



## Winona Hamilton

April 3, 1927 - June 22, 2020

Winona (Waldron) Hamilton, 93, died quietly on June 22, 2020, with husband, John, at her side. Her death was a result of complications due to the coronavirus. She was born April 3, 1927, in Adrian, MI, the daughter of Wilfred G and Lulu Ellen (Brown) Waldron. Winona was valedictorian of the Tecumseh High School Class of 1945. Winona graduated with a B.A. degree in German from the University of Michigan (1950). She married her high school sweetheart, John Hamilton, July 5, 1947 and settled in their hometown of Tecumseh, MI. They moved to Lansing MI in 1966 and again to Worthington, Ohio, in 1968. Winona passed on just short of their 73rd Wedding Anniversary. Winona and husband, John, were quite a team. They were members of the Tecumseh and Worthington Presbyterian churches where they lead the Youth Fellowship group for many years. They hosted members of the Columbus International Program in their home for nearly 30 years. They were deeply passionate about their 30 plus years work with the Columbus Prison Ministry, frequently providing advocacy, support, and room and board for parolees. Winona grew up playing the piano. She had a thirst and love for music. She loved the symphony and was a member, and past president, of the Worthington Sonata Unit of the Columbus Symphony. In addition to her parents, Winona was predeceased by sister, Joyce (Munn) and brother, Wilfred R Waldron, daughter-in-law, Debra (Noe) Hamilton, and Granddaughter, Kathryn Hamilton. Winona is survived by husband, John, daughters, Carol Hamilton, and Kimberly (Scott) Hamilton-Holmes, sons, John

(Marilyn) Hamilton and Mark Hamilton. She had five grandchildren, Hope Parry, Colin (Caroline) Holmes, Matt (Lauren) Hamilton, Lucas (Cait) Holmes and Stuart Holmes. Winona had three great grandchildren, Vann Parry, Cohen Hamilton, and Caleb Holmes. There are numerous nieces, nephews and other loved ones considered family. Inscription on the gravestone reads, "be mindful of the needs of others". Due to the current coronavirus health hazard, no services have been planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation in Winona's name to either: Columbus Symphony (Contact Carl McCoy, 614-221-6016), or NNEMAP, Inc., (Food Pantry), P.O. Box10614, Columbus, Ohio 43201. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Winona Hamilton*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *My condolences to the family on their loss. Mrs. Hamilton was always the nicest and sweetest lady to me and my family. I still remember our families living across the street from each other on Inverary in Lansing all those years ago. My sympathies and prayers out out to Mr. H, Carol and all of the family.*

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**Christopher Van Note** - June 23, 2021 at 05:38 PM

GW

“ *"We " Your German famliy" are very sad about the passing away of Winona. Günther came just exactly fifty years ago as an exchange student for one year into the Hamilton-family. Winona and John influenced very much his life ( f.e. to become a social worker ). But a German saying says: ." life ends but not the memories !!!". So we will always keep our wonderful memories with Winona ( our wedding in 1980 in the Black Forest, the many trips all across the United States and Europe, wonderfull meals and cultural events ...).*

*We miss you !!!*

*We are grateful , that our lifelines crossed so intensively with you Winona (and John and the Hamiltons) !! So Winona will always be a very important part of our family too !!*

*With thankful thoughts and deep prayers*

*always*

*Your German Family (Günther , Heidi, Philipp, Matthias and all our relatives in the Black Forest )*

*Günther Wagner  
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**Günther Wagner** - July 01, 2020 at 04:29 AM

LW

“ John and family, so sorry to hear about your loss. I can't say enough about the impact that the team of "Mr and Mrs. Hamilton" as youth leaders had on my life. Winona, always kind and caring, with a listening ear and non-judgmental advice. Many wonderful memories.

*Phillippians 4:7 May "the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus".*

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**Libby Morrison Williams** - June 27, 2020 at 11:57 AM

DH

“ John, Marilyn and Mark,

*So sorry to hear this news about your mother. Your mother truly lived a remarkable life. Her dedication to family and others reflects a quality so in need in all of us these days.*

*You and family remain in our prayers,*

*Dan Hanket*

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**Dan Hanket** - June 25, 2020 at 04:56 PM

BS

“ John and Marilyn: So sorry to hear about John's mother. She sounds like an amazing woman! Hope you both are doing well and staying healthy. We are fine here in good old Ohio.. Take care! Jack and Becky Schmidt

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**Becky Schmidt** - June 25, 2020 at 10:17 AM