



JoHannah Reardon

July 20, 1953 - February 4, 2021

JoHannah Reardon, 67, wife of Brad Reardon, went home to be with the Lord on February 4, 2021. She was surrounded by Brad and her three children, Jason, Anna, and Lindsey.

Born July 20, 1953 in Paxton, Illinois, she was the daughter of William and Anna Mae Thompson. JoHannah grew up in the Paxton/Loda area near many members of her family. She graduated college with a Home Economics degree from Illinois State University. During college, she met her husband Brad, and they went on staff together for Cru (formally Campus Crusade for Christ) where they served in Illinois, Indiana, and North Carolina. After Brad graduated from seminary, they moved to Sycamore, IL where they helped start the Evangelical Free Church of Sycamore and DeKalb (now Crossview). JoHannah loved the church and enjoyed serving through singing, child care, and leading Bible studies. During their time in Sycamore, JoHannah worked in the office and as daycare director at Cornerstone Christian Academy. She also did freelance writing and editorial jobs. JoHannah is a published author of 14 books, including *No More Fear*. She created and edited hundreds of Bible studies while working at Christianity Today. She was a member and editor for Redbud Writer's Guild. JoHannah enjoyed traveling internationally, visiting Costa Rica, China, England, and the Philippines with her family. In 2016, Brad and JoHannah moved to Dixon, IL at Lost Lake. Here they enjoyed serving at Christ Church in Sterling, IL. During her last year, she wrote Bible studies and worked on a book project for *Abide*, which deeply blessed her.

Moving to Lost Lake fulfilled a life-long dream for JoHannah, who always wanted to live on a lake like she did when she was a child. She found great joy and solace seeing the birds, deer, and other wildlife. She delighted in the hundreds of daffodils that pop up each Spring in their backyard. She also loved being on the water, kayaking and boating, and playing with her grandchildren on the beach. JoHannah delighted in her family most of all. Whether they were cruising in the golf cart, singing silly songs, coloring, doing crafts, going to special events, or reading together—JoHannah loved every minute. She will be remembered for her bright smile and laugh, for being a great (and easy) wife, mom, Nanny and friend, and for her deep faith in Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Her final words true to her heart, “I have a great faith, I’m not afraid to die.”

JoHannah is survived by her husband Brad; her children: Jason (spouse Reby; Jacob, Bethany, Bailey Jane) of Austin, TX; Anna (spouse Tobie; Lily, Mason, Sage) of Middleton, WI; and Lindsey (spouse Matt; Juniper, Wren) of Winfield, IL. She is also survived by her sisters Susan Lamb (Dan) of Bayles Lake, IL and Dinah Wissmiller (Roger) of Kankakee, IL, and nieces and nephews: Alana, Lynn, Tamra, Alan, and Ann Stacey. Cremation rights have been accorded.

To honor JoHannah Reardon, there is a small service for immediate family only this Sunday, February 14 at 2PM. The service will be live-streamed and can be accessed at <http://bit.do/EFCMM-YouTube> Or <https://www.facebook.com/efcmm>

We are also collecting entries for a small book in her memory. If you’d like to submit a story about her or a piece of writing, email it to lindsey.learn@gmail.com with the subject line JOHANNAH BOOK.

*Also for the donation tab: Serenity Hospice & Home Services <https://serenityhospiceandhome.z2systems.com/np/clients/serenityhospiceandhome/donation.jsp>

Previous Events

Service

FEB 14. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Face Book - YouTube See obituary
Dixon, IL 61021

Tribute Wall



“ *JoHannah Reardon*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *JoHannah Reardon*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Your ReachGlobal Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of JoHannah Reardon.*



Your ReachGlobal Family - February 12, 2021 at 09:11 AM



“ *JoHannah will be greatly missed but her bright light will shine here forever. Love and miss you!💕*

Jeanie Traub - February 10, 2021 at 10:17 PM

PP

“ I have many fond memories of JoHannah from our days at Christianity Today. Her kindness and warmth were unforgettable, and her skill with words was formidable--and used to always draw attention to some worthy idea, person, or issue. A treasure.

Much love to you, Learns and Reardons--may Christ be with you as you celebrate and mourn.

Paul (& Emily) Pastor and family.

Paul Pastor - February 10, 2021 at 03:45 PM

SD

“ JoHanna was a neighbor to me ... over the hill neighbor .. literally we walked over the hill to get to each others houses. I did not get to know her too well over the short amount of years her and Brad were over the hill from us. I do know this ... whenever I was with JoHanna even during her difficult illness I felt like I was in sunshine. She was sunshine! I will miss her so much and think of her often especially when the daffodils come up. Rest in Peace JoHanna.
Love, Sandy

sandy duka - February 06, 2021 at 06:06 PM

CM

“ Jo took me to a Revival while we were in high school. It was out in the country in a harvested corn field. She knew I needed to go. It did renew my faith and brought me out of a difficult time. She was nice, but insistent. I will always remember her smile and laugh and how she lived her faith wide open. Love you Jo.

Mark and Carolyn Maulding

Carolyn Maulding - February 05, 2021 at 10:16 PM

TJ

“ *JoHannah has gone on ahead of us on the great eternal safari and we will also join her one day. Prayers for Brad and the family.* ”



Tom Jacob - February 05, 2021 at 04:37 PM

DP

“ *Daniel & Dawn Petersen lit a candle in memory of JoHannah Reardon* ”



Daniel & Dawn Petersen - February 05, 2021 at 12:14 PM

SE

“ *JoHannah had the greatest smile an an optimistic point of view! She was a great roommate at ISU and I cherish so many memories of her. Her books are wonderful. We are using No More Fear at our church this year. She will be missed. I'm thankful that we know she is no longer in pain resting in the loving arms of Jesus.* ”

Sharon Hawse Esche - February 05, 2021 at 10:54 AM

SR

“ I've only known JoHannah for a short time, first through the Redbud Writers Guild where I served as her assistant editor for *The Redbud Post*, and then through *Abide*, where I was her editor as she wrote meditations and sleep stories for the *Abide* app. I never even got to meet her in person, only through video calls, but her sweet spirit and encouraging words will stay with me as I try to fill her shoes in *The Post*—an impossible task—and listen to her words through the app. Funny thing: I read some of her novels before I joined the Redbuds, and didn't even realize I already "knew" her when I saw her name in the guild and made the connection. I'm thankful for her editorial help on a book coming out in October for *Abide* and am saddened that she won't be here to hold it in her hands. Thankful for you, JoHannah.

Stephanie Reeves - February 05, 2021 at 09:50 AM



“ JoHannah has been such a joy to know. She always encouraged and helped--and laughed a lot. It has been a privilege to know her and be blessed by her.
Judy Douglass Redbud Writers Guild

Judy Douglass - February 05, 2021 at 05:03 AM

SH

“ Jo Hannah and I made a paper mache solar system for a school project. At that time the Monkees were so popular, so we listened to their records, laughed, ate and had the best time putting our planets together. It's one of my very favorite school memories. She was a joy to have as a friend.

Sara Grissom Harms - February 04, 2021 at 08:29 PM

JS

“ Brad and family, I'm sad with you in this bittersweet time.

Johanna and I have been "liking" each other's FB pics of birds, snakes, deer and sunsets. Noticing each other's family moments and the joy they bring. Doing a little cyber-fellowshipping.

She was a special part of the Cru team at BSU that God used to teach and show me how to fall in love with Jesus. The staff and students at BSU were (still are) a pretty tight group of friends, almost family, and God really used JoHanna as an influencer when I was most impressionable. She, with the team and my friends, and God's Word and His Spirit, that greatly formed the direction my life took in and after college. I trust, to Jesus' glory.

Thanks for sharing her friendship with me.

Jim Smith - February 04, 2021 at 08:09 PM

RA

“ I met JoHannah and future husband Brad in 1973 when we were college students on a summer mission project in Myrtle Neach, South Carolina. Good memories of a sweet person who certainly lived up to all the good words her friends will write about her. "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Roger Agness - February 04, 2021 at 07:30 PM

SS

*So many lovely things said about a beautiful lady who loves Our Lord. Brad, ever since we met you, JoHannah and kids, we have and always will, love you. I know the Lord will bless you and comfort you. Hugs and love,
Sharon, Amy Juli and Mark Seaton*

I was a little girl of 7 in Gibson City when JoHanna was born and lived in Loda. We both shared enjoyment of Bayles Lake.

sharon kumler seaton - February 06, 2021 at 06:27 PM