



Joanne H. Walmer

October 2, 2023

Joanne H. Walmer, 92, of Lancaster, PA and formerly of Elizabethtown, PA, passed away peacefully on Monday, October 2, 2023, bathed in sunlight and surrounded by her family at home. Born in Lebanon, PA, she was the daughter of the late Guy A. and Helen C. Hartman (Onofrey). She was the loving wife of the late Marlin S. Walmer for 48 years.

Joanne graduated from Lebanon Catholic High School in 1949 and attended Moravian College for Women in Bethlehem, PA. She stood behind the creation of Electron Energy Corporation in 1970, contributing to and closely following the company's growth and achievements for the next 53 years. With the untimely death of Marlin in 1999, she assumed the big role of a sole parent, pouring her characteristic love, wisdom, and grace into the foundation of her family. That role inspired her strength and joy in living well into her nineties.

Joanne was a former member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. She offered compassionate support to patients and families as a volunteer with Home Hospice through Lancaster's Hospice & Community Care.

Joanne cherished a lifetime of beautiful memories, from low-flying along the cliffs of scenic coastal California with her husband Marlin to walking on a glacier in Alaska with dear friends, to biting into Wilbur buds. She relished the

“golden hour” of first awakening each day. Her memories stretched to childhood—she loved to remember how her sister Annabelle would take her out for French fries and an orange drink. She loved to travel, from England to Fiji to Sedona, Arizona; through hilltop towns of Tuscany; to the Delaware beach and Jim Thorpe, PA; and to Alaska to fly fish with her sons. She maintained friendships around the world. She savored life and looked forward to weekly dinner nights with various members of her family. Joanne enjoyed car rides through Amish country, which often ended with her favorite icy treat, a coffee milkshake.

For many years, Joanne and Marlin held season tickets to Lancaster Symphony Orchestra concerts. After Marlin passed, Joanne found joy in inviting relatives and friends to join her, creating memories of many special nights out on the town.

Joanne was devoted to her family and friends, and she will be remembered for her deep warmth and humor. She also enjoyed taking time to read and listening to the birds. She cherished time in the woods at the family cabin in Huntingdon County, PA. She lived with an uncommon serenity and grace.

Joanne’s mother, Helen Hartman, waited until she was 30 years of age to be married because she did not want a large family. Joanne was one of nine.

She is survived by her children: Michael Walmer (Elizabeth Masciale-Walmer), Washington Boro, PA; Steven Walmer (Tisha), Newmanstown, PA; Ann de Vitry (Pierre), Columbia, PA; and David Walmer (Delores), Elizabethtown, PA. She is also survived by nine grandchildren: Carly Walmer Reiley (Alan), and Sofia and Maddalena Masciale-Walmer; Luke Walmer (Katie) and Samantha Walmer; Maya de Vitry, Monica de Vitry (Corey Nehlig), Lyle and Nina de Vitry; and four great-grandchildren: Landry and Nash Reiley, Luca Nehlig, Hadley Walmer; and siblings: John (Margaret) Hartman, Robert (Linda)

Hartman, Eleanor Ebright and Mary Carolyn Hartman. She was predeceased by siblings: Helen Clare Hartman, Annabelle Cikovic, Ethel Remlinger, Guy Hartman, and Edward Hartman.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Celebration of Life Service at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. with Reverend Malinda Clatterbuck officiating. The family will receive friends from 1:30 p.m. until the time of service. Private family interment will be held at the Elizabethtown Mennonite Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice & Community Care, 685 Good Drive, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



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“ *Joanne H. Walmer*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM

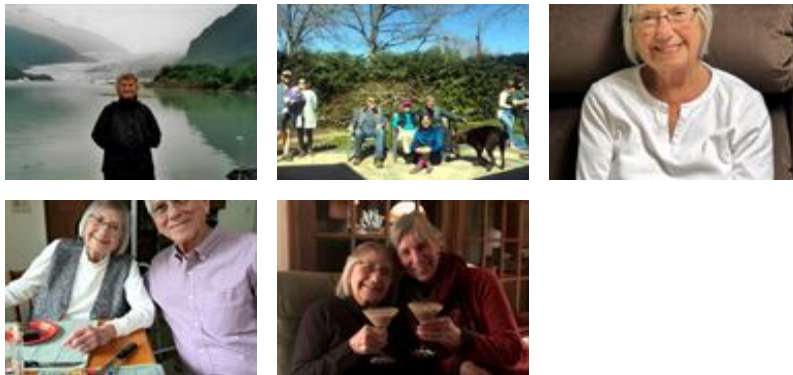
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“ I was so sorry to hear about Joanne's passing. Over the years it was always a special joy to see her at her daughter's house, or at one of her grandchildren's concerts. She was always warm and loving and so pleasant to talk to. I know her last few months have been difficult, but I hear her passing was peaceful and loving, just as she was. I'm sure she's in heaven telling everyone about her wonderful family. We'll see you there, Joanne. Give God a hug for me. God bless your sweet family. Sheila Stephanis

Sheila Mary Stephanis - October 16, 2023 at 01:41 PM



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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - October 16, 2023 at 12:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joanne H. Walmer.



October 16, 2023 at 10:57 AM

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kathy stanley - October 16, 2023 at 10:56 AM

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Christina Chen - October 15, 2023 at 10:09 AM

JJ

Special memories from Sendai, Japan. Sharing that time with Joanne and Conference friends in 2000 was a very special time. Joanne showered all of us with her kindness. Thanks for sharing these photos Christina!

Jo Jones

Jo Jones - October 19, 2023 at 11:48 PM



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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - October 13, 2023 at 04:57 PM

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“ *Remembering clearly the first time I saw Joanne. She had come to Kutztown State University to see Steve in a track meet. It was spring 1973. She was accompanied by Marlin and her granddaughter Carly. From the stands, I watched them enter the track and was very nervous, 19 years old, head over heels dating her son but would she approve? It was never a problem. I felt so accepted and fell head over heels for her too. Always so easy to love. Adios Joanne. Until we meet again.*

Tisha Walmer - October 12, 2023 at 11:00 PM

TH

“ *Rest in peace Aunt Joanne. Always will remember you as a kind & gentle woman. Your family was fortunate to have you in their lives.*

Tam Hartman-Motter - October 11, 2023 at 07:49 PM

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“ *Tam Hartman-Motter lit a candle in memory of Joanne H. Walmer*



Tam Hartman-Motter - October 11, 2023 at 07:45 PM

JS

“ AS ONE OF HER YOUNNGER BROTHERS IN A FAMILY OF NINE , THE ONE MEMORY I HAVE OF HER WAS WHEN GOING TO BED AFTER A GREAT DAY IN A BEAUTIFUL FAMILY. WE HAD ONLY THREE BEDROOMS AND SPACE WAS CLOSE. MY OLDER BROTHER BUD AND MYSELF SLEPT CLOSE TOGETHER. WE KNEW JOANNE WOULD COME AROUND TO ALL OF US IN PERSON AND SAY SPECIAL PRAYERS OVER US, THINKING WE WERE SLEEPING AT THE TIME. PRAYING THAT THE GOOD LORD WOULD WATGCH OVER US AT ALL TIMES. THIS WAS SPECIAL TO US ALL AND VERY SPECIAL TO ME, BECAUSE I KNEW SHE LOVED US ALL SWO VERY MUCH. WE ALL ATTENDED CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND RAISED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH BY OUR PARENTS. I ALWAYS FELT SO NVERY BLESSED BEING RAISED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH AND KNEW JOANNE FELT THE SAME AS THE REST OF DID. THROUGH OUT MY LIFE I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SO VERY BLESSED BY GOD, AND GIVING MUCH OF THAT TO JOANNE WHO PRAYED FOR US ALL DURING OUR YOUNGER DAYS BEING RAISED IN A BEAUTIFUL FAMILYAND OUR CATHOLIC FAITH. JOANNE, MY LIFE HAS BEEN SPARED MANY, MANY TIMES OVER THESE MANY YEARS BECAUSE OF THOSE PRAYERS YOU SAID FOR ME. LOVE YA SISTER JOANNE. GIVE OUR JACK A BIG HUG IN HEAVEN FOR US.

JACK AND SIS - October 11, 2023 at 06:51 PM

CW

My sincerest condolences to all the Walmer Clan. A life rich and full. Peace to you all. Charles Wertz, Lebanon, PA

Charles W Wertz - October 27, 2023 at 06:39 PM