



## Joan B. Wolgemuth

January 1, 1933 - October 16, 2022

As of Oct. 16, '22, Joan Byer Wolgemuth, 89, of Mount Joy rests, with the Giver of Life: Jesus. She is redeemed.

Joan was born in CA, to Glen and Miriam Byer on New Years Day, '33. Her childhood was spent on the Kansas prairie enjoying sewing, basketball, drama and debate.

Joan received a teaching degree at Upland College and first taught school in Ontario, CA. A desire for adventure and mission led her to the desert of New Mexico, where she taught at Navajo BIC School. There, she met her soulmate, H. Earl Wolgemuth. Joan followed her husband to Mount Joy, where they farmed and started a family; sowing deep roots into their church and community. She gave of herself as a farmer's wife, mother, teacher and secretary. She volunteered many places with Earl, including the Mount Joy Thrift Shop and Meals on Wheels.

Joan enjoyed reading and then listening to audiobooks when her vision failed. She had an exceptional memory and loved to explain exactly how people were connected or related. She and Earl traveled to 49 states and 7 continents. They were active Gideons, and shared a love of hymns and the scriptures.

Even in her final hours, Joan showed her caring heart by expressing thanks and gratitude for her family, and those who cared for her; Bonnie, Sunshine, LuFang, and many others.

Joan loved her children: Eric(Emily) Wolgemuth, Rudy(Reba) Wolgemuth, and

Kaye(Kirby) Umholtz; grandchildren: Winston(Amanda) Wolgemuth, Juston Wolgemuth, Rodney Wolgemuth, Regan(Alan) Stoner, Heather(Jared) Whitesel, Anna Umholtz, and Gabriel(Kelsey) Umholtz; and 3 great-grandchildren: Hiram, Ethel, and Judah.

Joan is also survived by 3 siblings: Elaine (Tom) Reed of CA; Shirley (Pat) Grimes of ID, and Dale (Monique) Byer of VA.

A celebration of Joan's life will be held at CrossRoads Church, Mount Joy, PA on Saturday, Nov. 12. Service time is 11am, with visitation before and after: beginning at 9:30.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **12.** 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Cross Roads Church  
800 Donegal Springs Road  
Mount Joy, PA 17552

## Memorial Service

NOV **12.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LA

“ *My Sunshine ☀️ what a pleasure to have met such a wonderful dedicated spiritual friend who made my mornings something to look forward to and throughout the day! Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your life... until we meet again*  
*Love always,*  
*Lisa aka “Sunshine” 🥰*

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**Lisa Allen** - November 09, 2022 at 08:55 PM

RP

“ *What a remarkable woman Joan was. I will never forget her contagious smile and laugh as well as how much she loved our Lord. I always remember her birthday of January 1st as she often said that she was hoping to be born in 1932 instead of 1933. My thoughts and prayers are with her family during the days and months ahead. God bless all of you.*

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**Randall and Candace Pierce** - November 07, 2022 at 12:15 PM

BL

“ *We have fond memories of Joan. We were neighbors at MJCH for about 10 years. Blessings to you Earl and all the family. Bob and June Lancaster*

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**boBob & June Lancaster** - November 01, 2022 at 01:07 PM

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“ *Such an amazing lady! Will always be thankful to have known Joan. My fondest memory....playing "Words With Friends" and a fierce competitor in Scrabble. Am sure you are smiling widely sitting at the right hand of God.*

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**Sandy Stehman** - October 24, 2022 at 08:12 PM