



Joan C. Bleacher

May 23, 2025

Joan C. (Laukhuff) Bleacher, 94, of Strasburg, died at home surrounded by her family. She was a press operator for 32 years at K-D Tool Company. Joan was a quiet person who liked serving others and enjoyed spending time with family, bird watching, horses, fishing, bingo, but most of all playing cards, especially Pinochle.

Joan is survived by a daughter, Sherry Gantz (Alvin) of Lancaster, a granddaughter, Karin Swope (Jeffrey) Strasburg, a grandson, Warren Phenegar (Samantha) of Silver Springs, MD. She also survived by three great-granddaughters, Autumn Azzarelli (Giovanni) of Manheim, Olivia Swope of Strasburg, Zoi Phenegar of Silver Springs, MD, a step-great-grandson, Brian, and step-great-granddaughter Veronica, and two great-great-grandsons, Ethan and Landon. Joan was an aunt to 35 nieces and nephews. Joan was preceded in death by a daughter, Paula (Cleon III), a grandson, Douglas (Jennifer), a great-granddaughter, Johanna, and six brothers and two sisters. She was the last surviving child of the late Irvin and Alice Laukhuff.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Joan's Funeral Service at Lampeter Church of The Brethren, 1900 Lampeter Road, Lancaster, PA 17602, on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. with Pastor Christopher J. Shelly officiating. The family will receive friends from 4:30 p.m. until the time of service. A burial will be held at Millersville Mennonite Cemetery on Friday,

May 30, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Joan wants her family to thank those at Amedisys Hospice for caring for her at the end of her life. Joan would like donations to be made to the Amedisys Foundation, 480 New Holland Avenue, Suite 6201, Lancaster, PA 17603, in her honor.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 28. 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lampeter Church of the Brethren
1900 Lampeter Road
Lancaster, PA 17602

Service

MAY 28. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

MAY 30. 9:00 AM (ET)

Millersville Mennonite Cemetery
Millersville , PA 17551

Tribute Wall

CB

“ Aunt Joan was always at our house when we were kids. Her and my parents spent Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons playing cards. She was a very sweet and quiet person. I loved her dearly and she will be missed. She is now in hea enjoy with all of her brothers and sisters and parents. God gave you a long life. Thanks to Korin and her husband for taking her on and being there for her

Connie Bear - June 02, 2025 at 08:22 AM

MA

“ I could say so many nice things about Aunt Joan but mostly when I think of her two things stand out to me...her infectious smile...she didn't have to say a word but you would smile just being around her. Second is her quiet strength...Aunt Joan was a very soft spoken woman and when she spoke you listened...you didn't want to miss a word. She was an amazing woman and I am so thankful for our times together

Mary (Sus) Albright - June 01, 2025 at 10:20 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joan C. Bleacher.



May 28, 2025 at 09:48 AM

DB

“ I will always remember going to a few different local Fairs with my mom, Aunt Joan and cousin Sherry. My mother didn't drive so Aunt Joan would pick us up and take us home afterwards. We would also go to Evelyn's house(Smittys sister), race track, and other places. She was a very sweet Aunt. R.I.P. prayers for all family members with love ❤️
Deb(Laukhuff)Bardaxe



Deb Bardaxe - May 27, 2025 at 01:21 PM

BM

“ One of the few memories I have of my great aunt Joan is her playing cards always with her sister (my grandmother Beatrice) and how those two always were very close. My grandmother Beatrice always told me stories about them and how people thought they were twins...Its nice now to think they are reunited.



Blaine Muckel - May 26, 2025 at 06:35 PM

KS

“ Kathy Amundsen and Michael Sherman purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joan C. Bleacher.



Kathy Amundsen and Michael Sherman - May 26, 2025 at 05:01 PM