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Leslie Diane Rush of West Norriton, PA passed away on August 30, 2025. After a long and robust life, she faced the challenges of several years of declining health with characteristic fortitude.

Leslie was born in Akron, Ohio, the daughter of Mark and Nancy Fisher. She was a graduate of Merion Mercy Academy and Rosemont College. After graduating from Rosemont, Leslie and her college roommate repaired to New York City, where her multi-faceted career began. She immediately got a position with the New York Public Library and would go on to employment with some of the giants of America's golden age of retailing—B. Altman & Co., Wanamaker's, and Bailey, Banks, and Biddle.

And then one day, her career in retail behind her, Leslie walked a few blocks from her home to the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library. She would become the library's Automation Systems Coordinator—a position she held for over twenty years—and was a central figure in the information technology boom at the library.

Leslie was an avid...reader, gardener (roses, vegetables), cook and hostess, canner of foods, lover of dogs (and cats), participant in dog agility, feeder of

birds, and, finally, cataloger of materials related to those passions!

Leslie enjoyed volunteering at Jenkins Arboretum, attending productions at Norristown's Theatre Horizon, and was a patron of the German Society of Pennsylvania's "Wister and More" chamber music series.

She was also a member of the Welcome Society of Pennsylvania, which is comprised of descendants of the Quakers who travelled to America under the leadership of William Penn. This inspired her to write *By the River, 1682*, a work of historical fiction about a Quaker girl and a Native American boy and the days leading up to the "Treaty of Amity and Friendship."

A memorial luncheon will be held on September 25th at noon at The Radnor Hotel, St Davids, PA.

Leslie is survived by her husband, Russell C. Rush, her sisters Alice Fisher Culman and Nancy Fisher Smith, her brother Mark Fisher, and half-brothers Matthew D. Fisher, Anthony J. Fisher, and Charles C. Fisher, and her nephews David Culman, Thomas Culman, and Christopher Smith.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Leslie's name to Jenkins Arboretum, 631 Berwyn Baptist Road, Devon, PA 19333

Previous Events

Memorial Luncheon

SEP **25**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Radnor Hotel
591 Lancaster Ave
St. Davids, PA 19087

Tribute Wall



“ *Leslie was one of my deceased wife's best friends. They would spend hours discussing their views on life and family.* ”

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