

## “ Member Profile “

*This week's feature : Keith and Jane Wyant*



Keith and Jane were born at Lakewood Hospital in 1957, only one month apart. They both grew up in Westlake and graduated from Westlake High School in 1975. Keith had an older brother Jeff who passed away in 2015 from bladder cancer and also has an identical twin brother, Kevin. Jane has an older brother Jim, and 2 younger brothers, Dave and Tom. They met each other in second grade, then the elementary schools split up and didn't meet again until they were in high school. They started dating in their junior year and have been together ever since then. They married in 1978 and this May Keith and Jane will celebrate their 46th anniversary!

They are both retired now. Keith has been driving semi tractor trailer trucks since 1978. He worked for Donley's Construction in Valley View from 1986-2020. He was also a certified crane operator and has operated many other types of equipment. He loved driving over the road as well as locally and enjoyed hauling equipment and building materials.

Jane worked for Discount Drug Mart in the office in Westlake from 1978 until 1980. Their son Michael was born in 1980. Then their daughter Sarah was born in 1983. In 1991 Jane worked part time for Sheffield Lake schools. Then Jane worked for Thomas Packaging (company printed labels and inserts for pharmaceutical companies) in Avon Lake as a customer service representative. The company was bought out by RR Donnelley and then moved out to Oberlin in 2008 and worked as a production planner until she retired in 2021.

Jane and Keith have been blessed by God's Love to raise their 2 children. Michael is 43. He is married to Ashley and they have 2 children Ryan 20 and Lucas, 13. Michael is the clinical director for The River in Elyria which is a facility for drug and alcohol addiction. Ashley works at Mercy hospital as an ultrasound technician. They live in Lorain near the Amherst border. Their daughter Sarah Vitko is 40. She is married to Tom and they have 3 children Hailey 12, Eva 10 and Logan 7. They live in Avon. Sarah is a hair stylist at Charles Scott salon in Avon. Tom works at the steel mill in Cleveland.

Jane and her family, the Wallace's, joined Prince of Peace in the 1960's. She and her brothers were all confirmed at POP. Pastor Eugene Loerke was the minister at that time. Jane was in the youth choir and was confirmed in 1972. Keith and Jane were married at POP and both of their children were baptized as well. Pastor Loerke baptized Michael and Paster Landis Coffman baptized Sarah. They attended church throughout the years and then Keith and Jane rejoined the church in 2008 with Pastor Sherman Bishop. In 2009 Sarah and Tom were married at POP. Russ and Anita Baucknecht were their wonderful sponsors. They have enjoyed getting to know them over the years. Keith and Jane joined the "Tables of Eight" group and enjoyed all the activities and getting to know the group as well. They also enjoy being greeters at the contemporary service.

They spend quite a bit of time babysitting the grandchildren while their parents are working and they love every minute doing that. Going camping with their 40' fifth wheel toy hauler and the grandkids provides wonderful memories. Keith and Jane also like fishing on their boat in Lake Erie. Keith loves to hunt, fish, go four wheeling and doing anything outdoors. Last year Keith attended the U.S. Coast Guard's captains school and passed all his exams and requirements in order to achieve a captain's license. He is now a USCG licensed captain and can either start a charter business for fishing if he so chooses or be a charter captain on someone else's boat. Jane loves to do all types of crafts and projects and also loves to cook. Most importantly spending time with the family is their greatest pleasure.

Something that people may not know is that Keith cuts the grass once a week for many of their neighbors in the spring and summer and in the winter he clears their driveways with the snow blower. Anything to help out. Keith also enjoys making chocolate chip pancakes for the family. He usually makes 30-40 at a time. Then they get put in the freezer. The grandkids love them.!!! Jane loves to take pictures of family and friends as well as scenery, lighthouses and waterfalls. When they are out on the boat many pictures are taken. She loves taking pictures for every occasion. Sometimes the family often gets tired of having to pose for all of her pictures.

In January 2023 they took the whole family (all 11) to Disney World on vacation for a week. It was a wonderful trip having them all together and they had so much fun. It was truly an adventure. They hope to travel to Alaska sometime within the next several years and enjoy watching the grandchildren as they grow.

You can see the Joy they hold in their hearts for our Lord! Love of family, and a lifetime of Love for each other is evident in their smile. You will be glad you met them here at Prince of Peace.

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