



Joan R. Lewis

April 5, 2024

Joan R. Lewis, 87, died April 5, 2024, at Brethren Village in Lititz, a day after she was transported from her home of fifty-eight years in Landisville, PA.

Born in 1936 in Altoona, she was adopted at birth by James K. Robison and Irene Lebo Snyder, who graduated Oberlin College with a degree in music education. Irene's father was Rev. William H. Snyder, who was active in the ministry for forty-three years, whose charges included stays at Stoyestown, Sinking Spring, Slatington and Salem. Being raised in a family of faith, whose mother sang the church solo every Sunday, gave her a love of music that lasted her entire life.

She is survived by her son, Robert K. Lewis of Bronx, NY, her daughter, Jennifer Foudy, her son-in-law, John Foudy, and her two grandsons, Joshua and Judah of Spring, TX, as well as her brother-in-law Thomas, his wife, Terri, in Millbury, MA, and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert ("Bob") D. Lewis, who she wed in 1964 at First Presbyterian Church in Glens Falls, NY, and whose love for each other never faltered during their forty-eight years of marriage. She also had a brother, James, who died in 1973

Joan graduated Glens Falls High School in 1954. She was a "Mother Goose" at Storytown USA, graduated Cazenovia Junior College, and worked at Glens

Falls National Bank, and McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. in midtown Manhattan.

Joan and Bob moved to Lancaster, PA in 1965, when he accepted an R&D position at Armstrong World Industries. During the decades that followed, Joan was active in many churches, including Bethany Presbyterian Church, where she was a deacon and Sunday school teacher; First Presbyterian Church of Mount Joy, where she was the head of the deacons and supported its vacation Bible school; and Highland Presbyterian Church, where she served as a parish lay visitor, and as part of the care and compassion team, where she wrote notes in her distinctive penmanship that was as strong as her love of music. What she enjoyed most during her service at Highland were her visitation duties with Anne Montgomery at Mennonite Homes.

Perhaps the clearest facet of her charmed life was while she was working at the Lancaster Association for the Blind, Erma Baxter insisted that she apply for an open position at the circulation desk at Franklin & Marshall's library. She was hired, and she became its last employee to enter its tuition exchange program, which allowed her daughter to go to college, tuition-free.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend a memorial service at Highland Presbyterian Church at 500 E. Roseville Rd, with Reverend Dr. Robert S. Burns officiating on Thursday, April 11, at 11 a.m. The family will greet friends from 10 a.m. until the time of the service. The service will be live-streamed as well on Highland's website.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Joan's name to VisionCorps. <https://give.visioncorps.net/give/314161/#!/donation/checkout>

This past year, she often said -- Love to all, and soon we'll be walking Stone Harbor's beaches together, again.

A Memorial Service will be held at Highland Presbyterian Church, 500 E Roseville Road, Lancaster, PA 17601, on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. Friends are welcome to greet the family at 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. The interment at a later date in Glens Falls, NY.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Highland Presbyterian Church
500 East Roseville Road
Lancaster, PA

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

MD

“ My friend Joan, We met as Dr. & patient. We became trusted friends, I recall much of your infinite wisdom. You shared the struggles of being the cement it took to stay devoted to your family & tears of loses. The joys you shared with your grandsons Joshua & Judah. I believe they knew you as Mim. And later we shared the Atlantic Ocean, you & Bob & families in Stone Harbor NJ. And there are the books we read. You managed to keep in touch even after I moved to Western NC. I keep your beautifully made cards & treasured notes on my desk like you kept mine at your kitchen desk. Your faith especially inspired me and many I'm sure. I was blessed each time I called & listened to your message of "love, peace and joy" never to forgotten.

Love, Peace & Joy to family.

Dr Mary Anne Duffy Murphy NC

Thank you for the photo, you have a perfect smile. Enjoy being with Bob again, your best friend.

Mary Anne Duffy - April 10, 2024 at 10:09 AM

SC

“ JOAN WAS MY 2ND COUSIN. ROBBIE PLEASE CONTACT ME AT SARAHSALLYC@GMAIL.COM. MANY MEMORIES TO SHARE!

Sarah L. Cole - April 10, 2024 at 05:42 AM

CW

“ I worked closely with Joan in the late 90's. As the Evening Circulation Supervisor at F&M's Library, I started my day at 3pm and Joan and I overlapped daily until 4, and during that time she shared her library knowledge, her wit, and her wisdom. She was a joy to work with and learn from. My condolences to her family and friends.

-- Chris Weaver

Chris Weaver - April 09, 2024 at 02:56 PM

SS

“ To Joan's family, I was saddened this morning to read of Joan's death. She lived a long life and I'm sure is now looking down on all of us with joy. Having worked with Bob, I had the great pleasure to know both Bob and Joan personally. They were a wonderful couple and now are together again. God bless you and them.

Steve Senkowski

Steve Senkowski - April 09, 2024 at 06:58 AM

SL

“ Jennifer & family - I am so sorry to hear about your mother. Your smile looks like hers, and her spirit will shine forever in you. Your friend from Hartwick...Stephanie

Stephanie Lavenberg - April 09, 2024 at 06:41 AM