

A Celebration of Life



Wanda Katy Glenn

September 2, 1955 - October 24, 2026

Bridge City Church

Wake: 9AM | Service: 10AM

Rev. Keon Abner, Officiant

Participating Clergy

Rev. Dr. Rick Gillespie-Mobley

Rev. Dr. Toby Gillespie-Mobley

Rev. Kellie Sullivan

Order of Service

At the conclusion of the wake, we will begin the pall ceremony.

Placing of the Pall	Pastor
Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed	Pastor
Welcome, Call to Worship & Invocation	Pastor
Songs of Worship	Music Team
Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness: Romans 8:35–39	Pastor
Song of Response	Music Team
Acknowledgments & Resolutions	Pastor
Psalms Reading: Psalm 91	Pastor
New Testament Reading	Pastor
Testimonies & Remembrances	Pastor Moderating
Reading of the Obituary	Gail H. Banes
Song	Music Team
Eulogy / Sermon	Pastor
Song of Response	Music Team
Commendation & Committal	Pastor
Closing Prayer & the Lord's Prayer	Pastor
Closing Song	Music Team
Benediction	Pastor

Obituary

Wanda “Katy” Hayes Glenn was born to John and Jonnie Hayes on September 2, 1955, in Cleveland, Ohio. She was the youngest of four children, following brothers Marvin and Richard and sister Gail.

Katy spent her formative years in the Glenville neighborhood attending O.W. Holmes Elementary School through the third grade. In 1964, her family moved to Ashbury Avenue, where she attended Mary Bethune Elementary School.

She graduated from John Hay High School in June 1973 and entered Cleveland State University that fall. Katy earned her bachelor's degree in Speech and Hearing Pathology and was hired full-time by Cleveland State University's College of Education in 1980. She was later accepted into the master's program in Speech and Hearing Pathology and earned her master's degree in 1986. While working in the College of Education, she developed a passion for helping others achieve their educational goals and earn certification as teachers. She went on to become the Assistant Director of Student Personnel Services and retired in 2010 after 35 years of service.

In 1986, she met Walter Glenn at a Halloween party. They dated for two years and were married on August 6, 1988, by Reverend Bob Williams-Neal at the home of Walter's sister, Barb. Together they raised two beautiful daughters and were married for over 38 years.

Katy and Walter became deeply involved in church ministry at Glenville New Life Community Church. Both served as Elders, Lay Pastors, and Marriage Counselors throughout the 1990s and into the 2000s. Katy also served as Director of the Children's Angelic Voices Choir and sang in both the Adult and Women's Choirs. She was active in the Women's Association and was always willing to lend a helping hand wherever she was needed.

In 2013, Glenville merged with Calvary Presbyterian to form New Life at Calvary. Katy and Walter served there for nine years, and in 2022, they joined Bridge City Church. Katy was a dedicated member of the Hospitality and Women's Discipleship teams.

An avid thrifter and cardmaker, she earned the name Crafty Katy, and her handmade creations brought joy to everyone lucky enough to receive one. Full of life, light, and laughter, she brought sunshine into every room she entered and left a lasting imprint on every life she touched.

Katy was preceded in death by her parents, John and Jonnie Hayes; her brother, Richard Hayes; and her mother-in-law, Ruth Glenn. She is survived by her husband, Walter Glenn; daughters Jessica Donkers (Nick) and Emily Coleman (Aaron); bonus daughter Felicia Earl; brother Marvin Hayes (Geraldine); sister Gail H. Banes; sister-in-law Barbara Stargen; her beloved dog, Pammy; and a host of nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

