

Death: Helen Teresa Rumley Knieriem (LC 1965)

Husband, wife died in murder-suicide in Upper Saucon, authorities say (UPDATE)

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A husband and wife are dead after a murder-suicide in [Upper Saucon Township](#), according to the Lehigh County coroner.

Roy T. Knieriem, 76, fatally shot his wife, 76-year-old Helen Teresa Knieriem, according to a news release from the Lehigh County coroner. Then he shot himself, the release says.

The killings were at 10:17 a.m. in the 2300 block of Taylor Drive, the release says. Each of the Knieriems died from a gunshot to the body, the release says.

Lehigh County investigators have not released why 76-year-old Roy "Ted" Knieriem shot his wife, 76-year-old Helen Knieriem, and then turned the gun on himself. The couple was found by police sitting together on their back porch.

On social media, their granddaughter posted "the most fitting word besides tragedy is love." The granddaughter says she was blessed to have had her grandparents in her life and that Helen recently had a stroke.