



## Wanda Coffel

June 1, 1926 - January 7, 2017

Wanda Coffel, 90, of Murphysboro, passed away at 11:35 a.m. Saturday, January 7, 2017, at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

Wanda was born on June 12, 1926, in Herrin, Illinois, to Bill and Mae (Bradley) Mulkin.

She had worked for over 30 years as a licensed nurse beginning at Marshall Browning Hospital in DuQuoin, then at the Carbondale Clinic, and finally retiring from the Jackson County Nursing Home on Murphysboro. She worked in the Same Day Surgery, working as a volunteer helper. Nursing was her life. She received several trophies for her outstanding volunteer work. She was considered a "lifeline for elderly people".

Mrs. Coffel was a charter member of the Murdale Baptist Church in Carbondale. She was very active in her Adult Ladies Sunday School Class, and enjoyed singing in the choir. She volunteered in any ways that she could, she helped with Blood drives, and served coffee at the church and at funeral dinners.

Wanda married Carl Coffel, Jr. on January 15, 1947, in DuQuoin, he preceded her in death on September 27, 1994.

She is survived by two sons Steven Lee Coffel of Carbondale, and Thomas Coffel and his wife Cindy Coffel of Murphysboro;

five grandchildren Trisha (Bert) Kooststra, Jeff (Suzanna) Davidson, Thomas Adam (Jonah) Coffel, Christopher Coffel, and Erica McLaughlin (Mitch) Murphy;

six great grandchildren Stephanie Kooststra, Becky (Brian) Connel, Kyson Rix, Alexa Davidson, Liam Murphy and Elliott Murphy;

one great great granddaughter Avery Connel;

one brother Bill Mulkin and one twin sister Mary Crews, both of DuQuoin.

She was preceded in death by one daughter Carla Tocha, and her parents.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, January 13, 2017, at Pettett Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Hicks officiating and burial at the Old DuQuoin Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Murdale Baptist Church. For more information, please visit [www.pettettfuneralhome.com](http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wanda Coffel*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I had gone to church with Wanda and the Mulkins family many years ago. At that time we went to the Baptist Church in Dowell. My husband and I went to Murdale Baptist Church and it was always good to see and visit with her.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

*Jane (Tatum) Hance and Howard Hance*

**Jane Hance** - January 12, 2017 at 10:31 PM



“ *Sending my condolences to the Coffel family. Enjoyed seeing Wanda at the hospital in the 80's when I worked Admitting. Had a blast seeing her active at Murdale Baptist Church when I started attending there in 1997. Had the privilege of taking care of a neighbor of hers in Murphysboro and she would bee bop in on occasion. She was very wise and spunky. Loved her Christian spirit. She loved everyone. Appreciated and loved you all. She has conquered many trials and tribulations with her health but now is at her final destination of eternal angel land in heaven with Jesus. Keep her legacy alive in your hearts, souls, and minds. Hugs and prayers.*

**Karen McNeely McMinn** - January 11, 2017 at 11:31 PM

JS

“ We were saddened with the news about Aunt Wanda. Please accept our condolences for your loss.

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**John Satterfield** - January 11, 2017 at 08:29 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about aunt Wanda. Prayers are with you.

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**Paula Mulkins Loos** - January 07, 2017 at 06:52 PM