



Peggy L. Ruef

November 13, 1946 - July 6, 2022

Peggy L. Ruef, age 75 of Mattoon, IL passed away at 6:31 AM, Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of services.

Peggy was born on November 13, 1946, in Mattoon, IL to the late Robert J. and Mardelle (Harshbarger) Goldsmith. She married James R. Ruef on July 25, 1965, in Mattoon, IL. She is survived by her loving husband; two sons, James JR. "Jimmy" Ruef of Lerna, IL, Chris Ruef and wife Krystal of Mattoon, IL; three grandchildren, Peter Ruef of Mattoon, IL, Rebecca Garvin and husband Ronnie of Mattoon, IL, Miranda Ruef of Decatur, IL; five great-grandchildren, and one sister, Connie Coventry. She is preceded in death by one brother, Robert Goldsmith, JR.

Peggy graduated from Mattoon High School in 1964. She then became the longtime manager for the US Grant Motel in Mattoon, IL. Throughout her hospitality career, she made many memorable relationships and impressions on employees and customers until her retirement in 2006. An avid crafter, she enjoyed adult coloring books, crocheting and plastic canvas. Peggy had an impressive collection of over three hundred clowns and dolls, proudly displayed in her home. Traveling, camping, and watching soap operas and westerns were some of Peggy's favorite activities.

She could often be found cuddling her beloved canine companions, Rusty and Sadie. Above all, Peggy loved the time spent playing games with friends and

family, especially her grandchildren. She will be tremendously missed. Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with the family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Peggy L. Ruef*

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