



Natalie Janet Hoffman

November 17, 1934 - May 24, 2025

Natalie Janet Hoffman, age 90, passed away peacefully in her home in Argentine, Kansas, on the late morning of May 24, 2025.

Natalie was born on November 17, 1934, in Hays, Kansas, and raised in McCracken. Though officially born on the 17th, she proudly claimed the 16th, as her mother always insisted she arrived just before midnight. She was the youngest of three daughters born to Elbert and Geneva “Neva” Twiselton. She was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved sisters—Betty Jolly and Elberta “Bertie” Kappelman—and her nephews.

In 1942, at the age of 8, Natalie moved with her family to the Argentine neighborhood of Kansas City, Kansas. She remained there for the next 82 years, spending the last 65 in the same home where she raised her family and created countless memories.

Natalie began her career as a secretary for Swift and Company, working there from 1952 to 1963. She often shared the story of how she was required to resign after becoming pregnant—a point she always made sure to mention. She then devoted herself to raising her two children before joining the Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools (USD 500) in August of 1973, first as a librarian and later as a secretary for the Board of Education. Though her role was not in teaching, she built a long and dedicated career supporting public education.

She retired in July 2004 after 31 years but continued serving the district for many years as a substitute secretary.

Natalie was a woman of many talents and passions. A gifted pianist, she loved entertaining her grandchildren and great-grandchildren with impromptu concerts on her beloved piano. She was also a skilled seamstress, having sewn much of her children's clothing in their younger years. Later in life, she took up crocheting, and many a couch is still adorned with the warmth of her handmade creations. Long before the digital age, she became a devoted genealogist, spending countless hours tracing her family's roots and preserving the stories of generations past.

Natalie was a natural storyteller. She delighted in reminiscing about her childhood, family, and adventures, and never missed an opportunity to strike up a conversation. "Never met a stranger" was more than a saying—it was how she lived her life.

She also took great pride in her lifelong membership with the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies (the Rebekahs), a branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF). Natalie began attending lodge weekly in Argentine in 1956 and remained active for decades. She held numerous elected and appointed positions throughout the years, including Secretary, Past Noble Grand, Vice Grand, and Noble Grand. Her deep commitment to the organization and its guiding values of friendship, love, and truth was a defining part of her life.

She cherished her family above all and carried lasting pride in her role as sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and aunt.

Natalie is survived by her daughter, Kimberly (Victor) Gibson (née Hoffman) of Kansas City, KS; her son, Phillip Hoffman of Kansas City, KS; four

grandchildren: Devin (Ben) Orendac (née Weaver) of Bonner Springs, KS; Jessica (Eric) Weaver of Lawrence, KS; Molly (Jacob) Weaver of Kansas City, KS; and Jesse Hoffman of Kansas City, KS; seven great-grandchildren: Aidyn, Logan, Natalie, Andrew, Eric Jr., Haizley, and Willow—and one more expected soon.

She was deeply loved and will be missed beyond measure.

Visitation and Services will be held on Wednesday, June 4th, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Maple Hill Funeral Home, with a memorial service beginning at 2:00 P.M. Burial will immediately follow at Maple Hill Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
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info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

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Graveside Service

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Tribute Wall

CS

“ Natalie will be missed very much in the Rebekahs. Her and I traveled all over the state and to many Conventions where she would always have every one laughing all the time. I will miss you very much my old friend, keep everyone laughing till we meet again

Carol Scott - June 02, 2025 at 06:05 PM

AL

“ Angie and J.J. Libal purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Natalie Janet Hoffman.



Angie and J.J. Libal - June 02, 2025 at 01:30 PM

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“ Angie and J.J. Libal planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Natalie Janet Hoffman.

Angie and J.J. Libal - June 02, 2025 at 01:30 PM

TG

“ I was fortunate to work in KCKPS and knew Mrs Hoffman from her work in the BOE office. She was always delightful, helpful and would help in anyway she could. I did not know of her skills with the piano but would agree with the story telling. I'm sure she made the impression to her family the importance of carry the stories forward. Blessings to her family as Mrs Hoffman blessed so many of us.

Theresa Van Goethem - June 01, 2025 at 10:33 PM

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“ Theresa Van Goethem lit a candle in memory of Natalie Hoffman



Theresa Van Goethem - June 01, 2025 at 10:31 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Natalie Janet Hoffman.



May 30, 2025 at 04:24 PM



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“ My deepest sympathies to the Hoffman family. Natalie was a great grandmother to my grandson, Jesse, and I am eternally grateful to her. He adored his grandma and will miss her immensely. Rest in peace, Natalie. Lori (Rose) Hart, Lincoln, MO

Lori Hart ♥ - May 28, 2025 at 10:02 PM

JW

“ I am so sorry to read of Natalie's death. I worked with her at the Board of Education. She was so much fun, easy to laugh, and so witty! I don't think I ever heard her say one harsh thing about anybody and I loved her laugh. I am so glad I had the opportunity to have known her and wish her God's speed in her next journey.
Respectfully, Judy Ward

Judy Ward - May 28, 2025 at 03:09 PM

JC

“ What a wonderful person Natalie was. I worked with her at Argentine middle school. She was a hard-working lady and always so much fun to be around. She had quick wit and lots of humor.
Rest in peace Natalie.

Julia Chanay

Julia Chanay - May 27, 2025 at 06:02 PM

LD

I worked with Natalie at Argentine Middle School for many years. We also bowled together with the Argentine Middle School Bowling Bags at Shawnee Village Bowl. She was such a hoot and so much fun to be around! Prayers to her family and friends.

Linda Dodd - May 28, 2025 at 10:33 PM