



Martha Jean Wolf

December 21, 1959 - June 18, 2025

Martha J. Wolf, age 65, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, surrounded by loved ones after a courageous battle with breast cancer. Martha is survived by her devoted partner and love of her life, Roger Steele; her sisters, Nancy (Jeff) Walthall and Emily (Jim) Shifrin; her beloved nephews—Ben (Emily), James, and Andrew Walthall, and Charlie and Henry Shifrin—and her two bonus children, Jamie (Tiffani) and Lauren Steele. She was deeply loved by her Gladstone, Levin, and Wenzel aunts, uncles, and cousins. Martha was predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Patricia Wolf. Born in Hamilton, Ohio, Martha's journey began at Adams Elementary, Harding Junior High, and Taft High School. She earned her B.S. from the University of Denver and her M.B.A. from Boston College. After a brief role in manufacturing, Martha found her calling in Human Resources at the YWCA of Cincinnati, where she blended professional expertise with her passion for empowering women. A fierce advocate for women's rights, she dedicated her career to fostering equality and creating opportunities.

Martha's warmth and loyalty cultivated a wide circle of friends, from her days at Mrs. Lande's nursery school to her recent volunteer work at the Cincinnati Zoo. Known for her steadfast support, she was always ready to listen or lend a hand, leaving an indelible mark on those fortunate to know her.

A passionate world traveler, Martha embraced every destination with curiosity and joy. From trekking in Peru to savoring moules et frites in France, she immersed herself in the cultures she visited. One of her greatest

disappointments after her diagnosis was postponing a dream trip to Antarctica. Closer to home, Martha cherished trips to Orlando, where she delighted in sharing the magic of Disney with family and friends. She was especially fond of Epcot's Food & Wine and Flower & Garden Festivals, and she was a devoted fan of The Wizarding World of Harry Potter at Universal Studios.

Martha loved tackling the New York Times crossword, Wordle, the Mini, and other puzzles, where her sharp mind and extensive vocabulary—including a freakish knowledge of three-letter words—truly shone. Her zest for life extended to the arts. A lover of theater, she held a subscription to Broadway in Cincinnati and rarely missed a performance. She was deeply committed to making a difference through her advocacy, volunteer work, and the steadfast support she gave those around her.

Special thanks to Martha's extraordinary caregivers—Kia, Lorry, and Stephanie—whose compassionate and tireless care throughout her illness went above and beyond. Her family is forever grateful for their dedication.

A celebration of life will be held at 10:00AM on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at Weil Kahn Funeral Home, 8350 Cornell Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45249.

Services will be LIVESTREAMED https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/embed_viewer/113590.

Martha's legacy of love, adventure, and service will live on in the countless lives she touched. In lieu of flowers, please honor Martha's legacy by supporting causes close to her heart with donations to the YWCA of Cincinnati, the Cincinnati Zoo or the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Weil Kahn Funeral Home
8350 Cornell Road
Cincinnati, OH 45249

Tribute Wall



“ Weil Kahn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Martha Jean Wolf



Weil Kahn Funeral Home - June 20, 2025 at 09:29 AM

KM

God bless you, Martha and I know you're with your mom and dad and I don't know that Joe is found Danny and they're giggling and laughing. Try to keep them going up there to your two wonderful sisters. I love you both and you couldn't have been a better sister or you couldn't have been a better daughter to your mom and dad. You're wonderful friend to me. Love you girls thanks a lot and God bless you, Martha And the best to Roger. I know that this is hard.

Kelly Madden - June 24, 2025 at 03:11 PM

JA

“ Nancy,
I just learned of Martha's passing. My condolences to you and Emily.
Jason

Jason - June 23, 2025 at 06:30 AM

WF

“Godspeed my dear friend. We were classmates starting with nursery school in Mrs. Lande’s class and then all through Taft High School. Your keen wit will be missed by all but the memory of your beautiful personality will reside with us in the years to come. Much love, Woody Fitton

Woody Fitton - June 22, 2025 at 11:38 AM

EM

“We are so sorry that you have lost Martha. My sisters, Nancy and Travis (Fitton) and I all played with you when we were children, and our parents were all close, skiing, singing, having picnics at the pool. Wishing you all peace. Emily (Fitton) Fuhrman

emily - June 22, 2025 at 09:53 AM

JM

“Janet McLaughlin lit a candle in memory of Martha Wolf



Janet McLaughlin - June 20, 2025 at 08:07 PM

JM

“Sure had some great times at the Wolf “Compound” back in the day. Platform tennis and spending thee best times with the greatest classmates (‘78 baby) anyone could ever wish for! Martha will be missed - our memories will live forever! Thank you Martha! Blessings and much love to her family and loved ones.
- Jim Mehas -

Jim Mehas - June 20, 2025 at 04:11 PM

LW

“*Martha was my mom (Jean Wyman)’s cousin. She touched my life in such a loving way. One of my fondest memories is when I was a little girl, my parents were having a family get together at their house in Virginia with all the aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, etc, I remember spilling a drink on my dress and being upset I ruined it, Martha without hesitation noticed, helped me, and talked with me until I had a smile on my face. That’s the kind of person I will always remember her to be and look up to; loving, kind, joyous, and most of all a positive energy that drew people close to her. There are so many more memories that made her so special and you hear that with the people she touched during her life. I love you so much Martha. -Lucy*

Lucy Wyman - June 20, 2025 at 02:54 PM