



# Joan G. Baumgartner

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**J**oan G. Baumgartner, 88, of Lorain, Ohio, passed away peacefully after a long journey with Alzheimer's disease on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at Amherst Manor.

Born on August 31, 1936, in Lorain, she was the beloved daughter of Joseph and Eunice (nee Schiller) Gethin. Joan graduated from Lorain High School in 1958 and pursued her passion for education at Kent State University, where she earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education.

She dedicated her career to shaping young minds as a much beloved elementary school teacher for Lorain City Schools from 1962 until her retirement in 1998. Joan was a faithful and devoted member of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lorain. She also found fulfillment in volunteer work, serving as a Red Coat Volunteer at the Cleveland Playhouse, Church Bell Choir and as a driver for Meals on Wheels, offering her kindness and support to those in need.

Joan had a love for travel, and found joy in flower gardening, scrapbooking, crafting and engaging with friends in her bridge and book clubs. Above all, she cherished the time spent with her family, especially her beloved grandchildren and her loyal dogs.

She is survived by her three sons, Paul Baumgartner of Vermilion, Mark (Carrie) Baumgartner of Lexington, South Carolina, and John Baumgartner of Lorain; her daughter-in-law, Stacy Baumgartner; and her treasured grandchildren, Devin Baumgartner, Brent Baumgartner, Vanessa Stacey, and five beloved grandchildren in South Carolina.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Eunice Gethin; her granddaughter, Ella Joan Baumgartner; her sister, Sheila (nee Gethin) Weber; brother-in-law, Edward P. Weber; and her former spouse, Paul Baumgartner Sr., in 2010.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Joan's life on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at First Lutheran Church, 1019 W. 5th Street, Lorain, Ohio. Visitation will take place from 9:00 a.m. to



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11:00 a.m., followed by a funeral service and luncheon at 11:00 a.m., officiated by Rev. Shari Ayers.

A family graveside service will follow at Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in Joan's memory to the First Evangelical Lutheran Church or the Lorain County Free Clinic. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.dovinreberjones.com](http://www.dovinreberjones.com). Joan's love, kindness, and dedication to family and community will forever be remembered and cherished.



# Events

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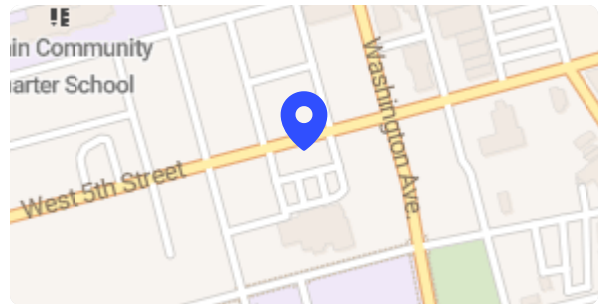
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## Visitation

**Thursday**, April 24, 2025

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

**First Lutheran Church**  
1019 West 5th Street, Lorain OH

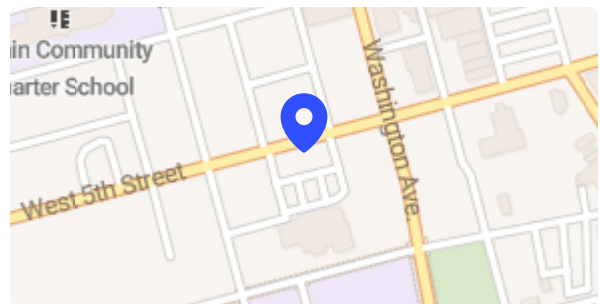


## Funeral Service

**Thursday**, April 24, 2025

11:00 AM ET

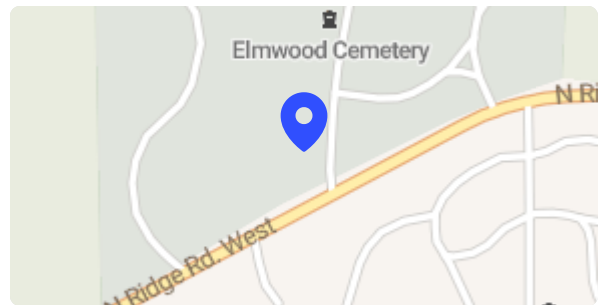
**First Lutheran Church**  
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## Cemetery Details

**Elmwood Cemetery**  
640 N. Ridge Rd., Lorain OH 44053

**440-233-5115**





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NC

**Natalie Ceja** posted:

So sorry to learn Joanie passed away. She was a classmate and a club friend. May her memory be eternal. Natalie (Kostelny) and Tony Ceja

April 13 at 2:10 PM

SA

**Sandy** posted:

So very sorry for your loss John. Sending love and prayers to you and your family Sandy and Gay Dickinson

April 10 at 7:48 AM

GJ

**Gloria Johnson** posted:

Sending condolences to all of Joan's family. I have wonderful memories of Joan at church activities and sharing many field trip adventures with her school groups. She was so much fun and was respected and admired by her students and all that knew her. May your memories of this spunky, wonderful lady comfort you during this difficult time.

April 5 at 8:59 AM

LF

**Lynn Floyd** posted:

One time when Joan visited you she stayed the nights with Cliff and I since we just lived up the street. One time we took her to the Opera House in Newberry, SC and we all enjoyed our time together. The performance was grand and she even bought a CD --one for her and one for us. She was a lot of fun and we enjoyed her so much! We have fond memories of her! Cliff and Lynn Floyd.

April 4 at 7:23 PM

JF

**John Ferraro** posted:

John, My deepest condolences to you and your family. It's always hard saying good bye, but having fond memories is the gift we get in return.

April 3 at 1:11 PM



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**Sandra Payne** posted:

Awww! I'm so very sorry for your loss! I am so glad I had the opportunity to meet Joan! We had a lovely afternoon together with John playing the piano for her in the lobby of Amherst Manor. Sending love and condolences to the family!

April 2 at 6:01 PM



**Liz Roman** posted:

John, I'm so sorry to hear this. I only met your mom a few times but it was easy to see what a wonderful person she was. You took amazing care of her and your dedication to your mom was a beautiful example for us all.

April 2 at 5:29 PM



**Debra Barbitta** posted:

Sorry for you loss

April 2 at 2:37 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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