



## Penny Marlene Irvin

November 21, 1960 - January 22, 2023

Penny Marlene Lupcho Irvin, age 62, died Sunday, January 22, 2023 in Bethalto, IL. She was born November 21, 1960 in Rock Spring, WY.

Our Dear Penny has gone to be with the ancestors. She had a difficult life and struggled to survive everything that the devil threw at her. She is survived by two brothers, Steve John, and Joseph James. Three children, with ex-husband Bryant Irvin who preceded her in death, D.J. Irvin, Stephanie Irvin, and Jennifer Irvin, and four grandchildren, and her tiny best friend, a wire haired mut named Spot who is being well cared for. She was preceded in death by her mother, Linda Lupcho, Father, Steve Lupcho, and loving companion, Terry Bass.

Penny loved everyone and was the constant companion to her brothers. She adored her children, and grandchildren. At one time she was an accomplished pianist. There are thousands of friends that were amazed by her strength and goodness. She was a checker at the Wood River Schnucks most recently and had worked for Mehans Grocery and Shop and Save. Customers would wait in line for her to check them out because of the loving personal touch she shared. It mattered not how short the other lines were, they would wait for her. She was injured in a car wreck many years ago, which caused her to eventually wear a lift on one shoe and walk with a cane. This did slow her down, but did not make her quit. She was a friend to everyone, and social media became her mode of "getting out" to visit with friends. If a mention of going to Santino's Restaurant, in town, was made, she would make sure the

car did not leave without her.

Following cremation, a visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of memorial service at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 4, 2023 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. All are welcome, and donations, in leu of flowers, can be made to a local animal shelter of your choice in her name. The remains will be transported to Wyoming at a later date, to be interred with her mother in the family plot. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

## Memorial Service

FEB 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

RL

“ Penny was a sweetheart. She was my first “girlfriend”. She made everything dull in comparison to her bright smile.

*I'm sorry this is so late. I was just looking back on my great life and thought of her.*

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**Richard Largen** - February 06 at 07:54 PM



“ Stacey Woodward lit a candle in memory of Penny Marlene Irvin



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**Stacey Woodward** - February 12, 2023 at 06:07 PM

VA

“ I didn't know she passed until I seen a post with other 180 postings on Facebook talking about the lady which was Penny who died. Everyone from the post said the same thing..how sweet & nice she was and I thought the same way. Just thought I would let the family know your mom knew more people and had an effect on a lot more lives than they ever knew. Valerie

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**Valerie** - February 10, 2023 at 08:57 PM

DH

“ I am so sorry for your loss penny was a very good friend from her days at Shop N Save moving to Schnucks. I only allowed her to wait on me always so happy and pleasant She would ask me questions about the union rules, because apparently no one was telling her. I tried to help her out the best I could. It was such a total shock. It wasn't long ago we were standing there talking. I am so deeply sorry for Penny's family for children, and for the love of her little dog. Deepest sympathy, and prayers to all of you.

Diana Howland - February 05, 2023 at 10:53 AM

KA

“ Penny was a rare gem, a bright spot to the day and will be missed. We were neighbors many years ago, always there with a smile and pure joy. Prayers to her family.

Karen - February 03, 2023 at 08:40 AM



“ Paula O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Penny Marlene Irvin



Paula O'Neal - February 02, 2023 at 05:38 PM



Penny was the sweetest, most kind person she could be. We will so miss her, she was an Angel to all. May her new journey begin with all our love and prayers.

Paula O'Neal - February 02, 2023 at 05:46 PM

LE

“ I remember Penny when she worked at Shop and Save in Woodriver. She was always so friendly and sweet. She was always smiling too. She will be missed by so many.

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**Leslie** - February 02, 2023 at 08:46 AM

JS

“ Sorry for your loss. Will always remember Penny as the little girl from down the street. Jeff an Mark Schilling

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**Jeff Schilling** - February 01, 2023 at 03:24 PM

GI

“ Many many great childhood memories with Penny and our neighborhood gang! She was a special person and will be missed by everyone who ever had the pleasure of knowing her! Love you, Pen!  
~Moofus Roofus

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**Gina** - February 01, 2023 at 12:20 PM

MF

“ Penny was a beautiful soul that left a mark on every person who had the pleasure to chat with her. She had an infectious smile and always took the time to get to know her customers, making sure to ask how your day was and to make you feel like a friend. Her presence is and will continue to be greatly missed. My deepest condolences to her family and loved ones.

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**Mallorie and Wyatt Flatt** - January 31, 2023 at 08:23 PM

TR

“ Curtis Rea and I will miss Penny very much. We used to go through her line as much as possible. She would always tell everyone that Curtis was her little boyfriend. She, late ex husband, and son D.J. went with us on my Grandpa Coffman's pontoon boat when I was a kid. Penny we will miss you! Prayers for her family.



Tammy Rea - January 31, 2023 at 08:05 PM



“ Penny was a great friend of mine since High School. We always kept in touch and I always used her lane when shopping at Shop-n-Save. She knew I always had her back, anytime she needed it. She will be terribly missed.

Randel Pruett - January 31, 2023 at 01:55 PM

MA

“ Penny was a very special person. Great personality and her smile would always brighten up my day. She will be missed by so many people.

Marian - January 31, 2023 at 12:35 PM

 Penny Mautino

“ Penny never had a mean word to say and always a huge smile when she saw you coming followed with a big hug! She always asked about the family and made you leave with a smile. She always had the longest line as everyone wanted to check out on her lane! Penny You will be missed! Love Penny & Chase

Penny Mautino - January 31, 2023 at 07:24 AM



“ *To Penny's loved ones....sorry for your loss. Going to Shop n Save/schnucks and talking to Penny sometimes was a highlight. She always had encouraging words for all. She will be missed.*

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**Melissa Tankersley** - January 30, 2023 at 03:02 PM

BJ

“ *Brenda Collier and Lee Collier Jr purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Penny Marlene Irvin.*



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**Brenda Collier and Lee Collier Jr** - January 29, 2023 at 02:54 PM