



Jana Sue McKinney

November 12, 1952 - July 6, 2020

Dateline: Godfrey

Jana Sue McKinney, 67, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on July 6, 2020.

The adopted daughter of Mary L. and Sgt. Wallace L. Locke Sr., both deceased, Jana grew up with her late brother Wally Jr. in Wood River and attended Illinois School for the Deaf in Jacksonville, graduating in 1972. On April 5, 1985 she married Michael D. McKinney Sr. in Wood River. He preceded her in death on February 13, 2018.

She was an avid collector, collecting coins, stamps, and at one point Pokémon cards. She used to trade cards with the neighborhood kids, earning her the nickname “the Pokémon lady.”

She spent the latter years of her life getting to know her newfound biological family, adding another mother and 6 brothers into her family circle.

She surrounded herself with her loved ones and enjoyed life up until the end. She is survived by her two sons Michael D. (Idalia) McKinney and Samuel K. (Ashley) McKinney and her three grandchildren Zoe and Lianna McKinney, and Fabian McKinney.

Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Friday, July 10, 2020 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. She will be buried at Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery in Wilmington, NC next to her biological father. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services

2409 State Street

Alton, IL 62002

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jana Sue McKinney*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Jana Sue McKinney*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I grew up with Jana, living three houses away. I spent many hours with her on weekends she was home from school and in the summers. I have so many happy memories of spending time with her and her family. We watched old movies, played her mom's organ, and rode our bikes downtown, etc. I was lucky enough to be included in going on several trips with them, spending the night, and having many meals at their home. Mr. and Mrs. Locke were wonderful, loving, kind and generous. I'm happy she'll be with them and Wally once again. My condolences to her family. May they all rest in peace.*

Debby Adams-Relling

Debby Adams-Relling - July 14, 2020 at 08:31 PM



“ *Rest in peace and happiness with Jesus forever & ever.*

Michael & Betty Wiwczarowski



Betty - July 11, 2020 at 01:25 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jana Sue McKinney.*



July 09, 2020 at 05:09 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Jana Sue McKinney.*



July 08, 2020 at 11:36 PM



“ *Milam Brothers purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jana Sue McKinney.*



Milam Brothers - July 08, 2020 at 06:47 PM



“ *The Locke Family, Jack, Paula, Kathy, Amy purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Jana Sue McKinney.*



The Locke Family, Jack, Paula, Kathy, Amy - July 08, 2020 at 06:25 PM

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“ *May God bless her and her resting soul . We are thinking of you .
With much love from The Roach's*

sytel - July 08, 2020 at 05:24 PM