



## Penny A. Varnavas

June 15, 1964 - February 16, 2018

Penny A. Varnavas, age 53, of Bourbonnais, passed away Friday, February 16, 2018 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

Penny was born June 15, 1964 in Athens, Greece, the daughter of Dr. Argyrios & Helen Avdoulos Vassiliou.

She was a graduate of the University of Chicago. Penny earned her Juris Doctorate degree from Kent College of Law. Penny was a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator.

Penny had been an attorney for the Kankakee County State's Attorney Office. She was a member of the Kankakee Bar Association. For thirty years, she had been the owner/operator of Bradley Royale Nursing Home.

Penny was an artist and a photographer and loved a good book. Penny enjoyed gardening and cooking. She was a member of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church where she served as a former Parish Council member.

Surviving are one son, Andrew Varnavas of Bourbonnais; one daughter, Sabrina Varnavas of Bourbonnais; her parents, Dr. Argyrios & Helen Vassiliou of Bourbonnais; one brother, George Vassiliou of Bourbonnais; her former husband, Dino Varnavas; and several aunts and cousins in the United States, Canada, Australia, and Greece.

Visitation will be held 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais, with a Trisagion Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m.

Funeral will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 22, 2018 at the  
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Kankakee.

Interment will follow at Mound Grove Cemetery in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Annunciation  
Greek Orthodox Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 933-6726

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

FEB 22. 10:30 AM (CT)

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church  
296 N. Washington  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Chur

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Penny was an awesome boss and great friend. My condolences to the family. She will be missed so much by everyone!!!

Sharon Sedgwick - February 26, 2018 at 04:18 PM

DH

“ We are very sad to see our friend pass so early in her life. She was not only a great neighbor but a very professional and caring person having cared for our parents in their final years. Our love and prayers go out to her family. Dave and Bernadette

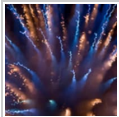
David A. & Bernadette M. Hansing - February 21, 2018 at 06:00 PM



“ Sorry for your loss!



Dodie Russell - February 21, 2018 at 01:02 PM



Perhaps, if she makes it to heaven, she will be a little kinder to those there than she was on earth!

Dodie Russell - February 22, 2018 at 04:04 PM

LP

“ To Penny's family especially - but friends too: Since our times together in college - Penny has always been an incredibly caring, empathic and self-less person who always gotten the job done with a smile on her face. I could not ask for a better friend; and no doubt she has inspired and supported many people over the years.... and still continues to do that now. Sending my most heartfelt thoughts and prayers to her family at this time. She will be missed - but not forgotten. My sincerest condolences to all at this time.

*Lisa (Hoeft) Prock*

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**Lisa Prock** - February 21, 2018 at 09:05 AM



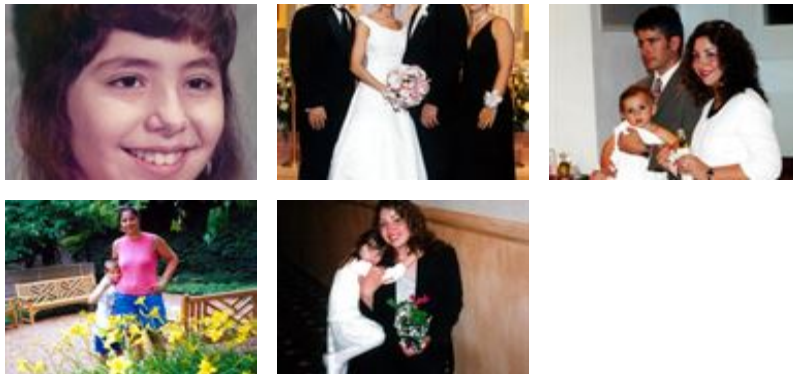
*She was not nice to anyone that worked for her!*

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**Dodie Russell** - February 22, 2018 at 04:05 PM



“ 67 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - February 21, 2018 at 09:02 AM

LF

“ Lisa 'Hoeft' Prock and family purchased the With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of Penny A. Varnavas.



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**Lisa 'Hoeft' Prock and family** - February 21, 2018 at 08:53 AM

MP

“ Dear Vassilou and Varnavas families,

*Penny was a dear friend from grade school. I have fond memories from those days. We reconnected as adults when we saw each other from time to time and it was as if our friendship never drifted. Please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss.*

*Sincerely,*

*Maureen (Schott) Powell*

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**Maureen Powell** - February 20, 2018 at 10:46 PM



*I feel sad for the family! That is all! Very few that worked for her will miss her!*

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**Dodie Russell** - February 22, 2018 at 04:06 PM

MW

“ My condolences to the family.I had the pleasure of working with Penny Her father DrV.owned Kankakee Royal. Praying for the family



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**Ms. Cheryl Wilson** - February 20, 2018 at 09:26 PM

BW

“ Please except my condolence for your loss. It is so very hard when you lose someone in death, but soon that will be no more that is a promise from Almighty God. ( Revelation 21:3-4 ). That is what we all long for.

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**B W** - February 20, 2018 at 05:14 PM

KF

“ My heart goes out to Penny's family and friends. She will greatly be missed. Penny worked for me at Certified Health Management. She was very intelligent and a caring and successful leader. I truly enjoyed working with Penny and hearing her laughter even under stressful situations. She was not only a co-worker to me, but I considered her a good friend. My sincere condolences.  
Kim

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**Kimberly Friedrichs** - February 20, 2018 at 02:27 PM

LK

“ Mr. & Mrs V., Andy, Sabrina, Dino:  
Very sorry to hear of Penny's passing. First met you all when she & Dino were basically newlyweds. Later saw the joy of when Andy & Sabrina found you all. It was a pleasure to have worked in your home for many years. Penny was a tough cookie with a heart of gold.  
-Lori Kidd

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**Lori and Eric Kidd** - February 20, 2018 at 09:56 AM

LK

Hugs to George. I know he adored her.

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**Lori and Eric Kidd** - February 20, 2018 at 09:59 AM

WI

“ *It is terribly heartbreaking to know that Penny has passed. She was loved and respected by so many, and through her life, ups and downs, she maintained a positive outlook when many others couldn't have.*

*She was like a 2nd mother to Zach, and her children were like my 2nd kids. I hope her family can find peace in knowing that she's not suffering, and watching over them with love and pride.*

*We will miss how she could seem so calm yet frazzled when the kids gave her grief of not getting ready, or just goofing off like kids always did.*

*William & Andrea Smierciak*

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**William** - February 19, 2018 at 06:33 PM

JG

“ *So sad to read of Pennys passing. I knew her from Bradley Royale Nursing Home where my mother spent the last 6 years of her life. She had the sweetest personality, always ready to assist you in what were often difficult times. Another occasion, I was at Navy Pier long after my Mom passed away, and she made a point to come and chat with me as if we were old friends. My condolences to her family.*

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**Joan Gehm** - February 19, 2018 at 11:27 AM