



Judith Yaklin

July 23, 1938 - October 16, 2024

Our sweet wife and mom, Judith "Judy" (Ankenbrandt) Yaklin, age 86, passed away peacefully Wednesday, October 16, 2024, surrounded by her loved ones in care at Elizabeth Scott in Maumee. Born in Toledo, OH July 23rd, 1938 to George and Marguerite (Knoke) Ankenbrandt, Judy lived an extraordinary life of courage, faith, and generosity to others. Her kindness and compassion led her into teaching after graduating from Mary Manse College. "Miss Ankenbrandt," as she was known then, taught in her twenties and thirties at Rosary Cathedral Parish school, and years later would still run into former students who always remembered her with great affection. During this time of her single life, Judy traveled all over Europe with her mother, sister Peggy, and friends, excited about each new adventure. She loved sharing stories of these travels, and her home contained many cherished souvenirs. After her father passed, Judy, her mother, and sister bought a house together and enjoyed each other's companionship until Peggy's marriage to Pat Cunningham in 1973. Shortly after, Judy met the love of her life, Harvey "Ken" Yaklin. Words cannot express how much they loved each other, and they took joy in their relationship each day of their nearly fifty-year marriage. The birth of their five children made their family complete. Once her children were out of the toddler stage, Judy returned to teaching in 1985 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Here also, she was recognized for her gift of reaching each student and remained a fourth-grade teacher there for over twenty years, continuing to substitute even after retirement. Her children joke about how often Judy was

greeted by former students in all kinds of spaces: waiting rooms, doctor's offices, restaurants, and parking lots. Her impact was much bigger than she ever realized.

Judy was humble about all her accomplishments, which included taking on the challenge of becoming a Master Docent at the Toledo Museum of Art during her retirement. This required a years-long commitment and mastering new technology skills. She continued to give to the community as a member of the funeral choir at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, a volunteer on the funeral luncheon committee, a Eucharistic Minister, and a teacher at Safe-T City. Her biggest gift was spending time with her grandchildren, whom she loved wholeheartedly.

She was incredibly brave during her battle with cancer, and her family is so proud of her. We know she now feels no fear, no anxiety, and no pain. Judy is survived by her beloved husband Ken; children Sara (Bill Gibson); Molly (Ted Lindsley); Mike and Elizabeth; her grandchildren: Bella, Matt and Maya Gibson; Cricket (Soph), Bella, Lila and Mia Lindsley; nephew Patric Cunningham; nieces Kelley (Josh) Surdell and Megan Cunningham; and great nieces Haley, Rebekah and Kelsey. She was preceded in death by her son, Daniel, in 2000; her sister, Peggy Cunningham (2020); and brother in law Patrick Cunningham (2007).

Visitation will be held at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S Reynolds Rd., Wednesday, October 23rd from 4-7 PM, with a Rosary service to follow. A Funeral Mass celebrating Judy's life will take place at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Thursday, October 24th beginning at 10:30 AM in the church. Private interment will be held at Resurrection Cemetery.

Finally, her family wishes to thank all the staff at Mercy Perrysburg and Elizabeth Scott Community for their wonderful care and kindness during the last chapter of Judy's life. Please view Judy's video tribute and leave a condolence message at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral Mass

OCT **24**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
2255 Central Grove
Toledo, OH 43614

Tribute Wall

CB

“ I had the pleasure of having Mrs. Yaklin as my fourth grade teacher at OLPH and she made learning so much fun but held us accountable. She was always the sweetest and kindest woman and she'll be missed!

charlisa (hutchen) blackshear - October 24, 2024 at 09:43 AM

R'

“ Robert Duris Stritch '82 lit a candle in memory of Judith Yaklin



Robert Duris Stritch '82 - October 23, 2024 at 05:16 PM

MP

“ Growing up on River Road, I have many great memories of Mrs. Yaklin and your family. She was a wonderful woman to all the neighborhood kids. We are all better people because of her. May God bless you now and always.

Milt Pommeranz - October 23, 2024 at 09:35 AM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - October 22, 2024 at 11:58 AM

CF

“ Callie, Adam and Eric Lindsley & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judith Yaklin.

Callie, Adam and Eric Lindsley & Family - October 21, 2024 at 09:32 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judith Yaklin.



October 21, 2024 at 09:32 PM

AP

“ Adam, Amanda & Esme Phillips planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judith Yaklin.

Adam, Amanda & Esme Phillips - October 21, 2024 at 03:26 PM

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“ Adam, Amanda & Esme Phillips purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Judith Yaklin.



Adam, Amanda & Esme Phillips - October 21, 2024 at 03:26 PM

CA

“ Mrs. Yaklin was a very sweet lady and a great teacher. She knew how to handle us kids. She did so with grace, wit and patience. Thoughts and prayers to her family.

Chad Arthur - October 20, 2024 at 12:48 PM

MR

“ Dear Yaklin family,
Mrs. Yaklin was a very gifted and special teacher who my children were so very bless to have at OPLH. Our children were blessed to have Mrs. Yaklin after enjoying 3 grade with Mrs. Mouch. I worked with Mrs. Yaklin at STC (she always said you can call me Judy but I never could she was always Mrs. Yaklin to me)and I still work with Mrs. Mouch at STC. Our son Peter was honored with the 1st. scholarship from the Yaklin family as he attended St. Francis High School in honor of her son Daniel.
Your obituary that you wrote about Mrs. Yaklin in so fitting and beautiful.
Heaven sure has gained a loving angel.
When you look up at the night skies you will be able to find the 2 largest stars winking and blowing you kisses.
Peace to her and to her dear family.

Maggie Reed

Maggie Reed - October 19, 2024 at 10:07 PM

NG

I am so sorry to read of Judy's illness and passing. I came to know Judy as a fellow discoverer in the 2004 TMA Docent Class and served with her many years in guiding tours, mainly for school children, at this awesome museum. Judy was filled with sweetness and grace and her love of children was very evident. My condolences to her lovely family.

Nancy Gamble - October 20, 2024 at 03:02 PM

DP

Judy was a remarkable woman. She was a patient loving teacher. God bless here



Diane Pacella - October 21, 2024 at 06:41 PM

MM

*Condolences Molly to you and your family on the passing of your Mother. May all your wonderful memories bring you peace at this time.
Mary Martin*

Mary K Martin - October 23, 2024 at 10:25 AM

DH

I met Judy later in our lives and was honored to eventually call her "friend." Judy was unfailingly kind and compassionate. I profited deeply from her faith and courage which she showed in daily living not words. She had a delightful sense of humor during our Tuesday dinners. Oh, how she loved her grandchildren and all her family, and how we enjoyed the stories of the little ones she was watching during their preschool years. I will always treasure the time of our friendship. My condolences to "Ken" and all the family. Dorothy Haverbusch

Dorothy Haverbusch - October 23, 2024 at 09:20 PM