



Jo-Anne M. Brooks

March 14, 1931 - April 24, 2024

Jo-Anne M. Brooks, 93, of Mount Joy, passed away on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at Masonic Village, Elizabethtown. Born in Red Lion, she was the daughter of the late Carl E. and T. Romaine. (Tarbet) Dunnick. Jo-Anne was the wife of the late Charles W. Brooks who passed away on December 16, 2023.

Jo-Anne was a graduate of Elizabethtown High School class of 1949. She received her bachelor's degree from Lock Haven State Teachers College majoring in Health and Physical Education. Jo-Anne started her career at the former East Donegal Township High School and after the merger at the Donegal High School. Jo-Anne left teaching and later became very involved with the 4-H Seeing Eye Puppy Project. Over a period of 20 years, Jo-Anne helped organize and develop the program in Lancaster, Dauphin and Juniata counties. She was the leader of the Juniata club serving as the puppy educator. During that time, she raised 17 puppies, 13 of which became guide dogs in Morristown, NJ for blind individuals. Jo-Anne received a special award from the Dauphin County 4-H for her achievements.

Surviving is a son, Bradley Brooks, husband of Glenna of Missouri City, TX; two granddaughters, Maureen Brooks and Mallory Kretschmann (Scott); and a great grandchild, Audrey Kretschmann.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, Fred Dunnick, Phyllis Hossler, and Dorcas (Nomi) Dunnick.

A memorial service honoring Jo-Anne's life will be held at Trinity Lutheran

Church, 47 West Main Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552 on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 11 AM. Family and friends will be received at the church before the service from 10 AM to 11 AM. Interment will follow at Mount Joy Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Seeing Eye, P.O. Box 375, Morristown, NJ 07963-0375.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
47 W Main St
Mount Joy, PA 17552
<https://trinitymountjoy.org/>

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Tribute Wall

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Katherine Queitzsch - May 03, 2024 at 01:13 PM

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Katherine Queitzsch - May 03, 2024 at 12:59 PM

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“ Katherine Queitzsch lit a candle in memory of Jo-Anne M. Brooks



Katherine Queitzsch - May 01, 2024 at 06:40 PM

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Katherine Queitzsch - May 01, 2024 at 06:32 PM

GB

Thank you for sharing your pictures! Mom always spoke fondly of you

Glenna Brooks - May 03, 2024 at 09:00 PM

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Katherine Queitzsch - May 01, 2024 at 06:16 PM

“ I met Jo-Anne in 1993 when I worked for Penn State Extension in Juniata County, PA. I was the 4-H Program Coordinator and I had contacted The Seeing Eye about starting a 4-H Seeing Eye Puppy Raising Club in our county. They gave me the phone number for Jo-Anne Brooks who lived in Juniata County at the time. She already had many years of experience raising Seeing Eye puppies and was as enthusiastic about starting a local club as I was.

We quickly became close friends through the planning process and kickoff of the new club. Jo-Anne and I were co-leaders of the Juniata County 4-H Seeing Eye Puppy Club, and I soon acquired my first puppy, a GS named Zorro, and my first child, a daughter named Caitlin-almost at the same time! Our friendship extended to our spouses, Charlie and Chuck, and then to my children, Caitlin, and later Bryan. Jo-Anne and Charlie became godparents, and an extra set of grandparents to our children. We all shared the same love for animals and the great outdoors, and spent a lot of time hiking through Charlie and Jo-Anne's woods with Seeing Eye puppies and small children in tow. Jo-Anne taught the kids all kinds of woodland knowledge, and Charlie delighted Caitlin by letting her help him with his horses.

Jo-Anne was also an expert woodcarver and gifted us with many of her carvings-which decorate our homes to this day! She even got Caitlin started in the craft.

The Seeing Eye Puppy Club was a great hit, and thanks to Jo-Anne's expert puppy training skills, we raised many wonderful puppies who went on to become outstanding dog guides. Under Jo-Anne's tutelage, scores of 4-Hers not only learned dog care, but also kindness and selfless giving when they turned over their beloved puppies to those who needed them more.

Our whole family was broken-hearted when Jo-Anne and Charlie sold their cabin in the woods and moved to Mt Joy. And we are broken hearted to say good-bye again to our dear friends, Jo-Anne and Charlie Brooks. We send all our love and prayers to Bradley,

Glenna, Mallory, Maureen and great granddaughter, Audrey.



Katherine Queitzsch - May 01, 2024 at 06:11 PM

 CJ
White

“ *Jo-Anne's little cabin in the woods housed many of my favorite childhood memories - days spent combing the forest for sassafras and cicada shells to eat, countless hours on the porch learning to carve birds, afternoon snacks of soft molasses-y gingerbread, collecting sour autumn apples for the horses... Even the chickenpox summer and the Great Hornet Incident. She was godmother, mentor, and friend, and the things she taught me will stay with me forever.*

CJ White - April 29, 2024 at 10:44 AM

GB

Hi CJ- mom was so happy to share those times with you. She spoke about you often and was very proud of you!

Glenna Brooks - May 03, 2024 at 09:03 PM

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“ I appreciate so much the guidance Jo-Anne gave the Juniata County Seeing Eye Puppy Club. She was there to share the rewards and the heartbreaks. The young puppy raisers in club were not always happy with the advice she gave. 🙄 Jo-Anne’s goal was a properly raised future guide dog which she knew in the end would make a happy and proud puppy raiser.

*With love, three generations of the Swartz Family
Jean, Jim, Farley and Ava*

Betty Jean Swartz - April 29, 2024 at 10:02 AM

ER

“ Jo-Anne and I shared a love for The Seeing Eye. She was in the Lancaster Club when I got my first puppy in 1984. She was so welcoming and became a wonderful mentor. When she told me she was currently raising her fourth dog, I was flabbergasted! We went on to become good friends and we spent a lot of time together. When she moved to Juniata, my family and I would take our camper up to her cabin and spend the weekend with her and Charlie and the dogs. We roamed the woods, ate good food, and just sat around and laughed. What wonderful times and wonderful memories. She was indeed instrumental in starting the Dauphin and Juniata puppy clubs. She leaves behind a wonderful Legacy.

Ellen Russell - April 28, 2024 at 10:33 AM

GB

Thank you, Ellen. It was nice to meet you.

Glenna Brooks - May 03, 2024 at 09:06 PM

ER

I am so glad I got to meet you, Bradley and your lovely daughter and put names to faces after all these years. My sincere condolences to you all.

Ellen Russell - May 05, 2024 at 05:50 PM

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“ *Ellen Russell lit a candle in memory of Jo-Anne M. Brooks*



Ellen Russell - April 28, 2024 at 10:28 AM