



Joanna Easterly Hoffman

March 18, 1953 - June 4, 2025

Joanna Easterly Hoffman, 72, of Austin, Texas passed away on June 4 after a brief but fierce battle with brain cancer.

Joanna was born in Gilmer, Texas to Joe and Ruth Easterly (née Pope). She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Tom, and her sons, Andrew and Mark. She worked as a medical technologist in Hematology at Seton Medical Center for nearly 20 years and was a longtime member of Covenant Presbyterian Church, where she was a faithful attendee of the Sarah-Elizabeth Bible Study Circle, volunteered with the VISIONS program, and served several terms as Treasurer for the Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team.

Joanna passed away at home, in the house shaded by trees she planted. She was an avid gardener and animal lover who rescued cats and took joy in watching the birds that visited her backyard feeder and bath. Her care and devotion to her garden withstood even the greatest forces of nature-only Joanna's good nature could convince city construction crews to quietly join her side and outsmart bureaucracy to save neighborhood trees.

Joanna was a wonderful cook and always generous in feeding friends and family-those who have had her chocolate sheet cake will attest. Her recipes, complete with her own handwritten tips and tweaks, live on in the kitchens of friends, family, and her sons. She loved teaching others in the kitchen, especially young cooks just starting out.

Joanna faced life's challenges with grace, humor, and a fierce commitment to the people she loved. She was more likely to ask about your troubles than to dwell on her own. Her spirit lives on in the lives she touched and the beauty she created. To know her was to be cared for.

A memorial service will be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church on July 26, 2025 at 3 PM with a reception to follow.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **26**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Covenant Presbyterian Church
3003 Northland Dr.
Austin, TX 78757

There will be a reception immediately following the Memorial Service in the Fellowship and Education Building. All are welcome.

Tribute Wall

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“ Our deepest condolences to the entire family. Joanna was a neighbor and a good friend. We always shared good conversation sprinkled with laughter. She definitely was our go to source for our landscaping and trees. We were lucky to be a recipient of her delicious treats as well. We will always remember Joanna as a caretaker of humans and nature. May her memory be for a blessing.

Sharon Golden - July 09, 2025 at 07:36 PM

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“ Joanna and I became friends when our sons were in pre-school at Trinity Presbyterian Church in NE Austin some 36 years ago. We fumbled our way (me, more than Joanna) through helping to find sponsors for our school's fundraiser, Saturday with Santa. I will never forget Joanna's grace, wit, competence, and selflessness in the face of her ongoing (even then) health challenges. Andrew, Mark, and Tom--I remember how deeply she loved you and delighted in you, and I am so sorry for your loss. -- Ellen Jockusch (formerly McDonald)

Ellen Jockusch - June 27, 2025 at 08:24 AM