



Lori Ann Anderson

July 27, 1960 - April 1, 2026

Lori Ann Anderson, 65, recently of Bartonville, Illinois, passed away on April 1, 2026, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Lori was born on July 27, 1960, in Peoria, Illinois, to James Baumgartner and Maryanna Mahoney.

Lori will be remembered as a true free spirit with a deep love for life and nature. She had a special passion for rescuing dogs, caring for her many plants & flowers, and spending time in warm weather—especially near the beach. She found joy in watching birds, particularly hummingbirds. She took great pride in supporting her granddaughters, attending Penguin Project performances, school/travel Softball games, as well as thrift and garage sale shopping with her daughter and friends. Lori was also proud of her four years of sobriety, a meaningful accomplishment that reflected her strength and dedication to her family.

She is survived by her daughter, Jill (Derik Allison) Brunson; her grandchildren, Mackenzie Brunson and Averie Anna Allison; her siblings, Lisa Lindsey and Bruce Baumgartner; her nieces, Jamie Pyeatte and Jody Davis; her nephew, PJ Pyeatte; and many extended family members and very dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her stepfather, Alexander Castaneda.

Lori was a no-frills kind of a gal, and wished to have no services. A small celebration of life will likely be planned for this summer.

Memorial contributions in Lori's honor may be made to a local animal rescue organization, Peoria Penguin Project, or a sobriety support program of the donor's choice.

Condolences and memories may be shared through SchmidtHaller.com.

Tribute Wall

BR

“ Sorry to hear this, we went to school together she was a childhood friend, my love and prayers for all who knew Lori she'll be deeply missed!



Brenda - April 13 at 02:36 PM

KR

“ I knew Lori when she lived over by my sister on cottonwood. Watched her fur babies for her when she went on vacation. Loved her so much . Prayers to all her family.

Kathy Richards - April 11 at 08:06 AM

LS

“ Lisa Skaggs lit a candle in memory of Lori Ann Anderson



Lisa Skaggs - April 07 at 03:11 PM

MB

Jill, Mac, Avery. Lori was a special gal. So friendly and caring. She loved you all and her special dog. No more suffering here. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mary Bontz - April 07 at 05:01 PM

LS

“ I met Lori when she lived 2 streets from me on Fort Myers Beach, FL. She was walking Oreo her giant Schnauzer, my nickname for him. We had tons in common. We texted EVERYDAY. I went to visit her this time last year. I got to meet her sweet Daughter Jill & Granddaughter Mackenzie, Miss Personality. I miss her so much. Rest in Peace my Sweet Friend.

Lisa Skaggs - April 07 at 03:10 PM

SM

“ I didn't know Lori very long. I met her when she was walking her sweet dog, Oreo. We just hit it off, and enjoyed visiting. She was a special person with a loving heart. I'll sure miss her.



Sue Miller - April 07 at 02:53 PM

MB

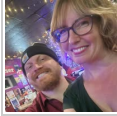
Jill, Mac, Averie...Lori was a special gal. She loved you all and her dog. She had mastered some big challenges in her life. She is no longer suffering. I am keeping you all in thought and prayer.

Mary Bontz - April 07 at 11:34 PM

RM

High school friends back in the day who reconnected on social media. Peace for you, my friend.....ODAAT

rob miller - April 10 at 06:01 PM



I was blessed to have known Lori for many years. She was calm, sweet, and always smiling. She loved her gardens and took pride in them and helped cultivate my love of plants. I saw her last at my garden center where I work, and she was thrilled that I was the "garden center green thumb" lol I lived in Edwards and she was a loving shoulder to cry on as I went through a horrible divorce with my only child who was a toddler. She and I had coffee and when we moved away we kept in touch by text and phone call. I regret that we never got to meet for lunch or thrifting like we planned. I hate that life gets away from us so fast. She will always be remembered for her soft loving demeanor. I loved her and so did Blake ♡ rest easy, friends. My condolences to Jill, her granddaughters and the rest of the family.

Jenny Fee - April 11 at 12:00 AM



Lori and I were friends in high school. I spent lots of time with her when they lived on Arnold Road. We had great times running around East Peoria as teenagers. We tried to reconnect a few years ago, but our schedules never allowed. Condolences to her family.

Michelle McGuire - April 12 at 08:40 PM