



Penelope "Penny" Radley

March 18, 1942 - December 31, 2025

Penelope A. Radley, age 83, of Peoria, IL, passed away on December 31, 2025, at Carle Methodist Hospital in Peoria. She was born on March 18, 1942, in Peoria, the daughter of Venice and Barbara Gower Parks. She is survived by her husband, David Radley. They were married on June 12, 1966. She is also survived by her children, Laura J. Radley, USAF Col. Ret., of Alexandria, VA, and her son, Justin P. Radley, (Jeanne "Nini"), of Sherman Oaks, CA, her grandchildren, Kathrine (Kit) Radley and Johnathan Baymiller (Bay) Radley, her brothers, Spandau Parks of Southern California, and Richard Parks (Rebecca LaHood Parks) of Peoria, and her grand-nieces and grand-nephew, Richard Parks Jr. (Sonny) and his wife, Rose, Alexa Hightower, Kemry Hightower, and Mykai Parks. She was predeceased by her parents, her sister, Christine Parks, and her niece, Shauna Parks.

Penny graduated from Loucks School and Peoria High School (Class of '60). She attended Christian College (now Columbia College) in Columbia, Missouri, and received a B. A. degree from the University of Illinois in Champaign.

She worked for The Illinois Department of Public Aid, American Red Cross, Peoria Chapter, Creative Logic, and the Human Service Center.

Penny was active in Peoria Players and Corn Stock Theater. Among others, she had parts in *My Fair Lady*, *You Can't Take it With You*, *Royal Family*, *The Italian Straw Hat*, *Mrs. Markham*, *the Miracle Worker*, and *Not Now Darling*. She was also active in Junior League of Peoria where she was named

Volunteer of the Year before she became a sustainer. She was also chair of Dress for Success, a Friendship House project, and was awarded the Community Service Award by the Peoria Park District for her volunteer service.

She was active in the 4th Monday Bridge Club, (Washington School) Wildcats Bowling League, Mt. Hawley Book Club, Jr. League Sustainers' Dining Divas, and golf as long as she could play.

A celebration of life is planned for February 21, 2026, from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M. at the Lariat Steakhouse in Peoria.

Penny will be greatly missed by her family and her many friends.

Memorials are suggested to the Junior League of Peoria.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **21**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Lariat Steakhouse
2232 West Glen Avenue
Peoria, IL 61614
<http://peoriasteakhouse.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dave, I'm sure Penny will be missed by many. Pat and I always enjoyed visiting with you and Penny at our many dinner functions, we are so sorry for your loss. Pat and Dave Elmore*

David Elmore - January 11 at 07:54 PM

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“ *David, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Jeff and Nancy Shelton*

Jeff Shelton - January 09 at 02:54 PM