



Elizabeth Haney

March 26, 1936 - July 3, 2020

HANEY, Elizabeth Ann Isbell left the loving arms of her family and walked into the Kingdom of God on July 3, 2020, at the age of 84. She was born in Elkhart, Indiana on March 26, 1936, to George and Esther Isbell. After graduating from Elkhart High School, she entered Manchester College, graduating with a degree in English, History, and Education and later received a Master's degree in Education from Ohio State University. During her Freshman year, Beth met the love of her lifetime, Joel Haney. Married in 1956, they built a life and a family together over the next 54 years. Beth embraced being a wife and mother, her two most treasured roles. For her children, she was their first and best teacher, a wonderful tribute for a mother and an educator. But teaching did not end with her own children. Beth taught English and History and touched the lives of a generation of students at Worthington High School. Not surprising for an English and History teacher, Beth had an enduring love for books. Her children recall mom's weekly trips to the library that always yielded at least one shopping bag of new reads. Even today, in Beth's collection of mysteries, crime novels and inspirational fiction, there stand books well-worn by a reader who visited them frequently and counted them as cherished friends. A woman of profound and abiding faith, Beth was an active member of All Saints Lutheran Church in Worthington, and in her later years, a resident of Worthington Christian Village. Preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Beth leaves her children who cherish her love and her life, Susan (Mike) Williford, David (Kelley) Haney, and Phillip (Sharyn)

Haney, ten grandchildren, and many other family members and friends. “Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God.” (Isaiah 41:10) One of Beth’s favorite Bible verses, it comforts her children and family now, all of whom remember her life of faith well lived. A private ceremony to celebrate her life will be held on Tuesday, July 7. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Leap of Faith (<https://leapoffaithdancecompany.com/>) Condolences to: <https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com>.

Tribute Wall



“ *Elizabeth Haney*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Your wonderful mother and I taught across the hall from each other at TWHS for a number of years. We were friends both during our time there and after we both retired in 1999. I valued our friendship greatly. Your lovely tribute to Beth was perfect: special like she was. You and your families are in my prayers, and I hope your happy memories of good times together are a comfort to all of you.*

Mary Lynn Jacobson

Mary Lynn Jacobson - July 17, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ *I'm sorry to hear of Mrs. Haney's passing. It was my good fortune to teach at Worthington High School with her. My favorite memory of Beth, was leaving a staff meeting where we were told we would begin a program of shared administrating... or some type of edubabble. As we left the library she grabbed my arm and said, "Terry, I just want to teach. Give me a room, a book and kids to teach and let me TEACH." I recall thinking, (I was the football coach at the time.) If Mrs. Haney wanted to, she could be a great coach. God bless her and your family.*

Terry Lichtenberg - July 10, 2020 at 05:45 PM

DC

“ Dear Haney children, I have never read such a beautiful , heartfelt obituary..... so well deserved by your dear mother . I first knew your parents and teachers and Worthington High School . They both made a big difference in my life, and I'll never forget their influence . IT was a joy to continue seeing them regularly at All Saints Church , and in the choir . You were blessed with wonderful parents . God bless you all . Debbie (Burkhart) Comer

Debbie Comer - July 09, 2020 at 02:44 PM

SW

“ We are very saddened by the loss of Beth, as we enjoyed being with her very much. We were in the Thurs. nite Bible Study with her many years ago when we first started our spiritual journey at All Saints. She was one of those that influenced us spiritually. Later, when she moved to Worthington Christian Village, we picked her up to take her to church until she decided that she wanted to join the worship services at the Village. We would visit her thru the years, wherever she had to go for rehab. We continued visiting her in the Assisted Living floor at WCV. The last time we were there it was a short visit as we could tell she was tired, and didn't have much to talk about. Your Mom and Grandma was a lovely and loving lady. We believe she is now with Jesus and very happy.

*Blessings to all of the family,
Bill and Sandy Weides*

Sandy and Bill Weides - July 08, 2020 at 02:09 PM

JM

“ We were fortunate to buy the home that Mrs. Haney and her husband called home for many years. In our brief interactions she was so very kind and thoughtful, providing us with many details and information about the house and neighborhood. We are beyond fortunate that she chose our family to follow hers. Deepest sympathy to you all. Jon & Amanda Melchi

Jon Melchi - July 08, 2020 at 01:51 PM

BM

“ I was saddened to see that Beth has left us. I had a delightful visit with her last fall. She was such a dear lady and I have missed seeing her at church. Both of your parents were such an important part of the All Saints family and are missed. My sympathy to you on the loss of your Mom. Beth Ullery Maxwell

Beth Ullery Maxwell - July 08, 2020 at 01:20 PM

NW

“ I have so many fond memories of Beth. We not only shared an office (more like a closet) at TWHS but we also shared teaching strategies, a love for literature, family secrets, our quest for an MA, and laughter. What a wonderful friend and colleague she was! Susan, David and Phil, I am so sorry for your loss.
Nan Wampler

Nan Wampler - July 08, 2020 at 11:04 AM

MH

“ Your mother was a delightful, supportive, very bright, and pleasant lady whose company we enjoyed in the fellowship of the church and on a personal level. And it was our privilege to have our sons as two of her many grateful students. The recent years have been tough. Her "graduation" from life to Life is better by far.
Marshall and Judy Hayden

Marshall and Judy Hayden - July 07, 2020 at 06:39 PM

LG

“ I was fortunate to have Mrs. Haney for English sophomore year and can't imagine how I would have made it through high school or college assignments without her. Her writing format allowed me to be successful with my essays and provided me organization and confidence on all my future writings. She made such a difference in my education and thus impacting all of my future.

Lori Grisez - July 07, 2020 at 05:33 PM

BS

“ I was sorry to learn of Beth's passing. She was a wonderful person and I had great respect for both she and Joel. I was a Business Education teacher at TWHS and had many wonderful conversations with her. In addition to the words to the school's alma mater, she required that her students learn the words to our national anthem. God Bless her! May your wonderful memories bring you peace and comfort. Becky Schmidt

Becky Schmidt - July 07, 2020 at 04:45 PM

JE

“ I was in Mrs. Haney's English course at Thomas Worthington as a sophomore and liked her so much I took a Great Literature course from her the next year. I still love "The Catcher in the Rye". Even "A Separate Peace". ("The Scarlet Letter", not so much. SYMBOLISM! My head still hurts from being hit over the head by it.) Mrs. Haney had high expectations for us as readers, thinkers and writers. Indeed, I learned to write a formal essay from her! It had never made sense before she taught us her visual method (upside down triangle for the introductory paragraph, three squares for the body paragraphs etc. Supporting details and always explain your evidence!). She whipped us into shape and I loved her for it. In fact I used the Haney method all throughout high school and college, and always got good marks for my essays. Oh! And I just remembered as I write this-- SHE was the only person in Worthington who made SURE all of her students knew the Thomas Worthington Alma Mater and Fight Song! You could always tell a Haney student because THEY were the ones belting it out at the football games!

I became a teacher myself! I've taught social studies for 16 years and I always ALWAYS teach my students the Haney method of writing and thesis development. It still makes sense to kids! I became a teacher--and an effective one-- in no small part thanks to this wonderful lady. Mrs. Haney's impact on all of us, and me, illustrates how powerful a teacher can be. She really changed my life. Let's keep supporting teachers so they can keep changing our kids' lives, just like Mrs. Haney helped me. I hear this a lot: "They won't remember what you taught them, but they'll remember how you treated them." But in Mrs. Haney's case, I clearly remember WHAT she taught, and HOW she treated me! A wonderful human being with a heart full of love for her students. Thank you ma'am. Your love lives on in our hearts; your legacy is secure.

Jeff Elliott - July 07, 2020 at 11:44 AM

DW

“ Dear Phil and family,
Sharon and I have many incredible memories of your Mom (and Dad) from our years at Worthington Christian Church. When Phil was in high school I recall that she hosted a Super Bowl Party for the church's high school youth group one year and made the best Sloppy Joes I've ever had. She exhibited a marvelous love for her family and her Lord. May sweet memories of her bless you daily!
In HIS Love,
Dennis & Sharon Wheeler
Westerville, Ohio

Dennis Wheeler - July 07, 2020 at 08:14 AM

JF

“ Susan, David, Phillip, my sincere sympathy. It was an absolute pleasure to know both mom and dad, from WHS through all of these years. Her smile and kind words will be missed, but I know she is in comfort now.
John Folk

John Folk - July 07, 2020 at 07:08 AM

KB

“ Mrs. Haney was an incredibly teacher and leader in the Worthinton common. My sincere condolences to the Haney family. May God bless you all.

Korey Brown - July 06, 2020 at 09:04 PM

PB

“ I had the privilege of meeting Beth as a Eucharist Minister for All Saints Church at Worthington Christian. Our visits were somewhat brief, Beth wanted to exchange a quick greeting then get right to the point of the visit, receiving holy communion! I remember Beth’s pretty smile and I mentioned to her every time I visited that she had such a pretty smile, and she would shyly say thank you. She always had a book in her hand when I arrived, even if she was nodding off. Most of all, I remember her fervor in her Eucharistic reception, and she would say “thank you” after every part of the Program. Blessings to you, her family. I know Beth was rich in God’s love.

Patty Bradley - July 06, 2020 at 12:47 PM

JK

“ Beth was one of the dearest, sweetest and most intelligent women I have met. I, too, taught at Thomas Worthington and her name, as well as Joel’s were held in high esteem. I was told if you had Mrs. Haney for English, you knew how to write. She, indeed set the bar high.. I was fortunate to sing with Joel and Beth was a friend, .She gave so much to all she encountered! I am sad to know of her passing, but delighted she will now be with the love of her life..I know he has been waiting. What a wonderful couple and a beacon of faith and love. Jane Karras

jane Karras - July 06, 2020 at 11:29 AM

PB

“ Beth was a wonderful neighbor and friend. My children still consider her one of their best teachers at W.H.S. I got to know her even better as a faithful member of All Saints. My sympathy to your families. She was a treasure.
Paula Baur

paula baur - July 06, 2020 at 11:23 AM

CL

“ I remember Mrs. Haney from English class on "main campus" in 1990.

I recall not only her passion for teaching but how she truly cared for her students.

Thoughts and prayers to the entire family during this time.

Chris Lowe - July 05, 2020 at 06:11 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Haney.



July 04, 2020 at 08:22 PM