



## Deanna F. Welch Cromly

April 12, 1976 - August 31, 2025

Deanna Felice Welch Cromly, 49, beloved daughter, sister and mother, gently passed away surrounded by family on August 31st, 2025, at Toledo Hospital after a brief but intense battle with leukemia. Born in Toledo, Ohio, on April 12th, 1976, to Dr. Harold and Lois Welch, she attended Most Blessed Sacrament Grade School, Notre Dame Academy and Ashland University, graduating summa cum laude.

Deanna had a radiant personality, singing, dancing, and entertaining from childhood on. She excelled in the theater, playing the title role in Peter Pan, the Baker's Wife in Into the Woods, and Cathy in Whistle Down the Wind, among many others. Her charitable heart made her a steadfast friend and a lifelong lover and rescuer of animals.

But her greatest joy and accomplishment was raising her seven children, to each of whom she gave her love, her smile, her soothing voice, her tender embraces, her lullabies, her attentive ears; mending every wound, drying every tear, and cheering every single one of their achievements...loudly (if you know you know).

Deanna was a devoted Catholic whose undying faith sustained her through her life and her illness, impacting all who were witness to her example. In her final week many doctors and nurses who treated her earlier in her illness

came by to tell her family how deeply she had affected their lives with her smile, kind words, and great faith.

Deanna is survived by her parents, Hal and Lois; her siblings, Laura (Ted) Blanford, Harold, Sharon, John Paul (Kim), Annie (Michael) Babkiewicz; her children, Claudia, Simon, Owen, Thomas (fiancée Mya), Cecilia, Colin, and Saul; and her nieces and nephews, Isla, Chelsea, Cyrus, Anointed, Hayden, Dylan, Nolan, Henry, Lewis, Mia, Emily, Felix, and Cora.

A Memorial Mass will be held at Most Blessed Sacrament, 2240 Castlewood Dr., Toledo, Ohio, on Friday, September 5th, at 1:00 p.m., with visitation one hour before starting at 12:00 p.m. Interment at Resurrection Cemetery and reception at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish will follow. Donations can be made here (<https://www.givesendgo.com/ForthesurvivingchildrenofDeannaCromly>).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 5. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Most Blessed Sacrament Church  
2240 Castlewood Dr  
Toledo, OH 43613

## Mass of the Resurrection

SEP 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

Most Blessed Sacrament Church  
2240 Castlewood Dr  
Toledo, OH 43613

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ 2 files added to the album *Deanna-Master-of-the-stage*



John Pratt - September 17, 2025 at 01:55 PM

JP

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EahH3Ya\\_4LE&list=PL3iN3b6LJOngT1crxEu2VffNA33YSMPgN](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EahH3Ya_4LE&list=PL3iN3b6LJOngT1crxEu2VffNA33YSMPgN)

John Pratt - September 17, 2025 at 02:45 PM



“ *Deanna's light was so bright and she shared it in so many ways. Here she is as Peter Pan as a surprise visitor to my son's 4th birthday. Much love and comfort to her family and all who loved her. Fly high, Peter Pan!*



Tricia Calver - September 10, 2025 at 01:28 PM

RG

“Words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss...it is not supposed to happen like this. Deanna's loss hits me hard. She was a gifted talent and an absolute joy to teach and direct during her time at Ashland University. Her 'Peter' in Peter Pan and 'Cathy' in Whistle Down the Wind are etched forever in my memory and for any audience member who witnessed her performance in those productions. Over the years we remained in touch; I will miss those moments. Love always, Ric”



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**Ric and Louise Goodwin** - September 10, 2025 at 12:21 PM

BA

“Hal, Lois and Family, we are all so incredibly sad that you lost this beautiful bright light. Our hearts are heavy and please know that you are all in our prayers and we are sending lots of love your way. Lorraine, Beth & Geoff, Susan and Mike, Doug and Jerri.

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**Beth adams** - September 05, 2025 at 07:37 AM

JL

“Hal, Lois, Annie and family, we are so sorry to learn of your loss. With deepest sympathy,

*John & Elizabeth Landry*

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**John Landry** - September 04, 2025 at 07:56 PM

AD

“ I was so sad to hear about Deanna. I have so many childhood memories of running around Castlewood with her. Whenever I saw Deanna later in life, at NDA or CYO games, she was never without a smile and she always talked about her kids. I'm so sorry for her loss, for Dr. and Mrs. Welch, and Laura, Harold, Sharon, John Paul and Annie, and especially her children. May her memory be a blessing to all of you, always. ❤️

Ashlie (Gora) Dempsey

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Ashlie Dempsey - September 04, 2025 at 05:00 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Deanna F. Welch Cromly.



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September 04, 2025 at 02:55 PM

BL

“ My deepest condolences to the family. I've seen Deanna twice over the past several years, but she left an impression that'll remain with me forever. She was a one in a million and will be missed by everyone that she impacted in her short life.

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Bert Lamberts - September 04, 2025 at 01:15 PM

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“ *Mr and Mrs Welch, I am so sorry to hear of Deanna’s passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. I so enjoyed babysitting Deanna and her siblings on numerous occasions. She was such a sweet and fun little girl. What a beautiful obituary, I am not surprised she grew up to be a wonderful daughter, mom , aunt and friend . 🙏*

*Carol (Kuebler) Alexander*

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**Carol Alexander (Kuebler)** - September 04, 2025 at 11:38 AM

CW

“ *Dr. and Mrs. Welch  
Your daughter sounded like a vibrant person whose life touched everyone in a meaningful way. May she rest peacefully in the arms of God Almighty.  
Craig Whitaker*

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**Craig Whitaker** - September 04, 2025 at 09:51 AM

GM

“ *Deanna was a bright light in her role as a paraprofessional in the Sylvania Preschool. She loved the children she worked with and lent a guiding hand and a warm smile. She was always very cheerful and she was sorely missed when she left the program to work at a job giving her more hours. May she rest in peace. 💜*

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**Gail M** - September 03, 2025 at 07:03 PM

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*I worked with Deanna at the bus garage. I miss her so much! I loved to listen to her talk about Jesus! I'm so sad she's gone 😞 I always looked so forward to seeing her at work. She was so much fun! She always had a smile on her face and always looked so beautiful! There's no doubt in my mind, Jesus is holding her in His arms! Rest in peace Deanna! I love you girl! ❤️*

**Bonnie** - September 05, 2025 at 08:43 PM

JM

*“ Hal and Lois: our prayers are with you and your family. John and Belinda Moore*



**John Moore** - September 03, 2025 at 05:22 PM

LR

*“ I had the absolute pleasure of getting to know Deanna as a patient in the outpatient and inpatient world. We prayed together and laughed and cried what a beautiful soul who got her wings. Prayers and comfort to her family who she loved dearly and expressed her genuine love for them and her faith that got her through. We are all mourning the loss of her beautiful soul.*

**Laura RN** - September 03, 2025 at 01:00 PM

KA

*“ What a wonderful young woman God asked you to care for Him! Many prayers to you, her husband and children as you grieve your loss. Kateri*

**Kateri** - September 02, 2025 at 07:46 PM

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*Deanna I love you , I'll miss our chats and I can't wait to be reunited with you. Love and prayers to her family and children*

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**anna mazza** - September 03, 2025 at 08:40 AM