



## Marsha Suzette Long

December 3, 1950 - June 4, 2023

Marsha Suzette Long, 72, died at 3:55 a.m. Sunday, June 4, 2023 at DePaul Hospital in St. Louis, MO. Born December 3, 1950 in Alton, she was the daughter of Charles H. and Ethel G. (Abraham) Blackard. Marsha loved to listen to the music of Elvis and Neal McCoy. An animal lover, she especially enjoyed hummingbirds, cats and dogs. Being a loving mother and grandmother was the most important job of her life. Surviving is a son, Christopher Orban (Valerie Fulks) of Alton, a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Danny Godar of Rosewood Heights, two grandchildren, Christopher Orban and Brandon Orban, four sisters, Sheila Ballesteroz (Frank), Pat Valette, Sally Taylor, and Micky Jamison. Also surviving is her companion, Roger Hicks and her dog, Sassy. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Janice Kay Holt. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Monday, June 12, 2023 at Gent Funeral Home where funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 13, 2023. Pastor Michael Logan will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. She passed her love and passion for animals to her children and grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Hope Animal Rescue where her daughter volunteers. Marsha was a very strong woman who persevered through many medical issues brought on by medical malpractice. The family would like to thank Dr. Felicia Bentley for over 15 years of care. Thank you for the care provided by the staff at DePaul Hospital during this last month. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **12.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
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## Funeral

JUN **13.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Praying the peace and comfort of the Holy Spirit surrounds your family now, and in the days ahead.*

Shirley - June 09, 2023 at 02:11 PM

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“ *Jen and Danny I am so sorry for your loss. I know your mom helped to glue your world in so many ways. My prayers are sent for you all.*  
*Laura Stresemann*

Laura Stresemann - June 08, 2023 at 05:06 PM

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“ *Love, Patricia Valette and Sally Taylor purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marsha Suzette Long.*



Love, Patricia Valette and Sally Taylor - June 07, 2023 at 04:04 PM

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“ *Love, Patricia Valette and Sally Taylor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marsha Suzette Long.*

Love, Patricia Valette and Sally Taylor - June 07, 2023 at 04:04 PM