



Penny Lee McDowell

October 15, 1958 - June 12, 2026

Penny Lee McDowell, age 67 of Mattoon, IL passed away Friday, June 12, 2026.

A visitation in her honor will take place on Tuesday, June 30, 2026 from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938. The burial will be held at a later date in Dodge Grove Cemetery.

Penny was born on October 15, 1958, to Robert "Bob" and Doris (Johnson) McDowell in Mattoon, IL. She is survived by her children, Nicole Dare and husband Chris, Amber Porter and husband Jason, all of Mattoon, Jessica Honn of Michigan; grandchildren: Alexis Stoneburner and fiancé Brandon Dare, Alyssa Porter, Jasmine Honn, Tristan Porter, Addisyn Porter, Krayson Dare, James Honn; mother, Doris Dallas and husband Larry of Mattoon, IL; sisters, Robin McDowell and fiancé Mark of Tower Hill, IL and Bobbi Daniell and husband Bruce of Mattoon, IL; dear friends, Jodi McClelland and husband Karl, Dave Stanley of Mattoon, IL; and beloved fur friend, Milo. She is preceded in death by her father; grandparents; sister Kristie McDowell Frederick; nephew, Jeremiah Daniell; canine companion, Brandi J.

Penny worked as a CNA for numerous years before her career change as the manager at Jackson Hewitt Tax Service.

Always active with children, Penny coached t-ball, softball, and bowling, was a 4-H leader, involved with Mid-Illinois Big Brothers Big Sisters, and a deeply devoted and passionate advocate for Court Appointed Special Advocates

(CASA). She was a loving foster parent for many years.

Most importantly, Penny's family was her pride and joy. Her grandchildren brought her happiness and many cherished memories.

Penny will be remembered for her big heart and loving nature.

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.

Cemetery Details

Dodge Grove Cemetery

917 North 22nd Street
Mattoon, IL 61938

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN **30**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.
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Tribute Wall

PH

“ *Phillbate32* lit a candle in memory of Penny Lee McDowell*



Phillbate32* - 25 minutes ago

JS

“ *Penny I know you are at peace no more pain for you.you have left the pain for everyone down here who loves you.i also know you are dancing with your dad and so happy to be in his arms again.i valued our friendship growing up and all the love and friendship you trie8d to share with the world.we found eachother again working at walmart.after many years it seem like we never left eachothers lives. Thank you Penny for being my friend,even if I was scared of your mom .sending healing hugs to all who loved her.*

Joy Shook Romack Switzer - 37 minutes ago

RS

“ *I remember her playing with us kids (The Strong Kids) when we were neighbors many years ago. We are so deeply sorry for your loss.*

Rick & Debbie (Strong) Seaman & family

Rick & Debbie Seaman - 1 hour ago

CD

“ *Cat Davis lit a candle in memory of Penny Lee McDowell*



Cat Davis - 1 hour ago

TS

“ *Theresa Lynn Smith lit a candle in memory of Penny Lee McDowell*



Theresa Lynn Smith - 2 hours ago