



Jane Priscilla Krites

January 5, 1950 - May 30, 2026

Jane P. Krites, 76, of Lima, passed away May 30, 2026, at Otterbein Cridersville.

Born January 5, 1950, in Lima, Ohio, to Kenneth K. and Mary Rose (Huelskamp) Krites, Jane dedicated her life to serving others through healthcare, education, leadership, and philanthropy.

A 1968 graduate of St. Joseph High School, Jane began her career as a nurse at St. Rita's Hospital earning her LPN. Recognizing the need for advancement opportunities for nurses, she worked with healthcare professionals and Lima Technical College (now Rhodes State College) to establish the area's first LPN-to-RN bridge program. She graduated as a member of the program's inaugural class in 1987.

After more than 20 years in nursing, Jane earned an MBA from Defiance College and became CEO of the Girl Scouts Appleseed Ridge Council. In 2007, she helped lead the merger of four regional councils to form Girl Scouts of Western Ohio and later served as Executive Vice President until her retirement in 2012.

Jane remained a devoted leader and advocate for Rhodes State College, serving on its Board of Trustees, including as Chair, and holding numerous leadership roles with the Rhodes State College Foundation. She played a key role in the dedication of the Borra Center for Health Sciences and helped expand scholarship opportunities for countless students.

Her service extended throughout the community, including leadership roles

with United Way of Greater Lima, St. Rita's Medical Center, and St. Charles Catholic Church to name a few.

Jane received numerous honors, including the Athena Award (2002), Allen County Visionaries Citizen of the Year (2011), Rhodes State College Outstanding Alumni Award (2016), Community Leadership Award (2021), and the inaugural James A. Rhodes Philanthropy Award (2026).

She is survived by her siblings, Nancy Kramer, Jean (Rollin) Lutterbein, Patricia Hinegardner, Barbara (David) Copeland, Nicholas (Kathy) Krites, and Polly (Tom Thiel) Thomas. Jane was also the beloved aunt to numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters, Pamela Ewald and Christine Krites, and brothers-in-law, Kenneth Kramer, James Ewald, and Dan Hinegardner.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 4th, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, with Fr. Ethan Hoying officiating. Burial to follow in St. Joseph Cemetery, Wapakoneta. Family and friends may call from 5–8 p.m. Wednesday, June 3rd, and 9-10 a.m. Thursday, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta.

Memorial contributions may be made to Girl Scouts of Western Ohio or the Jane P. Krites Scholarship Fund at Rhodes State College. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
1102 Lincoln Hwy
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
(419) 738-7676
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Visitation

JUN 4. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Service

JUN 4. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Pearl St.
Wapakoneta, OH

Tribute Wall

MR

“ My deepest sympathies to Jane's friends and family. I grew up as an Appleseed Ridge Girl Scout and worked with Jane for several years before her retirement from Girl Scouts of Western Ohio. I appreciated her heart for our communities, her dedication to building girls of courage, confidence, and character, and her leadership of the organization. She has left a lasting legacy on generations of youth in our council and beyond. - Megan Ramey

Megan Ramey - June 04 at 07:40 AM

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“ Wishing condolences for everyone in the family. Jane was my Girl Scout Leader and I have so many fond memories of our time together. Her sense of right and wrong, dedication, adherence to good work standards, and love for God and country touched my heart and really influenced my life. The last time I saw her was at Appleseed Ridge when I was a Girl Scout Leader myself. Our conversations were always so warm and familiar. She really helped to mold me into who I am today. I'm so sorry for her loss and will pray for everyone during this time of grief. Thank you Jane for your excellence in life and how much you shared your example.

Diane R. Miller (Yost) - June 03 at 05:05 PM

JB

“ Jason B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jane Priscilla Krites.

Jason B. - June 02 at 10:24 PM

JA

“ Julie A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jane Priscilla Krites.

Julie A. - June 02 at 10:08 PM

JE

“ Condolences to the family. Joe and Cathy Ewald

Joe Ewald - June 02 at 02:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jane Priscilla Krites.



June 02 at 01:51 PM

JE

“ Janet E. purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Jane Priscilla Krites.



Janet E. - June 02 at 08:52 AM

CD

“ Jane was a remarkable woman and dedicated friend to many. Her humor and sense of justice made her a joy and a blessing. RIP Jane... you truly made a difference.
Carole Dugan

Carole Dugan - June 01 at 09:40 PM

SB

“ Worked with and completed the LPN to RN Program with her. So sorry for her loss

Sue Broshes - June 01 at 05:48 PM

CH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jane's passing. She was an amazing nurse and an even better Leader. I worked with Jane at St. Rita's for many years. She and our friend and co-worker Margaret were close for many years. We did trips to Frankenmuth Mi one year and had the Best time! She brought so much happiness to this world. Rest in peace Jane! I'll be praying for you and your family.

Chris Hinds - June 01 at 03:59 PM

TK

“ Tony & Cathy Kramer purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jane Priscilla Krites.



Tony & Cathy Kramer - June 01 at 11:50 AM