



Yvonne "Penny" Denoyer

December 12, 1940 - July 11, 2023

Yvonne "Penny" Denoyer, age 82, of Kankakee passed away Tuesday, July 11, 2023, peacefully at home surrounded by her family after stoically battling cancer for 47 years. She was born on December 12, 1940, in Kankakee, the daughter of Nick and Alberta (LaRoche) Gineris. Penny spent most of her life in her beloved hometown of Kankakee where she married her high school sweetheart, Jerry Denoyer, and was a "proud member" of the Kankakee High School Class of 1958. Penny was a devoted mother to five children and a loyal friend that was adored and admired by all who knew her. Penny spent most of her professional career as a payroll specialist for the City of Kankakee before retiring after 22 years of service. Prior to that, she worked for Kankakee District 111 Westview High School where she met a group of women that became lifelong friends. She enjoyed playing bridge, cooking, traveling,

reading,
fashion and LIFE. Penny was full of grace and welcomed everyone into her home and treated all those who entered as family. She was the center of celebrations and had a wonderful sense of humor, an infectious smile and laugh. Penny was a revered member of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Kankakee serving on their council as treasurer and organizing the annual Greek Picnic. Above all, her perseverance and commitment to her family, friends, traditions and heritage were the hallmarks of her being and now become the legacy she leaves for those she loved to carry on.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Derek (Melissa) Denoyer of Manteno, Drew (Stephanie) Denoyer of Dallas, TX; three daughters and one son-in-law, Daphne (Steve) LaGesse of Bradley, Desirée Denoyer of New Buffalo, MI, Dominique Denoyer of Kankakee; one brother and sister-in-law, Louis "Scrap" (Janice) Gineris; ten grandchildren, Colby, Drake, Derien, Mitchell, Calynn, Corbin, Danae, Dylanie, Dawson, Nikolai; eight great grandchildren; and special companion, Robert "Bob" Helgeson of Bradley.

Penny is preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 2023, at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, Kankakee. A Trisagion service will be held at

6:30 p.m. at the funeral home. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m.
on

Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church,
Kankakee.

Father Nick Greanias will officiate the service. Interment will follow at Mound
Grove

Gardens, Kankakee.

Memorials can be made to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church or
Gayle's

Rescue, Kankakee.

Lastly, true to her gracious and unselfish nature, Penny simply wanted to say
to those

she loved and all those who loved her: "Thank you for being my friend."

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

JUL 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Desiree, Daphne & Steve, Drew, Derek and Dominique, I was so sorry to recently hear about the loss of your mom. Her great accomplishments in life are certainly reflected in the people that you all are. My sincerest condolences to you all. God Bless*

larry brace - August 16, 2023 at 11:16 AM

KG

“ *I'm soooo sorry to the surviving family of Miss Denoyer, & also sorry for not really ""knowing"" her but her face looked very familiar! My condolences to her family! Miss Kay Graham (alum Of Wetsview High)*

kay graham - July 19, 2023 at 10:44 AM

KW

“ *Penny was a wonderful woman! She was strong, brave, and loved her family dearly! Her laughter was always infectious, and she will be missed dearly!*

Kris Weybright - July 17, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ 109 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - July 17, 2023 at 10:06 AM

SA

“ Penny was one of my favorite customers. She came to Jewelry Service Center for many years. She was funny, kind, classy, full of life and humor. Twenty years ago we discussed how people got both of our names wrong- I'm Sam and people call me Sandy. Penny said that people called her Peggy. Forever after that I called her Peggy and she called me Sandy- always with a sweet hug. I loved her. She always came in to hang the Greek picnic sign! God bless her family and friends. She will be missed!

Samantha - July 16, 2023 at 08:40 PM

VH

“ I feel so fortunate that I got to know Penny -- I loved her dearly! She was such an important part of my dad's life, and I loved spending time with her!!



Vicki Helgeson - July 16, 2023 at 05:34 PM

RS

“ I loved Penny Denoyer as much as I loved my biological sister. When we were in the same place, there was always laughter. After Jerry died, I told her anytime, any day, any place, I'll be there. Now I can't be there. I love her kids as if they were my own. Penny will live in my heart as long as it beats. True love might not always be obvious, but it never dies. All you guys who went before me, save me a seat at the table, I'm not far behind.

Ray Satterwhite - July 15, 2023 at 09:11 PM

LB

“ I got to both work with Penny at the City and be her next-door neighbor. What an absolute joy she was! I'll remember her kindness, smile and laughter forever. Deepest condolences to her children and Bob.

Laura Brady - July 15, 2023 at 05:06 PM



“ Kristie Stasicky lit a candle in memory of Yvonne "Penny" Denoyer



Kristie Stasicky - July 15, 2023 at 02:09 PM

SH

“ Beautiful tribute to a beautiful lady.

Susan Hall - July 15, 2023 at 08:51 AM

KR

“ Our deepest sympathy to Derek and Missy and all of Penny's family. She was a very special lady and will be missed.
Duane and Kathy Roy

Kathy Roy - July 14, 2023 at 08:24 PM

NR

“ Nancy Beckner Ruel lit a candle in memory of Yvonne "Penny" Denoyer



Nancy Beckner Ruel - July 14, 2023 at 03:32 PM

ET

“ Deepest condolences to her family from Evelyn and Peter Torchia

Evelyn Torchia - July 14, 2023 at 02:40 PM

DD

“ An extraordinary soul who will be missed by so many.

david debono - July 14, 2023 at 01:45 PM

CM

“ Rest in peace.



cathie (sederstrand) miedema - July 14, 2023 at 01:23 PM

TM

“ Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of Yvonne "Penny" Denoyer



Tom Mallaney - July 14, 2023 at 11:29 AM

KE

“ A beautiful tribute to an amazing lady. My heart goes out to her family.

Karen Ennen - July 14, 2023 at 11:02 AM

DH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Dawn Helgeson - July 14, 2023 at 10:16 AM

DK

“ My deepest sympathies to the family of this most beautiful person. New her back to high school days and she was always a pleasure to be around. She came from a beautiful family and she carried on that same tradition with hers. May the good lord be with all of you at this most difficult time and may she rest in peace.

Dewey Kilbride - July 14, 2023 at 07:54 AM

JH

“ I feel so blessed to have all these wonderful memories of Penny and her family. She will be greatly missed. Maurice and I send our deepest condolences to Penny’s family and friends. ❤️✨



Jennifer Harvey - July 14, 2023 at 07:29 AM

JF

“ Jaymie Falkenhan lit a candle in memory of Yvonne "Penny" Denoyer



Jaymie Falkenhan - July 14, 2023 at 07:19 AM

JH

“ Jennifer Harvey lit a candle in memory of Yvonne "Penny" Denoyer



Jennifer Harvey - July 14, 2023 at 07:19 AM

JJ

“ Jolinda Jones lit a candle in memory of Yvonne "Penny" Denoyer



Jolinda Jones - July 14, 2023 at 07:08 AM

GK

“ Penny was indeed a very special person. I've never seen her that she didn't have a big smile on her face. I've known her through my school years, and I always thought she was one. Cool gal. My sympathies go out to her family, because I know her loss will leave a huge hole in all of their hearts.

Glendal Kilbride - July 13, 2023 at 10:47 PM

DD

“ 29 files added to the album FAMILY



Drew Denoyer - July 13, 2023 at 09:11 PM

MT

“ We shared a close friendship for 40+ years, lots of laughs on excursions, years of monthly Girls Night Out talking our brains out, tears on several occasions and made so many memories over the years. My heart hurts with missing her n realizing that I can't pop in on her or call her until we meet again in Heaven. My prayers are with her family at this devastating time n with all of us who loved her. May God's loving arms hold us all close, May our tears be replaced with smiles as we think of all the fun times n great memories.



Mary Thomson - July 13, 2023 at 06:27 PM