



## Elaine S. Heindel

June 20, 1955 - May 14, 2025

Elaine S. Heindel, 69 of Willshire, Ohio, passed away Wednesday morning, May 14, 2025, at Stillwater Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Elaine was born on June 20, 1955, in Rockford, Ohio to Charles and Fern (Redlinger) DeBolt. She graduated from Parkway High School in 1973. On October 18, 1974, Elaine and Donald Heindel were married in Willshire, Ohio, where the couple made their life together. Elaine worked for Scott's grocery store in Decatur for over 20 years and worked for Esteves Group in Decatur for 10 years before retiring on April 1, 2021. Elaine was a wonderful baker and enjoyed making homemade goodies for her family. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, gardening and she loved Jesus.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Don of Willshire, OH., their three sons, Corey (Mila) Heindel of Frankfort, IN., Andrew (Melissa) Heindel of Ossian, IN. and Joseph (Julie) Heindel of Monroe, IN., along with her five grandchildren whom she adored, Charlemagne Jerze of Frankfort, IN., Addyson, Kinley and Jaydon Heindel of Ossian, IN. and Olivia Heindel of Monroe, IN. She will be fondly remembered by her sisters, Linda Miller of Delphos, OH. And Cheryl Knapp of Plainwell, MI.

She is preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Joyce Leighner.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later time.

Memorials may be made to the family and directed to the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends may share online

condolences with the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincere condolences to Elaine's family for your loss. May God grant you peace and comfort.*

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**Mike Pontius** - May 21, 2025 at 04:32 PM

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“ *Don and Family, so sorry to hear of Elaines passing. Praying for comfort and peace. She was a good friend and we had great times in high school and after. My sympathies to all. Gayla Painter*

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**Gayla Painter** - May 21, 2025 at 01:49 PM

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“ *Don, I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Elaine at Scott's and still considered her a friend as she was such a happy, fun-loving person. May Jesus continue to have His arms around you and your Family 🙏❤️ Karen Franz*

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**Karen Franz** - May 19, 2025 at 12:39 PM