



A. Joanne Bowman

August 27, 2025

Alice Joanne Bowman passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at the age of 93. She was born in Valley Township, Chester County, on April 24, 1932, to Charles Edmund Young and Lila Olivia Young, née Rupp.

Her early years were spent in Ephrata, graduating from Ephrata High School in 1950, then attending Penn State University, followed by an internship at Reading Hospital and employment at the Atlee medical offices in Lancaster.

In 1954, she married her high school sweetheart, Dr. John H. Bowman. They lived in Philadelphia, Fort Defiance, Arizona, and Rochester, Minnesota, before settling in Lancaster.

Joanne spent much of her free time at home with her family and found extra time for bridge, tennis, bowling, and fly fishing. She volunteered with Meals on Wheels for 35 years. She enjoyed the outdoors at the couple's cabin in Jackson Township, Huntingdon County. Summers may have included a family trip to Long Beach Island, New Jersey, or Fenwick Island, Delaware.

Joanne is survived by her husband John of over 70 years, children, John (Barb), Lisa, and Charles (Gina); grandchildren: Skylar (Kaitlyn), Pierce, and Bryce; and great-grandchildren, Aiden and Ryder.

Joanne was a long-term survivor of bilateral breast cancer with metastatic disease, treated successfully by her cancer physicians; the family is very thankful.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Joanne's Memorial Service at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA, on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. with The Reverend Edward Goodley officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Interment will be held at Metzler's Mennonite Cemetery, Ephrata, PA, at the convenience of the family

If you wish, a charitable contribution in Joanne's memory may be made to Lancaster Hospice & Community Care, Meals on Wheels of Lancaster, or Lancaster Farmland Trust.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
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Lancaster, PA 17603
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Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of A. Joanne Bowman*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - September 12, 2025 at 04:23 PM

MT

“ *Mo and Tommy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of A. Joanne Bowman.*



Mo and Tommy - September 19, 2025 at 12:54 PM

MT

“ *Mo and Tommy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of A. Joanne Bowman.*

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EM

“ *Evan and Nicole Miller purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of A. Joanne Bowman.*



Evan and Nicole Miller - September 17, 2025 at 10:44 AM

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“ *Evan and Nicole Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of A. Joanne Bowman.*

Evan and Nicole Miller - September 17, 2025 at 10:44 AM

CH

“ John, Lisa, and family,

I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of Joanne. She was a wonderful woman and I have very fond memories of her. Thank you for allowing me to be one of her caregivers. She will be deeply missed.

Charlene

Charlene - September 13, 2025 at 10:47 PM



“ 38 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - September 12, 2025 at 04:18 PM

JB

“ John & Barb purchased the *Gracious Lavender Basket* for the family of A. Joanne Bowman.



John & Barb - September 07, 2025 at 08:26 PM

DE

“ Dear John,

It has been many years since we last visited, but you were my ophthalmologist and good friend. I send to you and your family deepest sympathy upon the death of Joanne. Many times Jack and I were guests in your home and had wonderful times together. We could share the memories of the Mayo experiences and the current LGH friends at that time. Joanne was a really fine person; her warmth and genuine caring were so notable. Her love of family was really evident. I smiled as your cottage in Huntingdon County, PA was mentioned in the obituary. I spent years visiting a family farm near Petersburg and it was like my second home--I know you both must have cherished your time in that area, too.

Sending to you my deepest gratitude to you and Joanne for these wonderful memories of long ago. Will keep you in my thoughts and prayers in the coming days.

Debbie (formerly Shertzer) Everett, North Andover, MA

Deborah B. Everett - August 31, 2025 at 11:48 AM