



Mattress Factory

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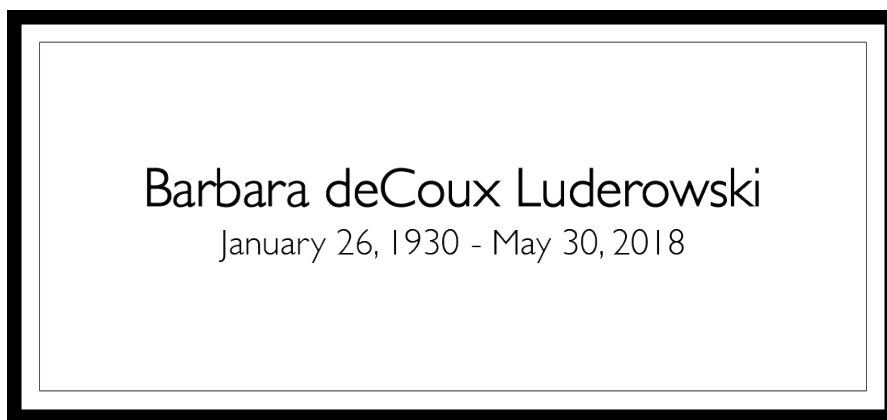
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**PITTSBURGH, PA (May 31, 2018)** – It is with profound sadness that the Mattress Factory museum announces [the passing of our founder](#) and creative spirit, Barbara Luderowski. Our Mattress Factory family remains committed to her vibrant experiment that is the Mattress Factory with her artistic vision in our hearts and her tenacity in our souls.

Memorial plans are pending. Barbara shared her last wishes with *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* reporter Cristina Rouvalis in 2002:

“I want to be cremated. I want my ashes dispersed on Roden Crater, which is as good of a place as any. Or over the ocean, which is as good a place as any. I don’t want any gooey, sentimental memorial service.

“Then I want some huge celebration as a fund-raiser for the Mattress Factory with a big ticket. It will be for my friends and my enemies, who will like to celebrate my termination. No way will I let some funeral director touch me.

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**About the Mattress Factory:** Hailed as the best museum for installation art in the United States, the Mattress Factory invites visitors to experience “art you can get into.” Over the past 41 years, the Mattress Factory has presented and commissioned new installation and performance works by over 750 artists, both established and emerging, who have challenged themselves and their audiences through the support of the museum’s exceptional residency program. The Mattress Factory’s outreach programs serve more than 30,000 students, teachers, adults, and families annually, and its activities as a visitor attraction, educator and employer continue to invigorate Pittsburgh’s North Side. For more information, call 412.231.3169 or visit [mattress.org](http://mattress.org).