



## Diana M. Smith

March 24, 1955 - June 8, 2025

Diana M. Smith, 70, of rural Wapakoneta, died 12:10 p.m., Sunday, June 8, 2025, at her home. She was born March 24, 1955, in Lima, Ohio, the daughter of Vernon and Alma (Ruck) Kaeck, who preceded her in death. On June 18, 1983, she married James E. “Jim” Smith and he survives.

Other survivors include,

daughter, Cymone (Scott) Newland, Waynesfield, Ohio;

grandchildren, Jade Smith, Scott Newland, Jr., Austin Newland, Asia Newland;

great grandchildren, Aneira Smith, Gabriel Newland, Bailey Newland; several cousins.

Diana was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church, Pusheta Road., and a graduate of Botkins, Local High School. She worked at R. & F. Coal Mine Co., Cadiz, Ohio. After getting her bachelor’s degree in Nursing at Belmont Technical College, St. Clairsville, Ohio, Diana worked as a registered nurse at St. Rita’s Medical Center, Lima and Wapakoneta Manor. She had a passion for horses, and served a 4-H adviser with the Fryburg Happy Farmers.

Visitation will be 2-5 p.m., Saturday, June 14, 2025, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Auglaize County Humane Society. Condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 14. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory

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# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Diana M. Smith.

June 12, 2025 at 10:58 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diana M. Smith.



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“ Hannah Wolff purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Diana M. Smith.



Hannah Wolff - June 12, 2025 at 09:36 PM



“ Our sincere condolences go out to Jim Smith, Cymone & other family members on Diana's passing. She was a cousin of mine on my mother's (Kaeck side) of family. Diana was a strong gal & I do remember her passion for horses) in times now gone by. We connected now/then at the local Walmart & would still see Jim there to catch up a bit. May Diana truly rest in God's peace now. Joseph & Marilyn Garcia, Cridersville 6.10.25

Marilyn Garcia - June 11, 2025 at 02:05 AM

LF

*So very sorry for your loss, Jim. Praying that the same Lord who saved her surrounds you with comfort and peace.*

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**Linda Fogle** - June 11, 2025 at 02:30 PM

SS

*Jim Just saw that Diane passed. My condolences to you and your family. If there is anything I can help you with let me know.  
Sharon Schumann*

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**Sharon Schumann** - June 12, 2025 at 03:36 PM

DC

*“ I pray you are at peace with your Lord! We sure had fun together with all our cousins growing up - you are loved 🥰 and will be missed by many! Love ❤️ ya Diana*

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**Doris Cottrell** - June 10, 2025 at 04:29 PM