



Wanda I. Thompson

March 14, 1928 - January 21, 2021

WEST UNITY, OH – Wanda I. Thompson, 92, of rural West Unity, departed this life on Thursday, January 21, 2021, at the home of her daughter while under the care of CHP Hospice. Born March 14, 1928, in Munson, MI, she was the only daughter and eldest child of the late Lowell and Amanda (King) Borton.

Wanda grew up near Fayette and graduated with the Class of 1946 from Gorham-Fayette High School. Later that same year, on December 1, 1946, she married the love of her life, Bernard “Red” Thompson. They first made their home north of Alvordton, before settling in rural West Unity in 1955, which remained the family home until earlier this year.

Wanda found joy in always keeping busy, be it raising her children or working outside of the home. She first worked in Morenci at the school cafeteria. After her children became adults, she worked for Sauder’s Barn Restaurant in Archbold where she was known for her signature personal birthday mini-cakes. When Sauder’s Heritage Inn opened, she worked in laundry and at the breakfast bar. Her tenure at Sauder’s combined was over 30 years before she retired, only for health reasons, in 2015 at the age of 87.

She was also locally renowned for her elegant and delicious cakes for various occasions, especially weddings. Wanda previously played the piano at

Munson United Brethren Church, where she was then a member, and was currently a faithful member of the Fayette Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are her children, Linda (Sherman) Hathaway of West Unity, Larry (Donna) Thompson of West Unity, Rick (Tina) Thompson of West Unity, and Lori (Tom) Waidelich of Archbold; a brother, Jim (Retha) Borton of Adrian, MI; 14 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Wanda was preceded in death by her husband Bernard on October 3, 1995. Also welcoming her to Heaven are her parents and her son, Danny Thompson.

Visitation for Wanda will be held Sunday, January 24, 2021, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Fayette Church of the Nazarene. A private family funeral service will take place with Pastor Andy Reynard officiating. Burial will follow in Pleasant View Union Cemetery in Fayette. Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Wagley Funeral Homes, Adrian, MI.

Memorial contributions may be given in her honor to benefit the Fayette Church of the Nazarene.

Following the Governor's executive order, all attendees are required to wear a proper face covering, with the exception of those under the age of five years old or those who cannot medically tolerate.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com

Cemetery Details

Pleasant View Union

Fayette, OH 43521

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Fayette Church of the Nazarene
511 S. Fayette Street
Fayette, OH 43521

Tribute Wall



“ *Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Wanda I. Thompson*



Wagley Funeral Home - January 21, 2021 at 09:09 PM



“ *Wanda I. Thompson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *We are saddened to read of Wanda's death. We were honored to know and work with her at The Heritage Inn at Sauder Village. I worked with her at the Breakfast Bar. She was an inspiration to others and always had a smile for everyone. She was a dear friend to all who worked with her. I missed her so much when she retired. My husband knew and worked with her at the Inn and I know he shares those thoughts and memories of Wanda also. Our thoughts and prayer are with her family. She was a real gem.*

Terry and Lynda Wieland

Terry and Lynda Wieland - January 25, 2021 at 07:53 PM

JT

“ I have such special memories of Wanda and her family at Munson United Brethern Church. A very gracious lady who loved the Lord. My sympathy to the family.

Janet (Flint) Tinney - January 24, 2021 at 04:34 PM

VD

“ Van Hummel & Justine Davis purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Wanda I. Thompson.



Van Hummel & Justine Davis - January 22, 2021 at 03:28 PM


Yvonne Shaffer

“ I remember the times as kids spending days at her home. Marillyn & I both were taking about how she made us feel so welcomed in her home. I remember her cooking & baking all those cakes for others. Such a beautiful lady.

Yvonne Shaffer - January 22, 2021 at 11:48 AM


Yvonne Shaffer

“ Yvonne Shaffer lit a candle in memory of Wanda I. Thompson



Yvonne Shaffer - January 22, 2021 at 11:43 AM

CW

“ Remembering all the fun times in the neighborhood having cook outs and home made ice cream. She will truly be missed
Carla Wilhelm

Carla Wilhelm - January 21, 2021 at 09:05 PM

NY

“ I am so sorry for your loss! Mrs. Thompson was a warm and caring woman. I can still hear her laugh and see her warm smile. She welcomed me into her home when I was friends with Lori in school. As I recall, she was an Elvis fan (did I remember correctly?)...her cakes were scrumptious as well and beautiful to see...what a talent. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers as you navigate the days ahead.

Nora (Brillhart) Young

Nora Young - January 21, 2021 at 06:53 PM

NB

“ We are sorry to know that the family is missing their mother of all these years. I know you all have been so blessed with Wanda being your mother. We met her when our VS Unit group met at Sherm & Linda's and toured the Sauder Village. She was gracious to take us around and we were so pleased with her welcoming tour. Blessings to all the family. I know you have many memories to share and looking forward to meet her some day.

Nancy Bitikofer - January 21, 2021 at 04:50 PM

CM

“ *Have often thought about Wanda. She used to baby sit for me back in the 40's. Always thought a lot of her. I am sure that she will be missed by her family and other loved ones.
Precious memories, Carol (Joughin) Merillat*

Carol Merillat - January 21, 2021 at 04:21 PM