



Kathryn "Kate" Priest

September 7, 1923 - December 5, 2016

Obituary for Kathryn "Kate" Priest

Kathryn L. "Kate" Priest, age 93, of Wooster, passed away Monday, December 5, 2016 at West View Healthy Living in Wooster following a short period of declining health.

She was born in Rittman on September 7, 1923 to Donald and Leona (Holderbaum) Morr.

She moved to the Wooster area when she was 10 years old and graduated from Wooster High School in 1941. Kate married Kenneth "Ken" Priest who passed away on August 7, 2011.

After graduation, she worked for Fredricksburg Art Pottery and Toy Crafts, worked part-time at the College of Wooster and at the age of 80, retired from the Wooster Community Hospital, where she worked in the Dietary Dept. after 25 years of service.

Kate was a member of Oak Chapel United Methodist Church in Wooster where she also taught Sunday school.

Everyone knew of her love for Oreo's, just as much as a milkshake from Dairy Land. She didn't go a day without one or the other, or even both. She loved NASCAR, attending fairs, ringing Christmas bells for the Salvation Army every year, and roller skating (she was one of the best).

She was a member of the Blachleyville Pomona State and National Grange

for over 70 years, a 4 - H advisor for the Jefferson Pioneers for 18 years, belonged to the American Cancer Society for over 50 years, volunteered for the Red Cross, and was a life member of the Wooster Community Hospital Auxiliary.

Kate received the John Wallace Humanitarian Award for volunteering in 1989, was voted into the hall of fame area agency in Canton in 1992, and was the second runner-up for Mother of The Year award in Ohio in 1974.

On her 90th birthday, she was honored by the Wayne County Fair Board for never missing a Wayne County Fair for over 80 years while also working in the Grange Dining Hall. Kate was on the committee to clean the first farm for Wayne County and also helped to clean the fairgrounds after the 4th of July flood.

When the Wayne County Home (Wayne County Care Center) had to cancel their festival due to the construction of the new building, Kate came to the rescue and had it moved to the Grange Hall at the Wayne County Fair Grounds, which was there for a number of years, now called the Home And Garden Show.

She is survived by her granddaughter Crystal (Gino) Scopel of Wooster, and daughter Peggy Hibbs also of Wooster, in addition to numerous friends and family.

In addition to her parents and husband, she is preceded in death by her sister, Ardes Stout Leisy, brother, Karl Morr and son-in-law, Sam Hibbs.

Visitation will be today, (Thursday) from 1 - 3 & 5 - 7 p.m. at Custer-Glenn Funeral Home.

It was her wishes there be private services that will take place at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to either: Friends of

The Wayne County Fair, P.O. Box 3, Wooster, Oh. 44691 or the Wayne County Humane Society, 1161 Mechanicsburg Rd., Wooster, Oh. 44691.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at: www.custerglenn.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 1:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Custer-Glenn Funeral Home & Cremation Services
2284 Benden Drive
Wooster, OH 44691
(330) 264-7776
info@custer-glenn.com

Visitation

DEC 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



Jean
Graham

“Katie was a ball of energy the entire time I have known her (since the 70's). I don't think anyone ever walked away a stranger as she was friendly, kind and loving. She served me up lunch at WCH for over 20 some years. Never saw her unhappy, never heard an unkind word out of her mouth and she always had me walking away smiling. Will miss her but will celebrate her long life as a blessing to us all.

Jeanie Rochester

Jean Graham - December 18, 2016 at 05:55 PM

PG

“Katie was a wonderful friend to our mother/mother-in-law, Kitty Chia, and they had so much fun together at West View Healthy Living. A photo of the two in the dining hall is attached. Katie always wanted to share the latest Oreo cookie variety with Kitty and gave us many samples.

Katie was truly the one who made the dining hall at West View lively beyond measure and so much fun for all the residents. I know that those at her table were always worried the times she was not well, but Katie gave everyone a lift when she bounced back. She showed everyone by example how to face the trials of life with a hopeful and caring outlook.

Good-bye Katie. Rest in peace. You will always be in our hearts as a most lovable and spirited great lady, with the best sense of humor in the world.

Pei-hsin and David Gedalecia



Pei-hsin and David Gedalecia - December 11, 2016 at 08:35 AM

SV

“I've seen Kate around for years, but saw her almost weekly when she went to West View. She was always friendly, happy, smiling. My husband's family knew her through Oak Chapel Methodist Church, where they were members when they lived in Jefferson. My sympathy to the family. Susan Vitaro

Susan Vitaro - December 10, 2016 at 08:27 PM

NN

“ *My condolences to the Priest family.*

Norma Newman

norma newman - December 09, 2016 at 10:05 AM

PB

“ *Kate was always smiling and laughing in the cafeteria at Wooster Community Hospital. She was a treasure to all who met her. Thoughts and prayers with the family. Patty Beery*

Patty Beery - December 08, 2016 at 06:04 PM

MC

“ *Although I had seen Kate around Wooster most of my adult life, our paths never crossed until our meeting at West View. She was a jolly person . We all liked her. We will miss her.*

Blessings to her granddaughter who was so faithful.

Margery Cliffe

margery Cliffe - December 08, 2016 at 12:11 PM

DM

“ *Sorry to hear of Katie's passing. She will be missed. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Donna, Rick and Dick McCoy

Donna McCoy - December 08, 2016 at 11:36 AM

SS

“*Kate was very dedicated to her job in cafeteria. She took several changes of clothes in winter so if it got bad ,she would stay over night to be there for work so others get eat.*
Sharleen Sigler

Sharleen Sigler - December 07, 2016 at 09:36 PM

MW

“*Maretta Warner lit a candle in memory of Kathryn "Kate" Priest*



Maretta Warner - December 07, 2016 at 01:13 PM

CC

“*Thinking of you Crystal and Gino. Now she has all the oreos a girl could ask for!!! Love you both. Always in my prayers...Cherie*

CHERIE CYRUS - December 07, 2016 at 09:16 AM

AH

“*Ann Hendershot lit a candle in memory of Kathryn "Kate" Priest*



Ann Hendershot - December 07, 2016 at 06:57 AM