



Penny Jean Thompson

December 7, 1950 - March 2, 2026

Penny Jean Thompson, 75, of Frankfort, KY, passed away March 2, 2026. Born December 7, 1950, in Boscobel, WI, she was the middle child, 5th of 11, to Jay and Marie Patten. Affectionately called “Miss Penny,” she read books at pre-schools and daycares for the Paul Sawyer Public Library before retirement. She loved being a “Grammy,” Mom, Wife, and Sister.

Penny graduated from Boscobel High School in 1969 and obtained a BS degree in teaching from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in 1973.

Penny and Al Thompson married on August 4, 1973, at the Congregational Church in Boscobel, and they were blessed with 52 years of marriage, living and raising their children in Newburgh, IN, Carterville, IL, Tazewell, VA, and finally, Frankfort, KY.

Penny loved her 3 children: Jeanne Thompson of Frankfort, Melissa (Wayne) Penix, of Frankfort, and Christopher (Stacy) Thompson of Sevierville, TN.

Grammy loved her 4 grandchildren: Lincoln Harrod (son of Mike Harrod, Jr.), Halle Penix, and Lily and Clara Thompson; and Grammy loved her bonus 3 grandchildren, Nolan, Ivan, and Abby Penix.

Survivors include her husband, children, grandchildren, and 9 siblings: brothers, Bill, Jim, Albert, and John Patten, and sisters, Pat Zinck, Vicki Theobald, Alice Patten, Peggy Smith, and Jayne Udelhoven. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Ruth Brown, and beloved aunt, Erika Brechler.

A memorial service will be held at Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church on

Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Todd Lester officiating.
Visitation will be at Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00
p.m. on Thursday.
Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home &
Crematory.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church
495 Duckers Rd
Midway, KY 40347

Memorial Service

MAR 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church
495 Duckers Rd
Midway, KY 40347

Tribute Wall

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“ Tammie lit a candle in memory of Penny Jean Thompson



Tammie - March 12 at 05:35 PM

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“ Mike and Laurie Cauffman and Family purchased the Garden Accent - "Someone you love..." for the family of Penny Jean Thompson.



Mike and Laurie Cauffman and Family - March 12 at 09:09 AM

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“ Mike and Laurie Cauffman and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Penny Jean Thompson.

Mike and Laurie Cauffman and Family - March 12 at 09:09 AM



“ 61 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - March 06 at 01:57 PM



“ *Dan and Jaime Piedot purchased the Heartfelt Comfort Charcuterie Gift Set for the family of Penny Jean Thompson.*



Dan and Jaime Piedot - March 05 at 09:09 PM



“ *Sympathy Gift Vintage Wind Chime - "I Have You In My Heart" was purchased for the family of Penny Jean Thompson.*



March 05 at 12:46 PM

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“ We loved Ms. Penny at Westridge Elementary Preschool. She was an amazing lady. We looked forward to seeing her every month when she came. The kids loved her so much! She touched so many children’s lives. And ours. She will forever hold a special place in our hearts! Praying for her family! God Bless You All.

Carla Lynn - March 04 at 04:08 PM