



Kathryn E. Wiedholz

February 12, 1938 - February 2, 2026

Wantage - Kathryn E. Wiedholz, age 87, peacefully passed away on Monday, February 2, 2026 at her home while surrounded by her loving family by her side. Born and raised in Rockford, Illinois to the late Robert and Lillian (Campisi) Eager, Kathryn had lived in Wisconsin and Cincinnati, Ohio before moving to Randolph, New Jersey where she lived for 23 years. After retirement, Kathryn and her husband moved back to Wisconsin and wintered in Arizona. She recently moved to New Jersey to be with her daughter. Kathryn was a very dedicated wife, mother and grandmother. She was a devoted foster mother who opened her home and heart to ten children, ranging in age from six months to nineteen years, and lovingly adopted two into her family. A devout Catholic, she lived her faith through service to others and a deep commitment to her community. She proudly served as a Girl Scout leader, guiding and encouraging young women with patience and care. An avid reader who loved the outdoors, she found joy in traveling, hiking, and camping. As a member of Friendship Force, she and her husband shared a passion for cultural exchange and adventure, together traveling to all fifty states and all the roads that were accessible to the Canadian provinces. Besides her parents, Kathryn was predeceased by her brother, Robert Eager. She is survived by her devoted husband of 66 and a half years, Thomas B. Wiedholz, Jr.; her sons, Robert Wiedholz and his wife Tracy of Madison, Wisconsin and Joseph Wiedholz and his wife Lynne of Pittsboro, North Carolina; her daughters, Jean Wiedholz-Szczesny and her husband Joe of

Wantage, Anne Quackenbush and her husband Terry Makdad of Florence, Arizona, Mary Acker and her husband Carlos of Columbia, Maryland, Lisa Love and her husband James of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and Cheryl Wiedholz of Madison, Wisconsin; 19 grandchildren; and 15 great grandchildren. Friends and loved ones are welcome to stop by from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Jean and Joe's home on Saturday, February 7, 2026 to pay their respects. There will be a celebration of Kathryn's life with a burial on Saturday, February 28, 2026 in Wisconsin. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Kathryn's memory to the Church of the Good Shepherd, 200 State Route 23, Wantage, NJ 07461 or to the Sierra Club, 2101 Webster Street, Suite 1300, Oakland, California, 94612. Private cremation services have been entrusted to the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Online condolences may be offered to the family on www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Private Cremation Services

Tribute Wall

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“ Kay was my first cousin, the daughter of my father's sister Lillian. She was 11 years older than me and my dear cousin Annette and I idolized her! We were in her and Tom's wedding and I am honored to be chosen to be Mary's Godmother! Annette and I used to look through Kay's things when she was away at college - finding makeup, jewelry and love letters! We remember when we first met Tom - so handsome kind, and caring. Over the years we saw each other as much as possible. We saw Kay and Tom in Arizona a few years ago and they visited us in CA several times. My parents loved Kay. I am ever grateful she was with my mother, Aunt Lucille, when she passed away at the same age as Kay. Rest peacefully dear cousin and love to Tom and all her beautiful family. Ralph and my hugs and prayers are with all of you.

Catherine - February 11 at 02:22 PM

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“ Kay welcomed me into the family when I was a young bride. I danced at her wedding and rejoiced in her beautiful family. She was a wonderful relative, god friend and a fabulous mother, grandmother, great grandmother and foster mother. She represented what is good in life. All her family and friends grieve her death. Roberta E. Ingrassia

Roberta Ingrassia - February 07 at 03:28 PM

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“ Jean and Joe sorry to hear about kathryn i knew she was ill but not that ill she was a good women and had a great time talking with her on christmas eve she going to be missed dearly You's are in ourThoughts and Prayers Love Helen and Charlie

charlie rupp - February 04 at 09:18 PM