



## Kaye E. Tabler-Joyce

March 3, 1954 - May 25, 2026

Kaye E. Tabler-Joyce, 72, of rural Anna, OH, passed away at 8:53 a.m. Monday, May 25, 2026, at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, surrounded by her loving family. She was born March 3, 1954, in Lima, Ohio, the daughter of John W. and Mary K. (Wills) Tabler. Her mother, Mary K. Tabler, survives and her father is deceased. On August 2, 1991, she married Gary L. Joyce and he preceded her in death on February 15, 2019.

Other survivors include,

3 children,

Matt (Alisha Thomas) Davis, Delaware, Ohio,

Curt (Kelly) Joyce, Anna, Ohio,

Kelly Geib, Troy, Ohio;

5 grandchildren,

Makenna Davis, Hannah Davis, Sebastian Davis, Ava Koch, and Kenna

Joyce;

siblings,

Laurie (Gary) Keller, Ashland, Ohio,

Susie Fraser, Columbus, Ohio

Jim Tabler, Wapakoneta

John (Stacy) Tabler, Wapakoneta.

Kaye worked in the security department at Honda of America, Anna Engine Plant, and also at the Sidney Daily News and was an auxiliary police officer.

Kaye was a graduate of the Wapakoneta High School and the Police

Academy at Apollo JVS. She treasured spending time with her family and her grandchildren and loved animals.

Private services will be held at a later date with Pastor Doug Pretorius officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, Wapakoneta, where condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com). Memorial contributions may be directed to the Auglaize County Humane Society.

The family would like to offer a special thank you to the nurses and staff at St. Rita's Intensive Care Unit.

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ Oh Kaye, I'm still in shock. What great friends we were years ago, as were our parents.  
Is it possible other friends shared the special friendship we shared? Our personal talks, our many, many laughs, our nights out dancing & just having good clean fun. As your Mom always said, you & I were 2 of the 3 musketeers, Kim being the 3rd.  
Rest easy my Dear old Friend with Gary. You've earned your wings.  
Luv & hugs, Jill

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**Jill A Anthony** - May 28 at 07:43 PM

MD

“ My Mother was the most caring soul I have ever known. My bond with her has always been inseparable and irreplaceable. Through the years she has always been my voice of reason. Right or wrong she always stood by my side, and was a support system I could always count on to let me see the bigger picture. The days before me without her will always have a void that cannot be filled. The Memories of my mother will always produce a smile, and the days without her will continue to bring tears. She will always be remembered for putting others before herself, because that is who she was. I know my day will come when I am no longer here. It will be my beautiful mother who will be there waiting to bring her baby boy home with her. Until that day arrives, I will love my Children and Family with the same passion she gave to all of us. I love you Mother, and you touched my life in so many ways. My days will start thinking of you, and my nights will end thinking of you... You are forever my strength....

Your Baby Boy

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**Matthew Davis** - May 28 at 12:17 PM

DT

“ Condolences to Kaye, her kids, grandkids, family and loved ones. I have some good memories of time with Kaye, and from school, the Rec and Saint Andrews singers. How sorry I was to hear of her passing. May she rest in peace and be with Gary again. 🙏🙏🙏  
Dan Taylor

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**Dan Taylor** - May 28 at 10:30 AM

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“ My favorite remembrance of Kaye was the numerous times she would come flying in Miracles On Mane with a towel around her head. Screaming I've screwed up my hair again. We shared many stories over the years. Rest in Peace my friend.

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**Joyce Coffey (Schmaltz)** - May 27 at 06:57 PM

SZ

“ Kaye was a good friend all through our school years. After high school we lost touch and reconnected in the last few years. She was a kind soul and I was surprised to learn she had become a cop. She was grieving the loss of her husband so I hope they are once again united for eternity. My condolences to her family and other friends. Heartbreaking.

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**Susan Zwiebel** - May 27 at 10:56 AM

DW

I am so sorry to read this. Kaye was a good person although we weren't really close. We had some contact later in the years and I'm gonna miss her condolences to the family.

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**Debra White** - May 27 at 04:47 PM

LM

*I remember Kaye as we grew up in the same class and we attended the same church. We both were in the choir at school. Kaye had a lovely voice. I remember her singing a solo in the year end concert. Beautiful sweet voice singing 'I'll see you September'. I was not in touch with her much until the last couple of years through Facebook. May the Lord bless her Mom and family with peace and comfort.*

*Lois Weissinger McGarvey*

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**Lois McGarvey** - May 27 at 11:06 PM

LF

*I will never forget this wonderful lady - she was so sweet & nice. We worked together for many years and she made me laugh so many times! She had a great sense of humor. We will miss you so much my friend. Until we meet again...*

*Leah Frank*

*The County Classifieds*

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**Leah Frank** - June 02 at 02:09 PM