



## Penny Karlene (Stuber) Helm

December 18, 1964 - April 5, 2023

Penny Karlene Stuber Helm, 58, of luka, passed away Wednesday, April 5th, at her home.

She was born December 18, 1964, in Salem, the daughter of Ronald Wayne and Clara Catherine (Quarterman) Stuber. Penny owned and operated Penny's Café in luka for almost 30 years. She enjoyed serving and visiting with all the people who supported the café over the years and working with her brother Jeff 7 days a week for many years. She also served on the luka Village Board for several years. She was of the Baptist faith. She loved riding the golf cart around with her grandkids, sitting on her porch drinking coffee, and cheering the St. Louis Cardinals on.

Penny is survived by her husband Kenneth Helm of luka; Daughters, Chandra Hunter and husband Roger of luka, and Amber and Matthew of Centralia; Sons, Shane Prosise and significant other Samantha Wood of luka, and Klayton Helm and significant other Brittini Chambers of Salem; Grandchildren, Garrett and Maybree Hunter, Brooklyn Helm, Matthew and Chloe Winkler, and baby boy Prosise on the way; Mother-in-Law, Linda Helm of luka; Sister, Gay Ann Walker of Centralia; Uncle, Tony Stuber; Aunt, Irene Sutherland & daughters; several nieces and nephews; and many special friends from the café.

Penny was preceded in death by her grandparents; parents, Wayne and Kathy Stuber of Iuka; Father-in-law, Kenneth Ray Helm; Uncle, Bob Stuber; her brother and best friend Jeffery Stuber; Son, Kenneth Ray Helm II; and many aunts and uncles.

Per Penny's wishes she will be cremated, and a memorial service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 10, 2023, at the Osborn Funeral Home in Dix, with Larry Albert officiating. Visitation will be held Monday, April 10, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family to help with medical expenses, and will be accepted at the service, or by mail to Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at [www.osbornfuneral.com](http://www.osbornfuneral.com), or on the Osborn Funeral Home Facebook page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **10**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Osborn Funeral Home  
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Dix, IL 62830  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Darren Purcell and Anita McLean enjoyed Penny's cafe many visits*

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**anita mclean** - April 10, 2023 at 07:42 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Penny Karlene (Stuber) Helm.*



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April 10, 2023 at 04:27 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Penny Karlene (Stuber) Helm.*



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April 10, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Penny Karlene (Stuber) Helm.*



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April 08, 2023 at 06:22 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Penny Karlene (Stuber) Helm.*



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April 08, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *Penny was loved by everyone she will be missed for sure. Penny will always hold a place in my heart cause she tried to bring my son back to life when he passed. Penny I could not tell you enough thanks. Now u r an angle along with him. We will sure miss u and we will all see each other sometime soon. Thanks for being such a wonderful person.*



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**Mary Greenwood** - April 07, 2023 at 10:20 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Penny Karlene (Stuber) Helm.*



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April 07, 2023 at 10:32 AM

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“ My favorite memory of Penny was when my sister Marissa and I were working at Salem Walmart together. I was working in the produce section. Penny has come in for some lettuce for her cafe and she came over to say hi and ask how our family was doing. I told her Marissa was actually working a shift up front at that moment as a cashier, and we were all doing well. I went to restock the lettuce for her with fresh product out of the freezer and she was so happy she caught me at a good time! Lol! Several minutes later I was out on the produce floor working and she came running back to me, excited with disbelief in her voice: “Have you SEEN your sister’s HAIR?! Stuber girls aren’t supposed to be blonde!” I couldn’t help but laugh. I went home and told Marissa and dad that story, it was so funny. She is sorely missed, was so kind and left a loving mark on all who knew her. I hope she is hugging her brother now, who I know she missed dearly, and I hope she throws in a hug to my dad for good measure from us. We miss you Penny.

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**Kassandra Stewart** - April 06, 2023 at 08:53 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Family Memories



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**Kent Boyles** - April 06, 2023 at 08:35 PM

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“ *Phil and Jackie Purdue,  
Our deepest sympathy and prayers to Penny’s family !*

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**Jackie Purdue** - April 06, 2023 at 07:04 PM

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“ *Bonnie Wimberly lit a candle in memory of Penny Karlene (Stuber) Helm*



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**Bonnie Wimberly** - April 06, 2023 at 03:39 PM

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“ *Marty Stuber lit a candle in memory of Penny Karlene (Stuber) Helm*



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**Marty Stuber** - April 06, 2023 at 01:47 PM

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*Penny was a wonderful person who will be missed by many, many people. My thoughts are with all of her family at this difficult time.*

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**Marty Stuber** - April 06, 2023 at 01:52 PM

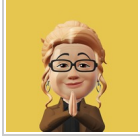
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“ *Our Deepest Sympathy An Prayers To all of you. I went to school with Penny, and Jeff. Penny was a Very Special Lady. She was always there to help you in any way she could. She will be Deeply Missed.*



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**Norma (Donoho) & J.R. Hofstetter** - April 06, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Tammy Tate lit a candle in memory of Penny Karlene (Stuber) Helm*



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**Tammy Tate** - April 06, 2023 at 06:40 AM



“ *Caitlin Williams lit a candle in memory of Penny Karlene (Stuber) Helm*



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**Caitlin Williams** - April 05, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Penny and I became friends when I needed her most. I had moved from my home state of Indiana and was very sad. I wasn't fitting in well at all. I was assigned to sit beside her in English class. (Mrs.Brinkerhoff).. Penny made me feel loved, accepted and made me laugh. I will never forget you my friend.. until we meet again.. you're healed now.. I love you*

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**Michelle Shietze** - April 05, 2023 at 10:20 PM