



Christine "Chris" Wilhelm

August 15, 1947 - May 31, 2026

Christine "Chris" Wilhelm, age 78, of Wheeling, WV, passed away Sunday May 31, 2026 at WVU Wheeling Hospital.

She was born August 15, 1947 in Wellsville, OH, daughter of the late John and Thelma Olsen Papini.

She was a former secretary for the State of WV; analytical lab tech for Tridet Laboratories; loved crocheting, word searches, puzzles, cooking, reading, and caring for her children and grandchildren. She was Catholic by faith.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Catherine Blum.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Tom Wilhelm; son, Scott (Dawn) Wilhelm of Wheeling, WV; daughter, Julie (Tim) Little of GA; four grandchildren, Julie (Jonathan) Sampson, Zack (Jessica) Wilhelm, Erin and Kendal Little; three great grandchildren, Rhyder, Aubree, and Payton Wilhelm; brother, Frank Papini of St. Clairsville, OH, and several nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends Wednesday from 6:00-8:00pm where funeral services will be held Thursday at 10:30am at Grisell Funeral Home and Crematory 1 Ridgecrest Rd Wheeling/Bethlehem with Fr. Carlos Melocoton as celebrant.

Interment at Park View Memorial Gardens Wheeling, WV.

Sympathy expressions at grisellfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Park View Memorial Gardens

Wheeling, WV 26003

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory- Wheeling/Bethlehem
1 Ridgecrest Road
Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV 26003
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Funeral Service

JUN 4. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Charles R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christine "Chris" Wilhelm.

Charles R. - June 06 at 09:22 PM

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“ She was my best friend. She knew when I needed her and I knew when she needed me. We had that kind of an emotional connection. We met as her husband Tom is my husband's best friend. Their marriage made us an unseparatable foursome. She loved to travel to visit us in Florida and Tennessee. We were always making plans to be together. I was always grateful to our husbands who allowed our plans to unfold. Best of all I loved her smile and her laughter. I will miss you my friend and I'll still chat with you daily.

Nancy Roxby - June 05 at 03:15 PM

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“ Bart & Liz Pascoli purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Christine "Chris" Wilhelm.



Bart & Liz Pascoli - June 01 at 03:25 PM

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“ *Christine Knight purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Christine "Chris" Wilhelm.*



Christine Knight - June 01 at 03:13 PM