

Celebration of Life
M. Joanna Hoffman

09-04-1932 – 12-10-2025
93 yrs, 3 mos. 6 days

Prelude: "Lord Listen to Your Children Praying" Ken Medema
"His Eye is on the Sparrow" arr. Jack Schrader
Granddaughter Kristen Hoffman, pianist

Welcome: Rev. Chris Whitacre

Special Music: "The Heavens are Telling"
Nancy Miner, piano; Ellen Gilbert, organ

Invocation

Special Music: "Great is the Lord" Michael W. Smith, arr. Tom Fettke
Granddaughters;
Amy Hoffman, Julia Hoffman Santillan, Anna Wagoner

Scripture and Poetry are read by grandchildren;
Johanna, Sarah, Jeremy, and Matt

Scripture Reading: Psalm 103:1-5

Congregational Hymn: "On Eagle's Wings" #596

Scripture Reading: I Thessalonians 5:11, 13b-24

Congregational Hymn: "The Lord's Prayer" Albert Hay Malotte

Sharing: From Herb Smith, friend and colleague of Joanna and Paul

Special Music: "Jesus Loves Me - O How He Loves You and Me"
Susan Warner/William Bradbury
Sung by the grandchildren and great-grandchildren

Family Sharing: son John Hoffman

Congregational Hymn: "My Life Flows On" vs. 1 and 3 #580

Family Sharing: son Jim Hoffman

Congregational Hymn: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" vs. 1 and 3 #575

Family Sharing: son Dan Hoffman

Special Music: "The Lost Chord" Arthur Sullivan
Amy Hoffman, vocalist; Ellen Gilbert, piano

Poetry: "Autumn Beauty"

Congregational Hymn: "In the Bulb there is a Flower" #614

Sending Blessing

Postlude

2024 Hoffman Christmas
Joan's last family Christmas

John and Deb (deceased) Wagoner

Anna Wagoner and Hoyette Harris, Sky, Jayce, Baylee,
Blayne, Axtyn, Chloe

Jeff and Elizabeth Krehbiel, Matthew, Nathan, Laura

Michael Wagoner

Steven Wagoner

Dan and Dawn Hoffman

David Hoffman

Amy Hoffman, Delle

Matt and Abby Hoffman, Brody, Mya, Payton, Avery

John and Sandy Hoffman

Levi and Sarah Mason, Miriam, Titus

Julia Santillan, Fabian, Genevieve, Ophelia (deceased)

Jeremy and Ambar Hoffman, Adelaide, Brielle

Samuel (deceased)

Jim and Lisa Hoffman

Kristen Hoffman (fiancé Ryan Wilson)

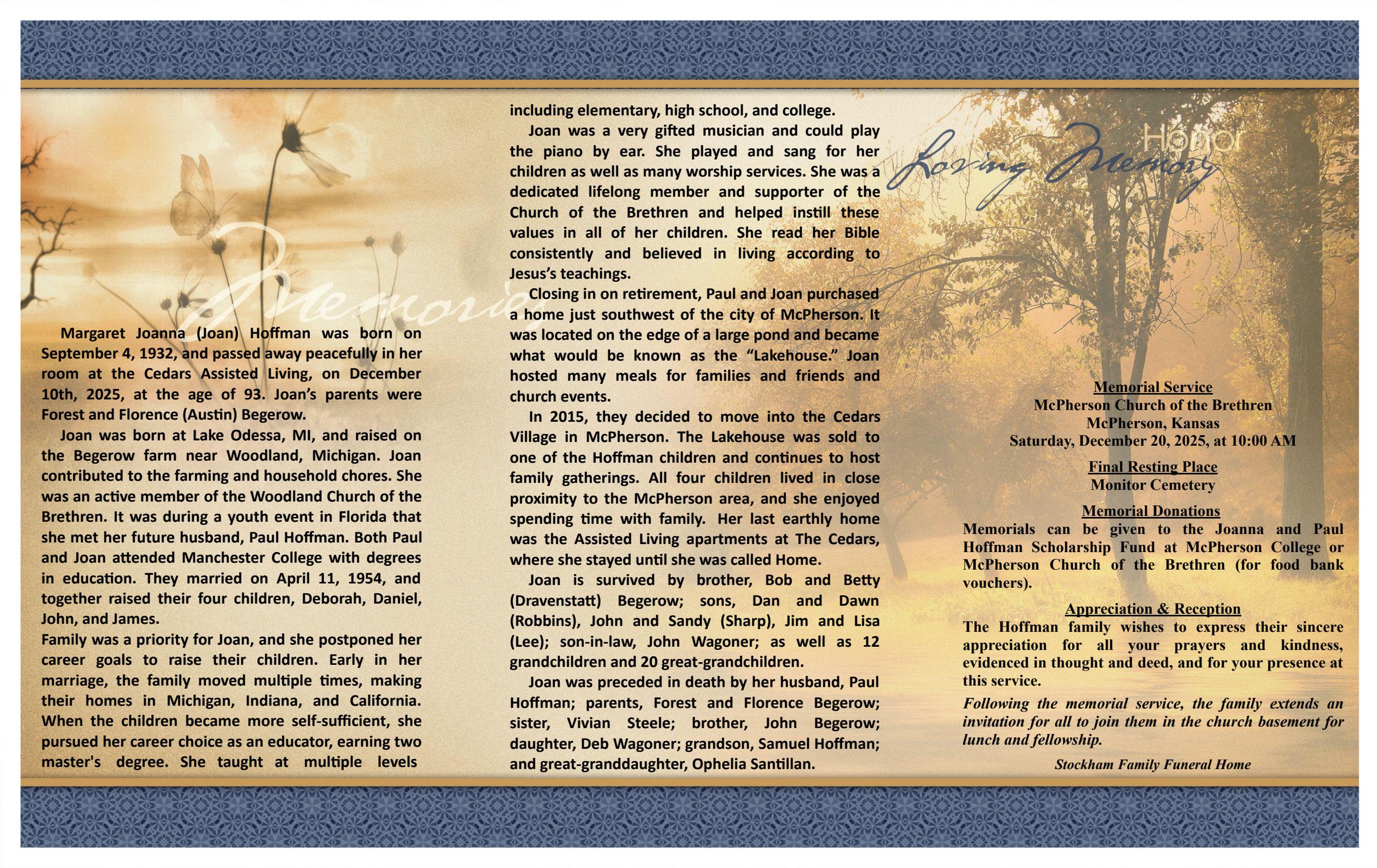
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In Loving Memory
M. Joanna Hoffman



September 4, 1932 - December 10, 2025

The background of the page features a soft-focus image of trees with golden leaves, suggesting an autumn setting. The words "Loving Memory" and "Honor" are written in a large, elegant, cursive script across the top right. The word "Memorial" is written in a large, white, serif font across the middle left. The text is arranged in columns, with the main biographical text on the left and the service details on the right.

Margaret Joanna (Joan) Hoffman was born on September 4, 1932, and passed away peacefully in her room at the Cedars Assisted Living, on December 10th, 2025, at the age of 93. Joan's parents were Forest and Florence (Austin) Begerow.

Joan was born at Lake Odessa, MI, and raised on the Begerow farm near Woodland, Michigan. Joan contributed to the farming and household chores. She was an active member of the Woodland Church of the Brethren. It was during a youth event in Florida that she met her future husband, Paul Hoffman. Both Paul and Joan attended Manchester College with degrees in education. They married on April 11, 1954, and together raised their four children, Deborah, Daniel, John, and James.

Family was a priority for Joan, and she postponed her career goals to raise their children. Early in her marriage, the family moved multiple times, making their homes in Michigan, Indiana, and California. When the children became more self-sufficient, she pursued her career choice as an educator, earning two master's degree. She taught at multiple levels

including elementary, high school, and college.

Joan was a very gifted musician and could play the piano by ear. She played and sang for her children as well as many worship services. She was a dedicated lifelong member and supporter of the Church of the Brethren and helped instill these values in all of her children. She read her Bible consistently and believed in living according to Jesus's teachings.

Closing in on retirement, Paul and Joan purchased a home just southwest of the city of McPherson. It was located on the edge of a large pond and became what would be known as the "Lakehouse." Joan hosted many meals for families and friends and church events.

In 2015, they decided to move into the Cedars Village in McPherson. The Lakehouse was sold to one of the Hoffman children and continues to host family gatherings. All four children lived in close proximity to the McPherson area, and she enjoyed spending time with family. Her last earthly home was the Assisted Living apartments at The Cedars, where she stayed until she was called Home.

Joan is survived by brother, Bob and Betty (Dravenstatt) Begerow; sons, Dan and Dawn (Robbins), John and Sandy (Sharp), Jim and Lisa (Lee); son-in-law, John Wagoner; as well as 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Hoffman; parents, Forest and Florence Begerow; sister, Vivian Steele; brother, John Begerow; daughter, Deb Wagoner; grandson, Samuel Hoffman; and great-granddaughter, Ophelia Santillan.

Memorial Service

McPherson Church of the Brethren
McPherson, Kansas
Saturday, December 20, 2025, at 10:00 AM

Final Resting Place Monitor Cemetery

Memorial Donations

Memorials can be given to the Joanna and Paul Hoffman Scholarship Fund at McPherson College or McPherson Church of the Brethren (for food bank vouchers).

Appreciation & Reception

The Hoffman family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for all your prayers and kindness, evidenced in thought and deed, and for your presence at this service.

Following the memorial service, the family extends an invitation for all to join them in the church basement for lunch and fellowship.

Stockham Family Funeral Home