



## Judith Ann "Judy" Winter

November 24, 1943 - February 23, 2024

Judith (Judy) Ann Winter, 80, passed away on Friday, February 23, 2024, at 10:25 a.m. at Lima Memorial Health System with her family at her side.

She was born on November 23, 1943, in Lima, Ohio, to Carl and Vera (Miars) Kies, who are deceased. Judy was baptized at Grace Lutheran Church in Jackson Center, but in 1950 moved to Wapakoneta where she was confirmed at St. Mark's Lutheran Church and remained a lifelong member.

On July 18, 1981, she married Willie Winter at St. Marks. They welcomed their son, Brian, two years later.

Judy graduated from Bowling Green State University and then attended Ohio State University (OSU), where she obtained her master's in education. Judy remained in Columbus and worked with the Mershon Center of OSU for 16 years in their Citizenship Development Program. After marrying Willie, Judy began a new career working for the Honda Family Center teaching English as a second language to Wapakoneta's resident Japanese women and children. In 1993, Judy began teaching in the Wapakoneta school district where she would go on to enlighten and challenge students in English, History, and Psychology at Wapakoneta High School for 16 years. In retirement she relished utilizing her talents to provide leadership and support at church, while volunteering in the community in a support role at the Wapakoneta Area Economic Development Council. Judy found joy in God's gifts to her of family, special friends, the arts, nature's beauty and interesting conversation.

Survivors include her husband, Willie Winter of Wapakoneta, Ohio; son, Brian

(Kristen) Winter of Plain City, Ohio; a sister, Marilyn (Tom) Wills of Wapakoneta, Ohio; a brother, John (Bev) Kies of Asheville, North Carolina; and sister-in-law, Marlene Nelson.

Judy is also survived by five nieces and three nephews: Sarah (Jeremy) Clayton, Adrienne Kies, Kristen (Gerard) Thorez, Stephanie (Andrew) Owen, Kay (Jeff) Dorner, Craig (Linda) Brown, Dan (Valerie) Wills, Steve (Ali) Wills, and many other cousins and relatives.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 2, 2024, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 302 E. Pearl St., Wapakoneta, with Pastor Doug Pretorius officiating. The family will receive friends from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Friday, March 1st, at Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, State Route 501, Wapakoneta, and 1 hour prior to the service, Saturday, at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 302 E Pearl St., Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895. Condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory  
1102 Lincoln Hwy  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895  
(419) 738-7676  
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com/>

## Visitation

MAR 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory  
1102 Lincoln Ave.  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895  
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com>

## Service

MAR 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
Pearl St.  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

# Tribute Wall

TG

“ Tom, Carrie, Nolan & Imogen Gilliam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judith Ann "Judy" Winter.

Tom, Carrie, Nolan & Imogen Gilliam - February 29, 2024 at 11:17 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judith Ann "Judy" Winter.



February 29, 2024 at 11:17 PM

LL

“ The Longman & Elms family wants to send our sincere condolences to the Winter family. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Let us know if you need anything at all during this time.

Logan Longman - February 29, 2024 at 10:20 AM

MY

“ Michael, Kristin, Liam, & Madeline York purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Judith Ann "Judy" Winter.



Michael, Kristin, Liam, & Madeline York - February 28, 2024 at 09:12 PM

DW

“ Dan, Renee, Ben & Dalton Watercutter purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Judith Ann "Judy" Winter.



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**Dan, Renee, Ben & Dalton Watercutter** - February 28, 2024 at 11:21 AM

GD

“ So sorry to hear about Judy. She was always a lot of fun to be around with. She will definitely be missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family.

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**Gary and Darlene** - February 27, 2024 at 12:16 PM

CC

“ My prayers are with all of Judy's family. Most especially with Willie, Brian and Marilyn. I have so many memories of Judy and Willie from from back in the day at Ernie's Restaurant/Tavern. She always had a smile on her face and was so upbeat and nice. She is one of the people I always think of when i reminisce about those days. Peace to you in heaven, Judy.

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**Cindy Colaprete** - February 26, 2024 at 04:00 PM

TI

“ The Jeannerets: Dustin, Ethan, Isabella planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judith Ann "Judy" Winter.

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**The Jeannerets: Dustin, Ethan, Isabella** - February 26, 2024 at 10:41 AM

TI

“ *The Jeannerets: Dustin, Ethan, Isabella purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Judith Ann "Judy" Winter.*



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**The Jeannerets: Dustin, Ethan, Isabella** - February 26, 2024 at 10:41 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Judith Ann "Judy" Winter.*



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February 26, 2024 at 10:17 AM

CH

“ *Mrs. Winter was one of my all-time favorite teachers. I was honored to have her for 10th grade English. She had quite a passion for teaching. She deeply cared about her students. She embodied what it meant to be a wonderful educator. She taught not only English but also valuable life lessons. She surely will be missed by many.*

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**Ciara (Kennedy) Higbie** - February 25, 2024 at 08:38 PM

JT

“ *Joe And Connie Turner lit a candle in memory of Judith Ann "Judy" Winter*



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**Joe and Connie Turner** - February 25, 2024 at 11:56 AM

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“ Joe And Connie Turner lit a candle in memory of Judith Ann "Judy" Winter



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**Joe and Connie Turner** - February 25, 2024 at 11:53 AM

BH

“ My favorite English teacher

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**Brad Hart** - February 24, 2024 at 07:18 PM

LS

“ When Judy discovered that I got my hair done in Wapak, she insisted that we meet for lunch afterwards. So every six weeks I would have lunch with her and then walk down east Auglaize, window shop, stop for ice cream and just have a great time, laughing and talking. I will cherish those memories. She was a good friend and she will be missed. Laurie Stopczynski

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**Lauren Stopczynski** - February 24, 2024 at 05:35 PM