



## Joyce Wilson Hartman

March 27, 2021

Joyce Wilson Hartman, 91, died at Lakeside at Willow Valley on Saturday, March 27, 2021 surrounded by her daughters. Born in Newport August 11, 1929, she was the daughter of James Mattern Wilson and Mary Jane Metz Wilson.

Joyce grew up in Newport with her six younger siblings. She excelled in school, dramatics, and sports, and enjoyed spending quiet time on the banks of the Juniata River. After finishing high school, she came to Lancaster where she trained at the nursing school of Lancaster General Hospital and met her husband, John W. Hartman. Together they raised seven daughters and enjoyed 58 years of marriage until John's death in 2009.

After completing her training as an RN, Joyce became a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, achieving a perfect score on her RN boards and the top score in the nation on her anesthesia boards. After a career of more than 35 years, Joyce retired in 1994, having worked at Lancaster General Hospital, Harrisburg Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital in Lancaster, and Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill. She was admired for her extraordinary calm under pressure, her rigorous attention to detail, and her compassionate care. She was named Holy Spirit's employee of the year in recognition of her professional excellence and extraordinary contributions to the hospital community.

An avid reader, Joyce pursued education throughout her life, taking courses part-time at Dickinson College, Penn State Capitol Campus, HACC, and Millersville University. In their retirement, she and John also enjoyed lectures, asynchronous courses, and travel study trips to Italy, China, England, and Scotland. She was particularly interested in art history, philosophy, history, and comparative religions.

Joyce sought, recognized, and appreciated beauty and goodness. She demonstrated in support of peace, and when the events of the world became unbearable, she co-founded a poetry group to create a community of insight, solace and comfort.

In her retirement, Joyce devoted herself to art, working particularly in watercolor, oil, and especially pastels. Her work was included in many juried shows and won awards from the Lancaster County Art Association, the York Art Association, the Pennsylvania Senior Citizens Show, and several summer arts festivals. She was part of a group of artists known as the West End Gang, and she was profiled in the Lancaster newspaper in 2008.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her daughter, Joan L. Hartman (Charlotte-Amalie, USVI), her parents (Duncannon), her brother, James M. Wilson, Jr. (Duncannon) and her sister, Sandra O'Rourke (Danville).

Joyce is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Gregg Sayre (Fairport, NY), Julia and Bruce Hunter (Potomac, MD), Rebecca Hartman and Jonathan Cooper (Cleveland, OH), Amy and Todd Nichols (Rochester, NY), Beth and Bill Plonk (Durham, NC), and Mary Hartman and Patrick Mooney (Burnaby, BC), by her grandchildren, Matthew Sayre, Katharine Hinkle, Margaret Connor, Annabel Hunter, Andrew Cooper, Bug Nichols, Ian Nichols, John Plonk, Natalie Plonk, Wilson Plonk, Lila Mooney, and Alex Mooney, and

by great-grandchildren, Lea and Arthur Sayre, Grace, Clara and Lila Hinkle, and Sullivan Connor. She is also survived by her sisters, Anne Wilson (Duncannon), Jean Gearhart (Duncannon), Hazel Wright (Lancaster), and Linda Goldhart (Duncannon) and by many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Joyce's life will be announced at a later date when we are able to gather.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name can be made to the Lancaster Public Library and/or to the Mathias J. Brunner Nursing Education Fund at Willow Valley, 100 Willow Valley Lakes Drive, Willow Street, PA 17584. (Make checks payable to Willow Valley Communities Brunner Scholarship Fund)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Wilson Hartman* ”

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**Mary Hartman** - April 03, 2021 at 10:16 PM



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**Amy Nichols** - April 02, 2021 at 11:13 AM

KP

“Joyce was such a kind and loving person. She also had a great sense of humor. Once a friend and I asked how she could always be so nice. She thought a second and said, “but I have unkind thoughts”.

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**Kaye Pulkrabek** - April 01, 2021 at 05:10 PM

NN

“Dear Susan, Julie, Rebecca, Amy, Beth, and Mary (and all your wonderful husbands),  
We were so saddened to learn of Joyce's passing today. She was a big part of your lives and we know you will miss her presence. She left a lasting impression on so many of us particularly her neighbors on Lancaster Avenue...always a smile, always a willing hand, and always her wonderful cooking. We love this photo of Joyce and think it was taken in Hunger N Thirst. It was wonderful when you would bring her for lunch! Hopefully there will be a time to honor her memory where we will get to hug each one of you. Sending blessings and love from Lancaster Avenue,  
Nancy, Sam, David and Andrew Neff

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**Nancy Neff** - March 31, 2021 at 06:52 PM

MH

On behalf of the Hartman clan, thank you so much, Nancy and all of the Neffs. We have such fond memories of all of the wonderful conversations we've had over the years on Lancaster Avenue, way back to Bert and Nellie's porch. You're quite right: the photo of Joyce was taken at Hunger N Thirst, one of her favorite places (and ours too). Sending love and gratitude,  
Mary

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**Mary Hartman** - April 01, 2021 at 01:48 PM

TF

“ I was saddened to read of the passing of a truly lovely lady, in every sense of the word. I was privileged to teach several of the Hartman girls when they attended Reynolds Jr. High School. I remember all of them with a warm heart and a deep gratefulness for all they contributed to my school life. Joyce wrote me a note following my attendance at a family funeral; I have kept the note in the back of a book of poetry by Kahlil Gibran, and I treasure it even more now that she is no longer with us.

*I send my deepest sympathy to her family, and I trust that they will feel God's peace and the warm friendship of family and those who loved and respected this fine lady.*

*Ted Fitzgerald*

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**Ted Fitzgerald** - March 31, 2021 at 12:49 PM

MH

*It's so lovely to see your name here, and I thank you on behalf of all of the Hartmans. We all have such fond memories of being your students, and we will always be grateful, Mr. Fitz. You were one of our all-time favorite teachers, and an inspiration. I've even gone into education myself, leading programming for Shakespeare theatres. You've also reached out to our family over the years, especially in our times of loss, and it's meant so much to us, as it does now. Thank you so much for your kindness, your care, and your generosity of spirit.*

*With great gratitude and warmest regards,  
Mary*

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**Mary Hartman** - April 01, 2021 at 02:00 PM

JS

*Girls  
Home addresses or emails please  
I would like to write a personal note to you  
My email...jmsharf@gmail.com  
Xoxo  
Jean*

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**jean sharf** - April 04, 2021 at 08:04 PM

SB

*To the Hartman's: apologies for the tardiness of my condolences. I was very sorry to read of the passing of your mother. Her legacy and heart live on through her family I am sure. Could you be so kind to send me Becky's contact information? I have had a card returned as non-deliverable to a wrong address. I am a former classmate at Reynolds and JPM. With deepest sympathy; may God somehow fill the void. Sincerely, Steve Brubaker, Steve.brubaker59@gmail.com*

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**steve brubaker** - April 17, 2021 at 07:51 AM