 1923 - February 18, 2020

Gladys Irene Allis Abell, 97, a highly regarded resident of Rome, PA passed away peacefully Tuesday, morning, February 18, 2020 at her home surrounded by her family. Gladys was born February 7, 1923, at home in Orwell Township, PA a daughter of Claire Cecil Allis and Retha Fox Allis. She attended Allis Hollow grade school, was a 1940 graduate of Orwell High School, and was a graduate of Rome High School with the Class of 1941. Gladys continued her education at the Lowell Business School in Binghamton, NY and subsequently worked at the family lumber business, C. C. Allis, in Herrickville from 1942 to 1952. On June 28, 1944, Gladys was united in marriage with Walter Buttles "Deb" Abell and they enjoyed 44 wonderful years together until her husband's passing on September 25, 1988. Gladys was employed by the W.T. Grant Store in Towanda, Aquilio Diner in Wysox, and by Agway Energy Products in Wysox until her retirement in 1985.

Gladys was a devoted and active member of the Rome First Presbyterian Church since 1954 where she served as an elder, taught Sunday school for 47 years, and was president and moderator of the Presbyterian Women for many years. Gladys was always willing to help others and actively worked and supported many church and community activities and events over the years. She was a 60 year member and Past Worthy Matron of Rome Chapter No. 26 Order of Eastern Star and was an honorary member of the Towanda Garden Club. Gladys served as a substitute postal carrier for a few years, was a trustee of the Rome Cemetery Association, and offered comfort to others as a

Memorial Hospital Lay Chaplain. Her love for her family, church and community was immense. She will be remembered by many for her kind, outgoing, and vibrant personality.

Gladys is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Mary Abell of Rome, daughter, Claire Abell Allen of Warren Center, PA, son, Brian Walter Abell of Hatboro, PA,

special grandchildren who were her pride and joy, David (Marie) Abell, Brenda Abell (Mike), Nicole (Chuck) Bumbaugh, Cooper Abell and Dylan Abell, great grandchildren, Ty Abell, Kenna Abell, Jacob Bumbaugh, and Owen Bumbaugh, her brother and sister-in-law, Donald D. and Neva Allis of Herrickville as well as several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins and many good friends, a special cousin, Alice Mae Cook.

Gladys was predeceased by her husband, Walter in 1988, father, Claire in 1990, mother, Retha in 1992, sister and brother-in-law, Doris Dixon 1994 and Freeman Dixon in 2009, brother and sister-in-law, Raymond and Betty Allis both in 2015.

The family will receive friends Friday, February 21, 2020 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Rome First Presbyterian Church. Rome Chapter No. 26 Order of Eastern Star will hold a Service of Remembrance Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 9:45 a.m. at the church followed by a funeral service at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Dr. Karen Ballard, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow in the Rome Cemetery, Rome, PA. The family suggests that contributions may be directed to the Rome First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 189, Rome, PA 18837 in memory of Gladys Irene Allis Abell.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home, Towanda, PA.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Rome Cemetery

Route 187  
Rome, PA 18837

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Rome Presbyterian Church  
Route 187  
Rome, PA 18837

## Visitation

FEB 21. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Rome Presbyterian Church  
Route 187  
Rome, PA 18837

## Service

FEB 22. 10:00 AM (ET)

Rome Presbyterian Church  
Route 187  
Rome, PA 18837



# Tribute Wall



“ Gladys Irene Allis Abell

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ Gladys Irene Allis Abell

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ Gladys Irene Allis Abell

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ Gladys Irene Allis Abell

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ Gladys Irene Allis Abell

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

MM

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with you!! May God bless & sustain you & grant to you strength,peace,grace,love,hope,serenity & a strong faith!! Gladys was a wonderful,dear lady & was loved by all who knew her!! She has now had a "Great Reunion" on that "Golden Shore" where she has been reunited with her loved one's gone before her!!

Gladys & myself attended "Lay Chaplain" classes at Towanda Memorial Hospital in 2000 after I had lost my husband & she was very supportive. I loved Gladys as she was a very dear lady!! We became good friends with her so,Jason & wife,Mary, & began Square Dancing with them,what a forever treasure!!

Gladys will certainly be missed & Rome won't be the same without her!! God bless,comfort & cherish you with all your precious memories to hold near & dear to your hearts!! We send our love & prayers!!

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**Merna & Howard Colwell & Douglas Mapes** - March 05, 2020 at 10:03 AM

DC

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Gladys was a wonderful person, a one of a kind. She was a great Sunday School teacher to our children in their early years at the Rome Presbyterian Church. Her life enriched the lives of so many over the years. We pray you find comfort in the fact that she is at peace with our Saviour. Ben and Donna Craig



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**Donna Craig** - February 22, 2020 at 11:17 AM

AM

“ Sorry to hear about Gladys. She was a wonderful person.

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**Anita Moore** - February 21, 2020 at 03:20 PM

SH

“Gladie” as we referred to Gladys was a delight to know. She was a joy to have in our nail salon. A little beauty is always wonderful at any age! Life is enriched having met Gladys.



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Sherry - February 21, 2020 at 08:56 AM

DA

“ 4 files added to the album Gladys Abell



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David Abell - February 20, 2020 at 12:32 PM

WT

“ Gladys was an integral part of the Trousdale/Taylor extended family in Christ. Her appreciation of family and of life's blessings were ever-present in her character. I have many fond memories of her interactions at church and social gatherings in the Rome area. Gladys worked with my mother helping others find the personal path in living a Christian life. She lived a full and free will life. Teaching by example with the knowledge of the rock she stood upon, directed by God's will. I have a tinge of sadness in the hearing of her passing Yet, rejoice and celebrate her life. She was a keeper of the "lower lights". In God's wisdom, I pray "it is well with her soul". I believe her first words heard in her eternal home will be "Well done, good and faithful servant."

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**William Trousdale** - February 20, 2020 at 12:15 PM

CJ

Clare so sorry for the loss of your mother/ She can rest in peace.

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**carole jacoby** - February 21, 2020 at 04:52 PM

JR

“ Jason, so sorry to hear the loss of your Mother. I remember meeting her a couple times when you lived in Waverly. May God's hands hold her tight now. My thoughts and prayers to you and your family.



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**Jim Robinson** - February 20, 2020 at 10:45 AM