



Anna M. Hoffman

February 21, 1928 - April 4, 2018

Anna Blyler Hoffman, 90, of Gratz, passed unexpectedly on April 4th, 2018 while doing what she loved, working in her office. She was the wife of the late Roland Hoffman.

Born on February 21st, 1928, in Valley View, Anna Mae was the youngest of thirteen children of John and Agnes (Troutman) Blyler. Growing up on the farm with her siblings, she embraced the values of hard work and generosity.

While at Hegins High, Anna took up the tuba with a nudge from the then infill band director Ray "Brownie" Brown. She also excelled in art class, painting many practice portraits of friends and family and nature scenes. Anna continued to paint and exhibit throughout her life. Her love of music and art was passed along to her children.

Anna married Roland "Zip" Hoffman February 16th, 1956. She first wooed the Gratz townner, just back from WWII, at Humbugs. Throughout their lives, Anna and Zip enjoyed road trips to California, snowmobile adventures to Potter County with family and friends and working side by side at their business, Hoffman Hatchery. In 1946, with an incubator from Sears and Roebuck and a flock of geese she gathered from Valley View farmers, Anna founded Blyler Hatchery, later moving to Gratz and becoming Hoffman Hatchery.

Anna is survived by a son and two daughters, John Hoffman and wife Carla, Jan Hoffman and husband David Woodward, Patti Coleman and husband Shawn; five beloved grandchildren, Eston, Katie, Maggie, Eli and Dylan; six sweet great-grandchildren, Hayley, Ava, Percy, Colin, Astraea and Fyfe; a sister Pearl Schadel and many extended family members. Her husband, Roland J. Hoffman passed away in 2007.

A Celebration of Anna's life will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 11:00am at the James A. Reed Funeral Home, Pillow. Visitation with family and friends will be from 10:00am to 11:00am also at the Funeral Home.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions should be made to The Gratz Area Fire Company, South Center Street, Gratz, PA 17030.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

James A. Reed Funeral Home
137 Market Street
PO Box 8
Pillow, PA 17080

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

BK

“ John, Jan,& Pat, Your mom was such an amazing person. Starting her own business as a single woman in the 1940's and expanding her business to what it is today. She was known in the community for her generosity, kindness and insight. I am very fortunate to have grown up next door to her and to be excepted as one of the family. Rest In Peace Anna. Beverly Koppenhaver

Beverly Koppenhaver - April 15, 2018 at 02:17 PM

GH

“ Gene & Marilyn Headdings lit a candle in memory of Anna M. Hoffman



Gene & Marilyn Headdings - April 10, 2018 at 07:23 PM

BL

“ Bob And Cathy Leitzel lit a candle in memory of Anna M. Hoffman



Bob and Cathy Leitzel - April 10, 2018 at 05:59 PM

TU

“ Patti, Shawn and family....so sorry to hear of your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Tim & Kaye Uhler

Tim & Kaye Uhler - April 08, 2018 at 06:19 PM

LL

“ *Lisa Y LaSalle And Larry Lettich lit a candle in memory of Anna M. Hoffman*



Lisa Y LaSalle and Larry Lettich - April 06, 2018 at 08:50 AM

SB

“ *Sara Blyler lit a candle in memory of Anna M. Hoffman*



Sara Blyler - April 05, 2018 at 10:05 PM

KD

“ *Kay And Dwight Davis lit a candle in memory of Anna M. Hoffman*



Kay and Dwight Davis - April 05, 2018 at 04:37 PM

AD

“ John, Jan, Patti and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. There are so many great memories to share of the bond we had among ourselves growing up with your mom and dad. She was my "second mom" growing up! She always counted me as "one of the family". She was a good neighbor and friend and will never be forgotten. Just know that I will hold the memories deep in my heart and that all of you will be in my prayers during this time of sorrow. God Bless!

Audrey Dickinson - April 05, 2018 at 01:31 PM