



Joan H. Fisher

August 7, 1923 - March 6, 2026

Delmar, NY-Joan Hoffman Fisher, 102, passed away gently, in the comfort of her home, surrounded by her children, on Friday morning, March 6, 2026.

A lifelong resident of Albany, Joan was born on August 7, 1923, the eldest child of Joseph and Nora Sullivan Hoffman. She grew up in the city's South End and attended Our Lady Help of Christians School and Vincentian Institute, where she graduated top of her class, and then completed her Bachelor's degree at Albany State Teachers College (now UAlbany) on scholarship. After college, our math-wiz mom went to work at GE in Schenectady, but chose to leave her career to become a full-time wife and mother when she married our dad, Ray Fisher, in 1948.

Mom was an avid competitive Bridge player until well into her 90s, having achieved the rank of a Ruby Life Master. She belonged to Wolferts Roost Country Club for over 50 years, where she formed many endearing friendships and enjoyed golf, dinners, and dances. She famously ran the eponymous Joan Fisher Pools during March Madness (Go Marquette!), PGA tournaments, the Super Bowl, and the legs of the Triple Crown. In later years, Mom loved her daily crosswords, scrabble games, and cryptograms, and even as her ability to read and remember waned, she was spelling words like "fiduciary" and "apocryphal" until the day before she died. Mom was a gentle fun-loving soul, with a flair for hospitality, and what a difference that made in

our lives.

Mom was predeceased by our beloved dad, J. Raymond Fisher, in 1998, and our brothers, Stephen in 2019 and Harold John in 1950. Her best friend and sister Jean Garry, brother Joe Hoffman, brother-in-law Jack Garry, and son-in-law Tom Neidl also went before her. Mom's five surviving children and their families celebrate her legacy: Linda Neidl, Jay and Denise Fisher, Barbara and Mark Lyons, Nancy and John Driscoll, and Betsy and Bill Ryan. She was a most excellent and generous Mimi for more than 50 years to her fifteen grandchildren and their partners: Ben (Cyndy), Jess (Bill), Chris (Reena), and Phoebe (Paul) Neidl; Kate (Jared), Sarah (Ashwin), and Matt Fisher; James and Michael (Lizzie) Manzione; John (Genevieve), Kerry, and Bridget (Joseph) Driscoll; and Grace and Wil (Kim) Ryan, and Jayne (Mike) Callahan. Mom was a proud great-grandmother to Annabelle, Eloise, Lucy, Som, and Haroun Neidl; George Hamill; Logan and Jameson Stutesman; Sam and Alex Fisher; Dorothy, Raymond, and Vincent Manzione; and Duke and Nora Callahan. She also leaves her sister-in-law Joyce Hoffman and many nieces, nephews, and cousins to remember her with love and affection.

Just as she did for us, we would have done anything for our mom, and we are so grateful to have been able to care for her at home. It was our joy and privilege to do so. Special thanks to Dr. Barbara Hauser and her office manager Jennifer Manziano for their many years of attentive care; her dedicated Hospice team Erin Nickel, Nicole Saunders, and Rebecca Porsia; and to Bibi Ramdihall and Antoinette Welch, her most gifted and compassionate aides. Their loving support meant the world to her and to us.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Joan's family Tuesday, March 10, 2026 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Funeral services Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 10:30 am at the Parish of Mater Christi, 40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way), Albany, NY 12208 where her Funeral Mass will be celebrated. Mass can be viewed through the Parish web site.

The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately following the Mass.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Those who wish may send contributions in our mom's name to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, NENY Chapter, 455 Patroon Creek Blvd., Suite 108, Albany, NY 12206 or www.cff.org.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
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<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

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Funeral Mass

MAR 11. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan H. Fisher*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - March 09 at 02:52 PM

AB

“ *Antoinette & Bibi purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Joan H. Fisher.*



Antoinette & Bibi - March 10 at 12:58 PM

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“ *Antoinette & Bibi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan H. Fisher.*

Antoinette & Bibi - March 10 at 12:58 PM

LB

“ *Love, Kelly Wolf and Dick Byrnes purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joan H. Fisher.*



Love, Kelly Wolf and Dick Byrnes - March 10 at 10:49 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan H. Fisher.*



March 10 at 09:36 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joan H. Fisher.

March 10 at 09:36 AM



“ *Maggie McCormick Dallal and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joan H. Fisher.*



Maggie McCormick Dallal and Family - March 09 at 05:40 PM



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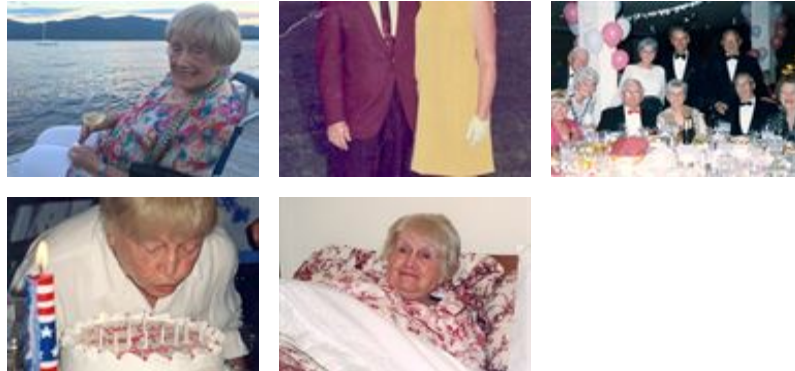


“ *Jess, so sorry to hear of your Grandmother's passing. But what a wonderful life and legacy! Sending peaceful thoughts to you and your family at this time. Mary Maloy Bryan*

Mary Bryan - March 09 at 03:24 PM



“ 219 files added to the album LifeTributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - March 09 at 02:44 PM

RJ

“ Dear Jay, I offer you and the members of the extended Fisher family my prayers and sympathy on the passing of your mother Joan. Growing up as we did in the Saint Catherine of Siena (now Mater Christi) parish and attending its elementary school (class of 1965) and later Christian Brothers Academy (class of 1969), where also our late fathers were classmates (1940), forged bonds and family memories which even a half century does not diminish. May you and your family be comforted by many wonderful memories of your mother in life and be confident that her love for all of you endures in eternal life.

— Robert G. Conway, Jr., from Augusta, GA

Robert G. Conway, Jr. - March 09 at 01:37 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan H. Fisher.



March 09 at 10:31 AM

TF

“ *The Hard Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joan H. Fisher.*



The Hard Family - March 08 at 06:25 PM

ED

“ *Earl, Tina, Stephen, Jenn and Dylan purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joan H. Fisher.*



Earl, Tina, Stephen, Jenn and Dylan - March 08 at 02:44 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Joan H. Fisher.*



March 08 at 01:02 PM

Jl

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire Family.
Let the cherished memories of Joan cover you like a warm blanket
on a chilly morning.
LUV- Joe I*

Joe I - March 08 at 12:50 PM

GF

“ *My deepest condolences to the Fisher family. Many fond memories of your mom growing up in the neighborhood. Gerry Finn*

Gerry Finn - March 08 at 10:13 AM

DH

On behalf of the entire Hard Family, we certainly send our most deepest sympathies and condolences to the entire Fisher Family. Our beloved Aunt Joan was a super Aunt. Aunt Joan as well as Uncle Ray always attended our birthdays, graduations, weddings and many other special occasions. Our childhood was definitely filled with many fun times we spent with Aunt Joan and Uncle Ray as well as the entire family. Those times we were definitely privileged to enjoy dearly, and those times will always remain deep within my heart and soul always and forever and well beyond eternity. Aunt Joan clearly lived her blessed life to the fullest. She loved life more than life itself. God bless you Aunt Joan and continue to enjoy heaven. With lots and lots of love ❤️ ❤️ ❤️ on behalf of the entire Hard Family,

Douglas Hard - March 08 at 06:52 PM

VS

*We offer our condolences to the Fisher family.
Chester, Barbara and Valerie Sowinski*

Valerie Sowinski - March 10 at 09:56 PM