



**Walter Wendell Wyatt**  
**1940 – 2026**

### **Official Obituary**

Walter Wendell Wyatt, 86, of [Hope, Michigan](#), passed away on Monday, May 11, 2026. Born on April 11, 1940, Walt lived a life defined by faith, family, and an abiding love of teaching, a calling he pursued in classrooms, museums, and community halls for more than six decades.

Walt was a devoted Christian and a steadfast family man. For 63 years, he shared his life with his beloved wife, Carolyn (Hullinger) Wyatt, whose partnership was the cornerstone of everything he built. Together they raised a daughter, Ann (Wyatt) Furnier, and a son, Jeff Wyatt, and took great pride in their family circle, which grew to include son-in-law John Furnier, daughter-in-law Sheila (Cassady) Wyatt, and five grandchildren: Sarah, Matthew, and Hannah Furnier, and Nicholas and Victoria Wyatt.

Walt began his career in education at Colerain High School and Aiken High School before joining Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, where he would spend the most consequential years of his professional life. He rose to serve as Assistant Dean of the Business Division, led the cooperative education program,

and taught marketing, accounting, and management with characteristic warmth and rigor. He retired as Professor Emeritus - a title that suited him, for he never truly stopped teaching.

Outside the classroom, Walt was a passionate model railroader with a particular devotion to trolleys and interurbans. He gave generously of his time to the NMRA and other clubs, and was especially committed to drawing younger generations into the hobby. He was equally at home on a bicycle trail, at a campsite, on the water under sail, or midway through a home improvement project. He found joy in doing, in building, in figuring things out.

Walt was a beloved volunteer docent in Tower A at the Cincinnati Museum Center, where his enthusiasm for history and his gift for connecting with visitors were on full display. His generous spirit extended to his church, the Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky, Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, Kentucky, and many other organizations that counted him among their most faithful supporters.

He was preceded in death by his father, Wendell Wyatt; his mother, Virginia (Lowther) Wyatt; and his sister, Beverly (Wyatt) Todd.

Those who knew Walt will remember a man who loved deeply, gave freely, and believed in God, in his family, in his students, in his community, and in the generations who would come after him.

In honor of Walt, the family invites donations to the Red Bird Mission, an organization he supported faithfully throughout his life, at [www.redbirdky.org](http://www.redbirdky.org).

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### **May 23, 2026 Service Events**

**Visitation** 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Smith-Miner Funeral Home

2700 W. Wackerly St., Midland, MI 48640

**Funeral service** 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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**Graveside service** 6:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

New Hope Cemetery

E. Shearer Road, Hope, MI 48628

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**Remembrance Posting**

Carolyn,

Bill & I are saddened to hear the news of Walt's passing. It brought a flood of memories our shared time on Sugartree and visiting in Gatlinburg, where he shared family and local history. He had a remarkable life and will be missed. We will keep you and your family in our prayers at this difficult time.

Love,

Bill & Gina Haines

May 17, 2026

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