



Penny Lea Cummings

October 21, 1955 - December 14, 2019

Penny Lea Cummings, 64, passed away on December 14, 2019, at her home, the place of her new farm rescue, “Daisy’s Farm Friends Sanctuary.”

She was born on October 21, 1955, in Easton, MD, the daughter of the late John Thomas and Helen Louise Murphy Cummings. Penny was a graduate of St. Michaels High School. She resided in Claiborne with Jack Schnaitman, her husband, for 37 years.

To know her was to love her. She loved her family, always doting on her grandchildren. On their many trips to Disney World, her grandchildren wore beautiful costumes hand-made by Penny. She always helped the “underdog” taking many in need into her home to live, never putting herself first. Her personality was infectious, always smiling, singing, laughing, dancing and helping others.

Penny’s work ethic was admirable; she worked at Preston Trucking for 20 years until it closed. Soon after, she was employed by Sea Watch International where she worked for 20+ years. All of those she worked with became her family and very good friends. During her last two weeks, it was evident that they loved her as well. She was very involved in Relay for Life, raising funds for cancer research.

During her last years, Penny became very involved in fighting against animal abuse. Her dream came true in October 2019 when it became official that the property in Hebron, MD, where she spent her last week, and received a 501c3 to establish Daisy's Farm Friends Sanctuary. Penny was in the process of welcoming 30 pigs, one small horse, and one emu to her sanctuary when God called her home. The sanctuary will continue in Penny's memory.

She is survived by her husband, Jack Schnaitman; daughters, Maggie Jones (Bill) and Jennifer Frank(Jeff); four grandchildren, Jonathan Opie, Isabelle Jones, Ethan Jones, and Olivia Jones; her brother, Lester Cummings (Camisa); and sister, Judy Haddaway (Buddy); nieces and nephews, Lisa Lange (David), John Cummings, Greg Haddaway (Tammy) and Jason Haddaway, and Mindy Sadler (Andrew). She was preceded in death by her parents. She also leaves behind her two beloved pigs, Jobe Ann and Buddy Rodney.

Those who wish to honor her memory may contribute to Daisy's Farm Friends Sanctuary, 7460 Rockawalkin Rd. Hebron, MD 21830.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Penny Lea Cummings*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Penny Lea Cummings*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Penny Lea Cummings*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Heartbroken to hear about Penny’s passing. She was such a compassionate kind hearted person. She helped so many animals. God gained a very special angel . Sending love and prayers to her and her family.*

Brittany Christiano - September 04, 2020 at 09:25 PM



“ *What a loss. God really gained an angel. Prayers to the family. The Murphys, Patrick, Linda, Deanna and Azelyn.*

Patrick & Linda Murphy - December 22, 2019 at 09:32 AM



JC

“ Joyce “Joy” George Cox lit a candle in memory of Penny Lea Cummings



Joyce “Joy” George Cox - December 22, 2019 at 08:09 AM

AG

“ Mrs. Penny aka mom will be truly missed. I have a lot of memories with her that I will never forget she def put up with me and Jenni she will always have a special place in my heart ❤️❤️❤️❤️

Ann gottleib - December 21, 2019 at 12:27 PM

TI

“ Penny and I became close friends after Esther’s Army introduced her to me concerning the 34 potbellies (Maryland’s 34) that were left in my care after my divorce. She came to my home every single weekend from Summer to Fall helping me build new homes and boardwalks for my babies. She and Jack started buying their food, knowing I couldn’t afford to. She helped me with my bills until I could get on my feet. I’ve never met a more selfless person. Her love, friendship, smile and laughter will live on in Daisy’s Sanctuary. Rest In Peace Penny.

Tina - December 21, 2019 at 12:04 PM

VB

“ Vickie Bildstein lit a candle in memory of Penny Lea Cummings



Vickie Bildstein - December 20, 2019 at 10:16 PM

KH

“ *Kelly Haddaway lit a candle in memory of Penny Lea Cummings*



Kelly Haddaway - December 20, 2019 at 09:44 AM

KH

“ *Karen Haddaway lit a candle in memory of Penny Lea Cummings*



Karen Haddaway - December 20, 2019 at 08:09 AM

PK

“ *I'm heartbroken to hear that the world has lost someone as beautiful and compassionate as Penny. She left a legacy of love behind with her hard work to make the world a kinder place. Sending prayers of peace to the family.*

Pauline Knipe - December 20, 2019 at 08:01 AM

AG

“ *Penny is such a special person and mom (two and four legged). God called a glorious angel home. I truly love Penny. She is such a tremendous friend and mentor. I will miss our hours of talks and laughs. Till we see her again. My prayers are with the family.*

Amber Gentz - December 20, 2019 at 12:03 AM

SM

“ *Scott&debbie Mister lit a candle in memory of Penny Lea Cummings*



scott&debbie mister - December 19, 2019 at 09:08 PM

DS

“ *Debby Sweet lit a candle in memory of Penny Lea Cummings*



Debby Sweet - December 19, 2019 at 08:23 PM

EB

“ *Edna Barry lit a candle in memory of Penny Lea Cummings*



Edna Barry - December 19, 2019 at 08:21 PM

EB

“ *I met Penny when we worked at Preston Trucking.. We were instint friends. She made me laugh more times than I can count. I hadn't seen her much in the last few years, but we always ended up laughing about something. I will miss her infections laughter, and her vibrant spirit. Rest easy sweet lady.*

Edna Barry - December 19, 2019 at 08:20 PM

TH

“ Tommy & Mary Haddaway lit a candle in memory of Penny Lea Cummings



Tommy & Mary Haddaway - December 19, 2019 at 07:45 PM

MA

“ We should have also added our cousin, Mindy Sadler who was like a daughter and our sister ❤️

Maggie - December 19, 2019 at 06:53 PM

DH

“ Donna Haddaway lit a candle in memory of Penny Lea Cummings



Donna Haddaway - December 19, 2019 at 06:50 PM

DL

“ I loved Penny and my grandkids were crazy about her as well, they loved to go to her house and visit with her and her pigs. Penny was a sweetheart and will be missed by many. So sorry for your loss. She will always have a special place in our hearts.

Donna Landon - December 19, 2019 at 05:43 AM