



## Madelyn "Maddy" Beck

June 26, 1950 - June 26, 2025

Madelyn M. Beck, 75, of Peoria, IL, passed away peacefully on June 26, 2025 surrounded by her family and friends.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Gena Appleby and Jeff Heiden, of Germantown Hills, IL; son, Collin Appleby, of East Peoria, IL; two sisters, Diane Robinson of Punta Gorda, FL and Michelle Beck of Princeville, IL; 2 nephews and their families.

Maddy was born in Peoria, IL to Eugene and Ida (Caletti) Beck. She graduated from Bergan High School in 1968 and later earned a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education. She devoted 36 years of her career to the Tazewell-Woodford Head Start Program.

Maddy served as the Early Childhood and Disabilities Leader while making many lifelong friends. Maddy loved gardening, reading, dining out with friends, but most of all she loved her children. Maddy was a fierce advocate for her son Collin who has autism. She also passed on a powerful love for people with disabilities to her daughter, Gena. She will be greatly missed by so many.

There will be no services per Maddy's wishes. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Donations in honor of Maddy may be made to Collin's magazine subscription fund c/o Gena Appleby. Venmo: @Gena-Appleby

# Tribute Wall

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“ I only knew Maddy through my daughter Megan. Megan had Collin in camp and then started sitting for him at home. Meg just adored her. She was just a kind person who dealt with her life beautifully. So sorry for the family. \nDonna Hanigan

Donna Hanigan - July 07, 2025 at 03:39 PM

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“ Sending our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

Alana Clark & David Benham - July 06, 2025 at 02:12 PM

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“ Maddy was a great person with a good sense of humor. I will remember the gatherings we had over the years going back to high school when we first became introduced. My condolences to Gena and the rest of the family. Bob Happach.

Bob HAppach - July 04, 2025 at 07:50 PM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Schmidt Haller Burial and Cremation Services

A Memorial Tree was planted for Maddy - July 01, 2025 at 10:30 AM