



Joyce Willadean Keating

January 26, 1947 - June 26, 2025

Joyce Willadean Keating, 78, passed away Thursday, June 26, 2025 in Clay City, KY. She was born January 26, 1947 in Rogers, KY to the late Shelby Shefton & Margaret Elizabeth Honchul Spencer. She graduated from Wolfe County High School and went on to study at Berea College, majoring in elementary education. During her time at Berea, she went to Chicago on a work-study venture where she met Robert Thomas Keating of Boston, MA. The two would later become husband & wife, enjoying 35 years of very happy marriage. She began her teaching career at Beattyville Grade School and then taught for many years at Clay City Elementary. Eventually, she would earn a Master's Degree and a Rank One in education at Eastern Kentucky University. In addition to her life as a teacher, wife, & mother, Joyce was a follower of Jesus Christ and a member of Salem Baptist Church in Spout Springs. She is survived by: daughter Bobbi Jo (Brad) Epperson; brother James (Becky) Spencer; sister Susan (Bruce) Davis; grandsons Seth Epperson & Caleb Epperson; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends, & former co-workers who were very special to her. She was preceded in death by: husband Bob "Blackie" Keating; parents Shelby & Margaret Spencer; sister Jean Smith; and brothers Kenneth Spencer & Daymon Spencer. Funeral services will be conducted 2:00PM on Monday, June 30 by Bro. Jerry Smith at Wells Funeral Home in Stanton. Visitation will Monday, beginning at 10:00AM for family & 11:00AM for friends. Burial will follow the funeral at the Spencer Cemetery in Rogers.

Previous Events

Family Visitation

JUN 30. 10:00 AM (ET)

Wells Funeral Home
777 West College Avenue
P.O. Box 33
Stanton, KY 40380
wellsfuneralhome@yahoo.com

Visitation

JUN 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JUN 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 169 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wells Funeral Home - June 29, 2025 at 08:35 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce Willadean Keating.



June 28, 2025 at 06:20 PM



“ So sorry Bobbi Jo, I know you will miss her terribly. She's back in Blackie's arms again, both are smiling down and watching over you and your family. Many hugs and prayers for all of you. 🙏❤️🙏



Brenda Birch - June 28, 2025 at 11:43 AM



“ Willadean you will be missed; however you'll get to rejoice with others who have gone on before. God bless your family during this difficult time.



Liz Barry - June 27, 2025 at 03:06 PM

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“ Thoughts & prayers for all the family!



Patty Billings - June 27, 2025 at 11:51 AM

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“ William Templeton purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joyce Willadean Keating.



William Templeton - June 27, 2025 at 10:44 AM

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“ She was my 5th grade teacher at Clay City Elementary! She was won of my favorite teachers always so kind and thoughtful! Prayers for her family!

April Osborne - June 26, 2025 at 05:26 PM