



## Penny Kay Busald

April 25, 1961 - March 31, 2025

Penny Kay Busald (also known as Momma, Gaga, Penny B, Aunt PP, and P) of Rush County passed away March 31, 2025. She was born in Shelbyville on April 25, 1961 and was the beloved eldest daughter of Robert W. and Jean M. (Drewes) Spaeth. Penny was a 1979 graduate of Rushville High School and the 1980 Miss Rush County. She shares a beautiful love story with her husband, John, of 42 years whom she married on November 26, 1982. She obtained a Bachelors of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN) and spent her career working in geriatrics. Penny started working in high school as a CNA at Miller's Merry Manor of Rushville where she went on to become LPN, RN, DON and then Administrator (HFA), retiring in October 2021. Her leadership and dedication to the Miller's Merry Manor family is one of lasting impression.

Penny was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church and a past President of Rush County Victims Assistance where she was still an active board member. In her retirement, she also volunteered at St. Mary Catholic School. She faithfully and lovingly led her big family with wisdom and grace. She loved the beach, traveling, and reading. She formed deep and lasting friendships that held a special place in her heart. She had a beautiful individual connection with each of her grandchildren. If she wasn't loving on her grandchildren or traveling with the love of her life, she was silently and humbly helping others. In her passing, she gave the ultimate gift of life through organ donation. She was known for her class, beauty, and winning smile. She was the life of every

party, living every second to the fullest and finding joy in every day.

In addition to her husband John, she is survived by her parents, Robert W. and Jean M. (Drewes) Spaeth; daughter, Jenna (Adam) Schwering and sons, Shohn (Ashley) Busald, Cory (Amber) Busald; siblings, Scott (Tracy) Spaeth, Christopher (Wendy) Spaeth, Julie (Alan) Niehoff, Toni (David) Schultz and Scarlett (Kyle) Lux as well as Tina Gibson, Bob Watts, and Alice Thompson. Gaga will be missed by her Magnificent Seven, her grandchildren, Jocelyn Kay Schwering, Lain Busald, Haley Busald, Tuff Busald, Tate Busald, Asher Schwering and Rylan Busald.

Penny was preceded in death by her grandparents and sister, Molly Kay Spaeth.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 11 AM in St. Mary Catholic Church with Father Jeremy Gries and Father Dustin Boehm presiding. Friends are welcome to visit the family from 9 AM until the Mass of Christian Burial at the church. Rosary will start at 8:30 AM. Burial will be held in Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary Catholic School or Rush County Victims Assistance in memory of Penny.

Moster Mortuary entrusted with the arrangements for Penny.

Penny was a lot of things to a lot of people, but to everybody she was everything.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

APR 5. 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic  
512 N Perkins St  
Rushville, IN 46173  
(765) 932-2588

## Visitation

APR 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic  
512 N Perkins St  
Rushville, IN 46173  
(765) 932-2588

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic  
512 N Perkins St  
Rushville, IN 46173  
(765) 932-2588

# Tribute Wall

MH

“ *My thoughts and prayers go to all who knew Penny. What a beautiful soul. She is missed!* ”

Martha Hiti Strobl Hauger - May 09, 2025 at 12:12 PM

DC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Penny's Family and her many friends. She was a beautiful lady inside and out and brought joy to many.* ”

Dru Cox - April 07, 2025 at 08:16 AM

PC

“ *Patricia Coonz lit a candle in memory of Penny Kay Busald* ”



Patricia Coonz - April 05, 2025 at 10:44 AM

DM

“ *David & Jessica Meyer purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Penny Kay Busald.* ”



David & Jessica Meyer - April 04, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Penny Kay Busald.



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April 04, 2025 at 12:39 PM



“ Aunt Janie and Uncle Mike and Family purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Penny Kay Busald.



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**Aunt Janie and Uncle Mike and Family** - April 04, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ Aunt Janie and Uncle Mike and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Penny Kay Busald.

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**Aunt Janie and Uncle Mike and Family** - April 04, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Penny Kay Busald.



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April 03, 2025 at 04:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Penny Kay Busald.

April 03, 2025 at 04:34 PM



“ When my sister Ann was a resident of Miller's Merry Manor, Penny was there to help get Ann settled in. One particular day I was stressed out. The MMM van was in front of the building. Several of the staff was getting on. Penny said come on you are going to lunch with us. I said no it's ok. She said come on let's go have lunch. It was just what I needed that day. Penny fly high special lady.

Jan M Garrison - April 03, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ If only saying “sorry for your loss” could express the profound heartache felt for her husband , children/spouses, grandchildren, parents, siblings & friends- the list is long! I admired Penny in so many ways! Her warm, kind & caring demeanor so remarkable ! Her wonderful sense of humor & solid, strong faith was too. We shared a long wonderful nursing career. Many times of stress, laughter, love & loses & successes! Forever in our hearts with a warm peaceful feeling. Will surely be missed on earth but heaven gained a precious one!



Karla L Ralston - April 03, 2025 at 12:20 PM

CA

“ Penny was so helpful, compassionate and professional in the care of my mother, Mary Hartzler through a very difficult time. I will always be grateful for always having her door open and treating mom as an individual, and not one size fits all. You were a blessing to our family. Rest in peace. Jesus said “well done, good and faithful servant”. Prayers for your family and enjoy your well-deserved seat at the Litd’s side.

carol - April 03, 2025 at 12:09 PM

MC

“ Deepest sympathies to the family. I did not know Penny but I do know (somewhat) her sister Scarlett. Scarlett shares the same characteristics on giving and being humble, sweet smile, and life of the party as her big sister Penny. You all are in my prayers and I know God will give you peace and will comfort each of you as you need it. God bless.

Mary Congleton - April 03, 2025 at 09:44 AM

RC

“ Prayers for the Family.



RON D. CAMERON - April 03, 2025 at 08:08 AM

TG

“ went to school with her she always had a beautiful smile and kind words for everyone glad to call her friend



theresia and gary glover - April 02, 2025 at 08:29 PM

MH

“ Margaret H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Penny Kay Busald.

Margaret H. - April 02, 2025 at 06:28 PM

AG

“ Aunt Teresa & Uncle Greg planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Penny Kay Busald.

Aunt Teresa & Uncle Greg - April 02, 2025 at 04:05 PM

AG

“ Aunt Teresa & Uncle Greg purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Penny Kay Busald.



Aunt Teresa & Uncle Greg - April 02, 2025 at 04:05 PM

DN

“ *David & Monica Newman lit a candle in memory of Penny Kay Busald*



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**David & Monica Newman** - April 02, 2025 at 03:34 PM

DN

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**David Monica Newman** - April 02, 2025 at 03:34 PM

BF

“ *Our thoughts and prays are with you all. Penny was such a nice lady. She will be missed.*

*Gary Hadler and Brenda Freeman*

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**Brenda Freeman** - April 02, 2025 at 02:47 PM

DP

“ *Dianna Pavey lit a candle in memory of Penny Kay Busald*



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**Dianna Pavey** - April 02, 2025 at 02:15 PM

CS

“ *Cindy Vandeventer Sever sent a virtual gift in memory of Penny Kay Busald*



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**Cindy Vandeventer Sever** - April 02, 2025 at 01:36 PM

RB

“ *Wow! What a remarkable woman! I first met Penny when she shared in our trip to Las Vegas which combined our families for our oldest son's proposal to her magnificent niece, Keragan. We have only a few precious memories of Penny, but we will treasure them forever! She has been an earthly angel to so many and will continue in heaven. Sending prayers for peace and healing for her WHOLE family. She will be forever missed!*❤️🕊️ *Susan*

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**Robert Brown** - April 02, 2025 at 12:42 PM

DL

“ *Deanne Land lit a candle in memory of Penny Kay Busald*



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**deanne land** - April 02, 2025 at 12:36 PM

DL

*RIP Wonderful Lady, & Prayers to all of the Family*

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**deanne land** - April 02, 2025 at 12:37 PM

KL

*It's hard to find the words to express how much Penny was respected, admired and loved by her Miller's work family both at the Rushville facility and corporate wide. Penny was always a joy to work with, positive about any situation and willing to do whatever was needed to take care of the the residents in her care and and make their lives happy and enriched. She did the same for her co-workers and peers. RIP Penny - you will be missed and always thought of with love and admiration. To her family - you have my deepest sympathy.  
Krista Lickey, RN, VP of Clinical Services  
Miller's Health Systems*

**Krista Lickey** - April 04, 2025 at 03:07 PM

DL

*“ Remember her & John dressing up on Halloween at the Browns, as a nun & a priest, such good costumes. Wonderful Lady & We both will miss her. Lester & Deanne Land*

**deanne land** - April 02, 2025 at 12:33 PM

KM

*“ Kelly And Susie McClure lit a candle in memory of Penny Kay Busald*



**Kelly and Susie McClure** - April 02, 2025 at 11:57 AM

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*“ -Caleb, Emily, Bentley & Henry Paugh purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Penny Kay Busald.*



**-Caleb, Emily, Bentley & Henry Paugh** - April 02, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Penny Kay Busald.

April 02, 2025 at 11:14 AM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Penny Kay Busald.



April 02, 2025 at 11:14 AM



“ John and Family:

*We are so sad to hear about Penny. Please know that we are sending our deepest sympathy, and know that you are all in our hearts, and prayers.*

*Dan and Karen McInerny*

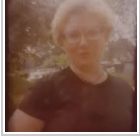
Karen D McInerny - April 02, 2025 at 10:15 AM



“ Penny was a wonderful lady and a blessing to all who knew her. Sending prayers for comfort and strength for the family.



Sandy - April 02, 2025 at 10:10 AM



*“ Penny was helpful in my life by showing me it's okay to enjoy life and to love not just my life but my love ones. As well as love my family even when it's difficult. I will always remember watching the sunset on the beach. Penny graduated from Earthly Angel to a Heavenly Angel. One of the greatest gifts in my life. Love you Penny M& M*



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**Mary Tichenor-Young** - April 02, 2025 at 10:04 AM



*“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Penny Kay Busald.*



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April 02, 2025 at 09:17 AM



*“ With a phone call she offered me a job at Miller's Merry Manor that changed my life  
She believed in me when I did not. She will forever be in my heart.*

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**Kimberley Mahan** - April 02, 2025 at 07:30 AM



*“ Amanda Hall purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Penny Kay Busald.*



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**Amanda Hall** - April 01, 2025 at 10:23 PM

KB

“ Penny was my CNA didactic instructor for my boards. It was one of the most stressful days of my life, yet Penny’s smile and calming nature put me right at ease! I have never met a more understanding, patient or caring woman in my life! She is the reason my healthcare journey started off strong and what I have aspired to be now as an RN! Rest easy, Penny! You will be greatly missed!



Katie Burnside - April 01, 2025 at 10:04 PM

RP

“ Penny, an amazing woman that helped me in very difficult time in my life. I will never forget. Julie is wish I could be there to give you a hug!

Randy Parr - April 01, 2025 at 09:36 PM

TG

“ Penny was one of a kind she treated everyone the same she will be missed and I will miss her beautiful smile



theresia glover - April 01, 2025 at 09:08 PM

JB

“ i remember Penny from our school days together and she was also so kind and nice to everyone! She deserved every good thing in life, and it was great to see those things happen for her. she will be missed and never forgotten.



Janet Safewright Bolan - April 01, 2025 at 06:41 PM

JD

“ *Jacqueline Duke lit a candle in memory of Penny Kay Busald*



Jacqueline Duke - April 01, 2025 at 06:08 PM

SC

“ *Penny was one of the the sweetest and most sincere friends I have ever met. I met Penny when we did a girls trip here in Florida. This was the first time I had ever met her. Michelle Servies, thanks for inviting her on our trip. Praying for John and entire family.💔🙏🥺*



Sally&John Collyer - April 01, 2025 at 04:58 PM

SO

“ *You my dear friend will be missed terribly. You were my mentor! You accepted me, you showed me, you taught me, you guided me and you loved me as I loved you. I became a better person by knowing you. Thank you for you for the good times!*

Sammi Snyder Ogle - April 01, 2025 at 04:34 PM

RC

“ *RON D. CAMERON lit a candle in memory of Penny Kay Busald*



RON D. CAMERON - April 01, 2025 at 04:24 PM

RC

*Prayers for the family.*

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**RON D. CAMERON** - April 01, 2025 at 04:25 PM

BH

*I only knew Penny during the latter part of my retirement. She made me feel as though we had known each other forever. God Bless John, they were the perfect couple. Penny, I know you are one of the angles I will meet someday.*

*Bill Halls*

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**Bill Halls** - April 01, 2025 at 10:19 PM