



## Penny Lou Best

October 31, 1942 - March 31, 2025

Princeton - Penny Lou Best, born on October 31, 1942, in Streator, Illinois, passed away peacefully on March 31, 2025, in Princeton, Illinois at the age of 82.

Penny was the daughter of Irl Richards and Agnus Stonecypher. She was a graduate of Streator High School, Class of 1960. She would marry the love of her life Jack Best on February 1, 1980. She dedicated her career to the restaurant industry, where she excelled as a manager, showcasing her exceptional leadership and commitment to service.

She was a member of the Red Hat Society for 20 Years, Homestead Grand Marshall, Red Cross Volunteer for 10 plus years and a member of the Moose Lodge and Elks Club where she served as the Exalted Ruler.

Penny loved to go shopping for antiques, hang out with friends and dress up for any and all occasions, but her greatest joy came from volunteering. She was a Booster Club Member, part of the Homestead Festival for the past 6 years, Head of Beef and Ag days for 19 years, served on the Civil War Committee and has received several awards in her lifetime for her contributions to the community.

She survived by her son, Billy Jo Darm of Princeton; Granddaughters

Samatha (Jade) Darm, Keshia (Dan) Wenninger, Kayla (John) Miller, Tasha (Brian) Pullara, Tanya (Jim) Dennis, Tara (Mike) Sherwood; one grandson, Andes Matthew Darm; 15 great grand children as well as several nieces and nephews; one sister Darlene Buchanan and brother Larry Richards.

Preceded in death by her parents Irl and Agnes Richards, husband Jack Best who passed in April of 2018, sister Mary Ann Richards and one son Jackie Von Ruden.

In accordance with her wishes, cremation rite accorded and there will be no services.

Penny Lou Best will be remembered for her vivacious spirit, fearless style and the ability to have fun in any situation.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family for charitable distribution.

Online condolences may be directed to [www.norbergfh.com](http://www.norbergfh.com)

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

# Tribute Wall

KB

“ Penny was a good friend of my mother's, Lou Brown. I am sure they are both reminiscing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Kathy L Brown** - April 04, 2025 at 09:18 AM

SB

“ Condolences to Billy and family. Penny will be missed. It was an honor to serve with her in Elks many years ago and she was a good friend.

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**Scott Bloom** - April 04, 2025 at 08:05 AM

VH

“ I have so many fond memories of Penny when I worked with her as a Red Cross Voluteer. She cared about the community and served so many.

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**Vanessa Hoffeditz** - April 01, 2025 at 06:47 PM

MR

“ My sincere condolences to the family. Penny was the best neighbor and friend. Loved her dearly. Rest in peace dear Penny.

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**Marion Rinehart** - April 01, 2025 at 12:08 PM