



## Kathryn G. "Kathy" Welker

March 23, 1953 - September 6, 2011

Kathryn G. "Kathy" Welker, 58, of Wapakoneta, died peacefully 6:30 p.m., Tues. Sept. 6, 2011, at the St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima surrounded by her family. She was born March 23, 1953, in Lima, the daughter of William "Bill" & Emmagene (Keller) Cool. Her mother, Emmagene Kennedy survives in Wapakoneta, and her father is deceased. On March 19, 1983, she married Thomas C. Welker, Sr., and he survives. Other survivors include, 4 children, Jeremy A. (Sheri) Welker, Lima, Jodie R. (Ken) Baughman, Wapakoneta, Tytus A. (Jamie) Welker, Nashville, TN, Thomas C. Welker, Jr., stationed in Gulfport, MS, 5 grandchildren, Brianna, Benjamin, Lydia, Vanessa, & Sean, 2 sisters, Cindy (Tom) Croissant, Houston, TX, Nellie Kennedy, Lima, a brother-in-law & sister-in-law, Jerrold C. & Polly Welker, Elida. She was preceded in death by a brother Andrew Cool. Kathy worked as a transportation specialist with the Shawnee Local Schools on Bus #9. She was a member of the Wapakoneta Community Worship Center, where she was active with the children's ministry, the church choir, and playing the tambourine. A 1971 graduate of Lima Senior High School, she was a member of the Wapakoneta Choral Society and the Audubon Society. She volunteered at the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District and was a Venturing Crew advisor with the Scouts. She was a wonderful cook, and loved to camp, travel, and attend Encore Theater. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Sat. Sept. 10, 2011, at the Wapakoneta Community Worship Center, 14871 Fox Ranch Rd., Wapakoneta, Pastor Dan Holbrook officiating. Burial will be in the Lewis Grove

Cemetery, N. Thayer Rd. The family will receive friends from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m., Fri. at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, and 1 hr. prior to the service Sat. at the church. Memorial contributions may be directed to Susan G. Komen for the Cure or the American Cancer Society.

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ I join you in your grief. Kathy was one of the best friends I ever had. She is just a loving and awesome person. We had so many things that we were alike in. But when we had differences it made no difference regarding our love for each other. We accepted each other as we were. My life was so much richer because of her. Thank you Jesus for bringing Kathy into my life.

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**Mo Cook** - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

RM

“ Tom, I would like to express my deep and heartfelt sympathy over the loss of your wife, Kathy. I want you to know that I have been praying for your comfort and will continue to do so. Please do not worry about work. Take as long as you need. Again, I am very sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Rhonda

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**Rhonda Martz** - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

EZ

“ Tom...and family, i was so surprized to hear about this. may you know peace that she is with the Father . i wonder if you knew Kathy was sick when Betsy passed. i am thinking of you. and hope that god's love will give you peace. So many years have gone by. to god be the glory. she is with him. love enid

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**enid zeller** - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

BW

“*Jeremey, Sheri and family, we are so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. She was such a blessing. I loved serving along side of her at Lima Community. She always had a smile on her face, ready to love on whoever came her way, a heart that wanted to share the love of God! Peace and confort to you all during this time of saddness. Love, The Williams*

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**Bethany and Brandon Williams** - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

CS

“*Tom, please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of your wife. At times like this it is hard to understand why things happen; but God knew Kathy was special and he chose her to be with him early. God bless you and your family.*

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**Carolyn Seputis** - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

MM

“*I was saddened when I got word that Kathy is gone from us, but I know now that she is certainly singing in heaven's choir. I remember her as a fun lady to be around with a ready laugh for whatever circumstance she found her self in. We will truly miss her.*

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**Mike Mulvaney** - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

MS

“ Tom, Tytus and Tommy, I can't express enough the great deal of sadness I feel for you and your family at this time. Kathy was a great woman and I will always remember the great times we had with her throughout school and scouts. Though Kathy's death is an unfortunate loss, at least we know her pain has ended and she is finally enjoying the peace she deserves. Your family has been through so much over the course of time I've had the pleasure of knowing you, but you always bounce back 10 times stronger. I know this will bring out another example of the bond and strength your family has that we all so admire. I would love to hear from each of you when the time is right and sad that I will miss a chance to reunite with Tommy after so many years. Stay in touch if you can... (419) 773-9397. My condolences in this hour of darkness and uncertainty Matt

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**Matt Smith** - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

BZ

“ Jamie, Tytus and the rest of the family - I am so sorry to hear about this. May your memories bring you peace and comfort. Love you.

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**Beth (Bischoff) and Charlie Zellers** - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

NN

“ "Well Done, good and faithful servant...enter in." May God's Spirit wrap his loving arms around each of you during this time. Kathy and I first met when Jeremy was barely walking, We both came to a knowledge of Christ, and she has spent her days here on earth trying to bring glory to His Name. To God be the Glory.

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**Nancy Neal** - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM