



## Judith Kay Kentner

October 20, 1945 - May 11, 2026

Judith Kay “Judy” Kentner, 80, of Wapakoneta, passed away 6:25 a.m., Monday, May 11, 2026, at Shawnee Manor, Lima. She was born October 20, 1945, in Lima, OH, the daughter of the late Carl and Pauline (Lanning) Brading. On October 21, 1967, she married Wayne F. Kentner, and he survives.

Judy was very proud of her triplets, Mindy (Greg) Tabler, Matthew (Bridget) Kentner, and Molly (Matt) Craft, all of Wapakoneta.

Other survivors include,

6 grandchildren, Gabriel Kentner, Easton Craft, Ben Tabler,

Carly Craft, Josh Tabler, and Abigail Kentner;

sister, Becky (Dick-dec) Kohlrieser, Wapakoneta;

sister-in-law, Miriam (Ron-dec) Pfenning;

brother-in-law, Jan (Joan) Kentner;

several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Judy was preceded in death by her sisters and spouses, Nancy (Bob) VanSkiver, Shirley Richardson, and Sally (Roger) Moellenkamp.

Judy was a lifelong member of First English Lutheran Church and a proud 1963 graduate of Wapakoneta High School. In her younger years, she was actively involved in the CCL Guiding Mothers Club, where she formed many lasting friendships and enjoyed supporting fellow families in the community. Throughout her working years, Judy dedicated herself to serving others. She worked as a teller at the former Peoples Bank in Wapakoneta, where she was

known for her friendly smile and kind personality. She later worked as a teacher's aide with Wapakoneta City Schools and the Auglaize County Educational Service Center, where she took great pride in helping students learn and grow. Her patience, caring nature, and gentle encouragement made a lasting impact on many children and families.

Judy was an exceptional baker who loved sharing homemade treats with family, friends, and neighbors. She also had a special love for animals and found great joy in caring for them throughout her life. One of her favorite places to spend time was the Moulton Country Store, where she enjoyed the sense of community and friendship it provided. Above all else, Judy treasured time spent with her family. She rarely missed an opportunity to attend her children's and grandchildren's sporting events, school programs, and activities, always cheering them on with pride and unconditional love. Judy will always be lovingly remembered for her quick wit and great sense of humor.

Funeral services will be 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 14, 2026, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, with Pastor Melodi Hagen officiating. Private family burial will be in the Resthaven Memory Gardens, near Moulton. The family will receive friends 4-6 p.m., Thursday, May 14, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Auglaize Co. Humane Society or Advocates of Compassion at Trinity Lutheran Church, Moulton. Condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Resthaven Memory Gardens

C.R. 33A  
St. Marys, OH 45885

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory  
1102 Lincoln Hwy  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

JH

“ *My sympathy to the family. Judy was the youngest and sweetest. I remember her well as she and her family lived next to our home during the early years. Rest in peace Judy, another angel in heaven.* ”

Jim Harrison - May 15 at 06:27 PM

TH

“ *We are sorry for your loss, Wayne. Judy and I were next door neighbors growing up. I knew all the Brading girls, but Judy was my age so I knew her best. We hope you are OK. Best wishes! Tom and Sandy Harrison* ”

Tom Harrison - May 14 at 08:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Judith Kay Kentner.* ”



May 13 at 04:23 PM

KS

“ *Such a sweet lady! Not only was she fun as a co-worker, but so kind and compassionate. RIP Judy. My condolences to all.* ”

Kathy Schaub - May 13 at 02:36 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judith Kay Kentner.*



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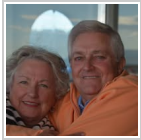
May 13 at 07:37 AM



“ *Rick J. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judith Kay Kentner.*

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**Rick J.** - May 13 at 03:39 AM



“ *Judy was a 1963 classmate and also a neighbor when we lived on Carnation Drive. Our kids and her kids played together on the street and shared many play times. My condolences to the family--Matt, Mindy, Molly--you were integral parts of our kids' lives. May she rest in peace.*

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**Jim Stroh** - May 12 at 06:22 PM



“ *To the family of Judy Kentner  
My deepest sympathy goes to all of you on the passing of Judy. I first became acquainted with Judy and her 3 children through the Guiding Mothers CCL. Judy was a very pleasant person with a beautiful smile. May God comfort you during this difficult time.*  
*Cheryl Bailey*



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**Cheryl Bailey** - May 12 at 01:49 PM

CC

“ I will always remember her smile. She always love talking to everyone. She will be missed, prayers to all of you

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**Connie Case** - May 12 at 12:49 PM

PR

“ Judy was my first cousin and I adored her. She was funny loving and always welcoming. My mother Jane and Judy's mother Pauline were sisters and best friends. We would spend every Sunday visiting Wapak or they would come to Columbus. We were a very close family and she will be missed. My heart goes out to Wayne and the three Mrs. Love B ulyou guys

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**Patricia Rodriguez** - May 12 at 12:15 PM

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So sorry for your loss period. Such a sweet lady . May god comfort you now and always.

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**Nancy Ainsworth** - May 12 at 01:25 PM

MB

“ All my memories of my dear friend Judy are all filled with love , care and laughter! I can hear her voice and it makes me smile 😊  
She always had stories to tell of her children and were full of pride and love ❤️ 🤔❤️ 🙏  
Love Marge Lockwood Blount and family

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**Marjorie Blount** - May 12 at 11:59 AM

SS

“ *My sympathy to the family. I am so sorry for your loss. Judy was one of the nicest and sweetest people you could ever meet. She was always so full of joy and laughter that you had to love life when you were with Judy. God bless all of you in the coming days.*  
*Sharon smith*

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**Sharon smith** - May 11 at 10:27 PM

MO

“ *My deepest sympathies to your family. A wonderful sweet lady she was. My prayers are with you all. Melinda (Singleton) Otto*

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**Melinda Otto** - May 11 at 05:02 PM