



Terri L. Wearstler

December 1, 1952 - May 21, 2025

Terri L. Wearstler, 72, of Mentor, passed away May 21, 2025, at the David Simpson Hospice House in Cleveland. She was born on December 1, 1952, in Cleveland, to the late Cloyd and Mary Wolford. She had lived in Mentor, OH, for the past 31 years.

Terri grew up in Strongsville, OH, and graduated from Strongsville High School in 1971. She studied nursing at Fairview General Hospital School of Nursing, earning her license as a registered nurse with the Class of 1974. At Camp Christian in August of 1973, Terri met Ralph. Their marriage on August 2, 1975, marked the beginning of a loving and enduring bond rooted in faith and mutual care.

She devoted much of her life to caring for others—not only through her decades-long nursing career, but also in her roles as a loving wife, mother, Grammie, and friend. Her calm presence, subtle wisdom, and gentle nature brought comfort to all who knew her.

As a lifelong Disciples of Christ member, Terri was very active in her church community on many levels, faithfully supporting her husband's ministry and serving in many roles at several congregations—including as Director of Christian Education at Bailey Road Christian Church, as an elder at Mentor Christian Church, and as a cherished part of the community at her most

recent church home, Old South Church (UCC).

She had a creative spirit and loved all kinds of crafts, especially cross-stitch. Terri was an enthusiastic member of the Lake Erie Stitching Group, where she enjoyed both the art and the fellowship. She found great joy in preparing and sharing meals with family and friends and was known for her delicious homemade pies. One of her most cherished traditions was gathering with family at Christmastime to bake molasses cookies—not just for the treats, but for the time spent together. The tradition began with her grandma, was skillfully carried on by her mom, and became a meaningful part of Terri's own family life—one that will continue with her children and grandchildren.

Terri also enjoyed watching movies at the theater—a regular outing with her husband—and her grandchildren fondly remember being “rescued” from day care to catch a show. Her grandchildren also treasure the simple joy of rolling coins together, just one of many moments that made time with “Grammie” so special.

Terri will be remembered for her sweet sense of humor, her beautiful smile, and the warmth she shared so freely—whether through kind words or a comforting hug. She leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and quiet strength—and she will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing and loving her.

Survivors include her husband of nearly 50 years, Rev. Ralph S. Wearstler; children, Emily (Dave) Kalina, Amber Wearstler, and Trevor Wearstler; grandchildren, Haylie and Jackson Kalina; siblings, Gary (Patti) Wolford, Patti Grezlik, and David (Karin) Wolford; sister-in-law, Gail (Bob) McConville; brother-in-law, Mark (Cathy) Wearstler and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and other loving family members and friends.

A celebration of Terri's life will be held at 12pm on August 2nd. For more details and to RSVP go to <https://evite.me/mdJ8d3ehbN>. The service will be led by Rev. Brenda Waddell and Rev. Terry Bartlett.

Private family entombment will be held at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Seville, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, to honor Terri's memory, donations may be made to the food pantry at Old South Church in Kirtland, OH, Camp Christian in Marysville, OH, or to a favorite charity that holds special meaning to you.

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Tribute Wall

LZ

“ Sincere condolences to her family. I met Terri at Fairview Nursing School. I remember her cheerful bubbly nature. Reading how her life unfolded into a caring , nurturing one is of no surprise.

Linda (plavcan) Zinner - July 19, 2025 at 01:00 PM

JC

“ Terry was a wonderful Christian and a beautiful friend. We will miss you. May light perpetual shine upon her. Amen.

John Cox - June 25, 2025 at 01:22 PM

SG

“ The Northeast Ohio Nurse Honor Guard wishes to express our sincere condolences to the family and friends of nurse, Terri L. Wearstler, RN.

We thank her for her contribution to caring for others and representing the nursing profession with trust, dignity and respect. Your nurse colleagues will take over from here. Rest in peace.

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Secretary @ NEO Nurse Honor Guard - June 11, 2025 at 11:05 AM

DW

“ Terri was five and a half years old when I was born. Already an experienced sister, she was a capable and loving caretaker from the start. We learned our values from wonderful parents, who learned their values from their childhood families. We benefitted from one of life's greatest gifts; parents who didn't teach hate to those different from us. I love you Terri. Thank you for your love and all of our shared joys.

Dave Wolford - June 03, 2025 at 09:59 AM

RK

“ Ralph, I am so very sorry to hear about the passing of Terri. She was always so very sweet in her personality. She was a good neighbor growing up on Brady Lane and will be remembered fondly. Sympathies and prayers on your loss. -- Ron

Ronald B. Krisko - June 02, 2025 at 06:43 AM

LO

“ Dear Ralph and Family,
It was with sadness that we noted Terri's passing into God's eternal love. May the sweet memories of your life together and the deep assurances of faith comfort and bless you in these days. You are in our prayers for peacefulness.
Prayerfully,
Revs. David & Lauren Odell-Scott

Lauren Odell-Scott - May 30, 2025 at 01:56 PM

RC

“ I will always hold dear watching you roll your eyes as you would laugh (such an awesome laugh) at my mischief. You were an amazing SPUD player- See you when we all get to gather again.
Love, Cousin Rob

rob clapp - May 25, 2025 at 12:41 PM

JG

“ *Worked with her... great lady...*



Jeff Gazso - May 25, 2025 at 09:10 AM

CB

“ *Terri was a very kind and loving Christian person. Ralph performed our wedding, his first at our church, in 1982, so we have known Terri since then. She helped watch our son, along with her 3!, when we needed help one summer. I always enjoyed working along side her, and speaking with her. Her trach was just part of her charm, and wasn't even noticeable as you spoke with her. I'm sure she got angry on occasion, but we never saw it. She was always smiling! We will miss her very much, even though we didn't see each other much lately. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you as you deal with this pain. But we know, without a doubt, that we will be reunited again someday.*

Cathie Bachtel - May 25, 2025 at 08:32 AM

MJ

Dear Ralph and family, Your description of Terri was spot-on. I first met Terri in nursing school in 1971 and I am so blessed to have called her my friend. Although we haven't seen each other or talked often I always knew she would be there for me. She was just that kind of person. She was so gentle and kind-and funny! We had great times in nursing school and she was the first one to pierce my ears. We worked together after graduation for a short time and she was a wonderful nurse.

I was in her wedding and knew she and Ralph would be together for the long haul.

I love her and will miss her terribly. I thank you, Ralph and family for letting me see her one last time.

I know the Lord said to her "Well done My good and faithful servant."

Michelle Joseph - May 25, 2025 at 10:01 AM

SC

I remember the day Terri and one of her daughters sat downtown in Cleveland to watch the Pride parade. We had a great time. I always saw a smile on her face and we had great conversations.

Sue Clark - May 25, 2025 at 06:20 PM

RB

We didn't know Terri well, but Ralph more through the years. Our condolences on your deep loss. We could always tell there was a special bond between you two and nearly 50 years as a minister's wife is quite a feat! Blessings on you and all the family. Becky and Dave Brown

Rebecca Brown - May 30, 2025 at 11:32 AM

PS

*Ralph, God bless you and your family❤️.
Pete and Karen Smith*

Pete Smith - May 30, 2025 at 12:37 PM

PM

*Ralph, May God continue to bless you and your family always. Many fond memories of Terri.
Perry and Maureen Mattern*

Perry Mattern - May 30, 2025 at 02:46 PM

DB

My prayers go out to you and your family Ralph. I Will cherish all of my memories of Terri growing up and all of the family gatherings. She was just like her mom to a T, kind gentle and accepting of all. I will miss you something terribly sweet cousin. Love you.

Diana Beck - May 30, 2025 at 08:39 PM