



## Rhonda Elizabeth (Shipp) Penn

June 30, 1954 - May 12, 2023

Rhonda Elizabeth Penn, 68, of Peoria, passed away Friday, May 12, 2023, at her residence.

She was born June 30, 1954, in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania to the late Robert Beachamp Shipp and Eleanor Frances (Sharer) Shipp.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by siblings, Frances “Fran”, and Robert.

She is survived by her son, Nick (Serena) Penn; beloved grandchildren, Eli, and Nora; and brothers, Roy, and Barry Shipp.

Rhonda was employed by Menard’s on Pioneer Parkway in Peoria. She took pleasures in simple things such as drinking coffee, and experiencing new restaurants with her friends.

She was a loving, caring person who enjoyed people. She will be remembered as a devoted mother, and grandmother.

Cremation has been accorded. Per her wishes no services will be held. Words of comfort may be shared at [www.SchmidtHaller.com](http://www.SchmidtHaller.com).



# Tribute Wall

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“ Rhonda is the G.O.A.T., the O.G. forever. I had the pleasure of working with Rhonda for several years at Theo's Java Club. She literally trained me to be the positive person I am today. When I met her, I was only 24 so she treated me like a mother and friend, took me under her wing and helped me learn how to run a coffee shop like the true boss she was. I will remember always.

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**Kimber Wolfgang** - September 13, 2023 at 07:59 PM



“ I'm a member of an online gaming community where I met Rhonda (aka Java) more than a decade ago. We are just finding out about her passing. We knew something was wrong when she didn't log in, but personal details are doled out over years, and are forgotten. We had a heck of a time finding her. She was such a cheerleader for all of us, Always upbeat & as others have said, always dancing. She's dancing amongst the stars now - because she can :) She is missed greatly.

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**Lora Robinson** - July 28, 2023 at 09:01 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Rhonda's passing. She was such a ray of sunshine every morning as she would great me at Theo's in downtown Rock Island. We shared many laughs over the years. Always looked forward to our road trips to Tanner's. Rest in Peace my friend.

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**Lori Duffy** - May 18, 2023 at 10:46 PM

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“ My interactions with Rhonda were always so fun. When I first met her, I worked a few blocks away so I would stop at Menards in the morning for some snacks. I'd usually go through her lane and she'd be so positive and upbeat so early in the morning. Then I got to work with her when I started working at Menards part time. Usually we were on the same shift on Saturdays. She was a jewel to our front end and was always so happy. Prayers to her family! Know that she is brightening Heaven with her smile and energetic dancing!

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**Ryan Medina** - May 17, 2023 at 01:22 PM

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“ I can still see her dancing at the end of her register between customers. Such an upbeat & positive person. HUGS to u in heaven, RRRRRRRRRRRRHONDA!!

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**Nancy ADAMS** - May 16, 2023 at 06:52 PM



“ I was a little shocked when this morning when I heard the news of Rhonda's passing. I only know her from my years of shopping at menards, EVERYDAY, like clock work. When I walked in she would say "There's number one" she said I was her favorite so she called me #1. You were a reason to smile everyday and that meant a lot to me. I'll really miss that and seeing her. I don't consider many people friends, but yesterday I lost a friend. My heart goes out to her family. I'm sorry for your loss. I just kept thinking about how she didn't get to open her coffee shop, she always talked about it. My heart will be dim when I walk through those doors and you're not there. You were a great person and I will miss our friendship. I'll always remember you my friend!

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**Jared Buckardt** - May 14, 2023 at 08:02 AM

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**Nancy ADAMS** - May 16, 2023 at 03:54 PM