



## Judith E. (Rink) Buckenmyer

June 2, 2020

Judith (Judy) E. Buckenmyer, age 59, affectionately known as “Mrs. Buck” by her students, was called home on June 2, 2020, surrounded by her loving family. A resident of Liberty Township, OH, she was the wife of Mike (Buck) Buckenmyer. Born in Adrian, MI to Herbert and Virginia (Wonder) Rink, she was the 8th of 9 children. Judy was blessed with many of her mother's characteristics, although her wry sense of humor was definitely a trait of her father. She and Buck, both math teachers, met at Central Catholic High School, Toledo, before transferring to Swanton High School. She spent the last 19 years teaching at Lakota East and retired in May after 35 years. She was the heart and soul of her school and was named Teacher of the Year 2019-2020. Always smiling, she was adored by her students, respected by her colleagues, and dearly loved by her family and countless friends. Judy was salutatorian of her Adrian High School class and completed her bachelor's degree from Siena Heights University with summa cum laude distinction. A gifted educator, she strove to make learning interesting and fun. Sr. Eileen Rice and Dr. Tim Husband were two of her most influential mentors and she embodied their principles into her teaching. She received her Masters of Art & Teaching (MAT) degree from Miami University in secondary mathematics.

Family was the center of her life. Married just shy of 27 years, Buck and Judy shared many adventures together. A loving and devoted mother, she never missed her children's sporting events. Nothing made her happier than her family; she was so proud of them and their accomplishments. Judy was looking forward to her children's graduations from college this year and the beginning of their careers; Brad (BA, Business, OSU) and Lea (DPT, Belmont University). She went above and beyond for her students in and outside the classroom and grew to know them as individuals. Judy cheered on the Thunderhawks at sporting events, attended student musicals and chaperoned proms. She also traveled hours to support her great nephews and nieces at their games and baked cookies for their entire teams.

Judy was excited about her post teaching life and after a short break, planned to expand her charity and volunteer work. In the Fall, she was to return to Lakota East in a non-

teaching role. From a distance, she stayed connected to her family and friends and visited Adrian several times a year, and always at Christmas. She loved all animals and volunteered as a dog walker for SPCA, where she recently adopted her beloved rescue puppy, Elliot. A master “tweeter”, her dry wit and timely zingers kept us laughing. Judy loved the Lord, her family, friends, students, dogs, helping others, Trevor Noah, Detroit Tigers, and U of M sports. She had a profound impact on everyone who knew her and left this world a better and kinder place.

Judy is survived by her loving husband, Mike; daughter, Lea; son, Brad; Siblings Barbara (Mike) Mohler, Mary (Terry) Fitzgerald, Susan Arbaugh, Steve (Clarice) Rink, Dave (Gloria) Rink, Tom (Pam) Rink and Laura Rink; mother-in-law, Marcia Buckenmyer; brother-in-law, Joe Buckenmyer; and sister-in-law, Lynn (Ken) Konoff; beloved dog, Elliot; aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Jimmy Rink; father-in-law, Charles; grandparents, aunts and uncles. There will be private services for Judy in Liberty Township on June 12th and 13th, 2020. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2020, at 12 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian. Visitation is from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Food Pantry @ Faith Community Methodist Church, 8230 Cox Rd., West Chester Township, OH 45069; St. Monica's Recreation Center, 10022 Chester Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45215; Lakota East PTSO (memo Judy Buckenmyer Memorial Fund) 6840 Lakota Lane, Liberty Township, OH 45044, or SPCA, 11900 Conrey Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45249. Online memories and condolences may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Events

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**JUL** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)

1501 W. Maumee St., Adrian, MI, US, 49221

**JUL** **Celebration of Life** 12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Wagley Funeral Home** - July 13, 2020 at 09:02 AM



“ Thank you Wagley Group/Family for this live feed. I'm sure many were thankful. To the Buckenmyer and Rink families, so sorry for your loss. The stories and memories were beautiful. May Judy now Rest in Paradise. God Bless you all. Jeff Yielding

**Jeff Yielding** - July 18, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ A beautiful service..thank you

**AE** - July 18, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ Thank you to everyone at Wagley's Funeral Home for all your help in planning Judy's Celebration of Life. Our family was able to honor our sister the way she deserved. We are grateful Judy's memorial was live-streamed so those unable or uncomfortable about coming because of Covid19 could watch the service on Saturday and going forward for several weeks.

**Susan Arbaugh** - July 21, 2020 at 01:03 PM

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“ I only have wonderful memories of Judy who was always thoughtful, kind, considerate, compassionate and loving. There are so many ways she will always remain in my heart.

**Marcia Buckenmyer**

**marcia buckenmyer** - July 26, 2020 at 11:32 AM

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“ I'm so sorry that we have lost Judy, but our memories of her are plentiful & joyful! I remember when working on the playground of Garfield school during Adrian's summer playground program, Judy would come over to visit! She was such a cute fun-loving little girl! I always enjoyed her visits!

Thank you for live streaming her memorial service!

**Cindy Paterson Luchenbill** - July 19, 2020 at 05:05 PM

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“ My condolences to the entire family. Thinking of you today and praying for you all.  
Love, Jill (Casteel) Mason and Family

**Jill Mason** - July 18, 2020 at 01:18 PM

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“ Judy is my dear much loved friend. She will continue to bring joy to my life as I remember all the ways she added compassion and humor to my life. I could always count on her to find something funny in a situation and crack a joke, never at the expense of anyone. Her kindness and commitment to advocating for others will always inspire me. I am so thankful for her presence in my life.  
My condolences to her family, former students, and the so many others who loved her.

**Mary Tschirhart** - July 18, 2020 at 12:26 PM

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“ I was a classmate of Judy's and though quiet, she had a beautiful smile. I'm positive she touched a lot of people's lives. My condolences to Judy's immediate and extended family and all her friends.

Tony Gonzalez



**Tony Gonzalez** - July 18, 2020 at 12:13 PM

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“ Mike and family,

So sorry to hear about Judy. I remember fondly our times together at Central Catholic. I really enjoyed working with you both, Barb and I will keep all of you in our prayers.

Jack and Barb Altenburger

**Jack Altenburger** - July 18, 2020 at 11:17 AM

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“ My wife, Chris and I offer our sincerest condolences to the entire Rink family. Judy was a little younger than Tom and I but her kindness was evident at a very young age when I used to hang around the Rink household. She was another intelligent, athletic, kind member of this beautiful family. May she rest in peace.

Kevin and Chris Wagner McCordsville, IN

**Kevin Wagner** - July 08, 2020 at 08:04 AM

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“ I went to school with Judy and graduated with her. She was a friend to all, very intelligent, funny and a gentle kind spirit.

**Angie Schoonover** - June 20, 2020 at 04:31 PM

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“ Judy was a math teacher, and I'm sure, a good one. She also taught things like patience, kindness, and humility; things that I can learn from for the rest of my life! "She fought a good fight. She finished her course. She kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for her a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give her at that day: and not to her only, but unto all them that love his appearing." 2Timothy 4:7-8. I love my sister.

Dave Rink

**Dave Rink** - June 20, 2020 at 03:05 PM

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“ Judy was four years older than me in age. We laughed, cried, argued, competed against, and supported one another in our youth and young adulthood. As we aged, we spoke less frequently but when we did it usually involved a silly picture or text to make the other laugh. She adored her husband and kids, and I personally witnessed the outpouring of love from her students who lined up and waited patiently outside the Liberty Township High School in which she taught to say their goodbyes this past weekend. . This, as a teacher myself, is a testament to how much they and everyone she touched in her community adored and respected her. I take comfort that she's with my Mom and Dad and those who went before her. I'll see you again some day Judy. You have earned your wings.

**Laura Rink** - June 15, 2020 at 05:03 PM

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“ Judy was a special friend to everyone who knew her. Her kindness and finding joy in everything will always be remembered. My fondest memories with Judy on the track team for four years were the times we laughed together! What a gift to have always enjoyed life and loving to laugh! RIP sweet friend. I pray for your family, I know how blessed they were.

**melinda trevino butler** - June 15, 2020 at 12:08 AM

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“ I think Judy would be the embodiment of the word, "Samaritan". She was a wonderful and pure spirit. My heartfelt wishes go to all her family. In this time of sadness and unrest, the world has lost a truly kind leader. God speed, Judith.

**Charles Braun** - June 14, 2020 at 09:05 AM

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“ Sincere sympathy and condolences to Judy's family, friends and acquaintances.  
Ric & Cindy Frownfelder

**cindy** - June 10, 2020 at 01:13 PM

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“ Judy was “special”. She was extraordinarily smart, genuine and beautiful inside and out. Her unassuming way, kindness, bright smile and wry sense of humor made us love her even more. Everyone liked Judy, which is a true testament to her character. Our hearts are hurting and it’s difficult to imagine life without her, but I am so grateful God put her on this earth and I was blessed to have Judy as my sister.

**Susan Arbaugh** - June 09, 2020 at 10:20 PM



“ Prayers to you and your family Bonnie

**Bonnie McElfresh** - June 10, 2020 at 11:58 AM



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**Mary Tschirhart** - July 18, 2020 at 12:16 PM



“ I knew Judy from High School and playing Volleyball together! Judy was always smiling and happy ! This obituary Fits Judy to a T! I will miss Judy at class reunions! Heaven gained an Angel !

**Tracey Belaire** - June 09, 2020 at 03:59 PM