



## Leona "Penny" Jackson

November 19, 1916 - April 29, 2022

Leona Ellen "Penny" Jackson, age 105 $\frac{1}{2}$ , of Royal Oak, passed away on April 29, 2022.

Beloved wife of the late Ernest Jackson. Loving mother of Gail Wilson and Pam (Ron) Rahhal. Dear grandmother of Kristen Wilson and Nicole Stawicki.

Penny was born in Marshall, MN, but made her way west for adventure when she was about 19 years old. Setting out for California with friends and selecting "Penny" as her nickname—a choice that would stick the next 85+ years—she soon ended up on the Oregon coast. There she earned her Oregon Shipbuilding Certification as a welder and labored for a number of months in the shipyards that supported the country's efforts during World War II. As fate would have it, her work in the shipyards soon led to her future husband, Ernest. Before long, she was headed to Ernest's home state of Michigan where she stayed with Ernest's mother while he completed his Navy service. Once Ernest and Penny were reunited in Michigan, they soon started a family, to which Penny was a devoted homemaker and mother who helped successfully raise their two daughters.

In her free time, Penny enjoyed playing cards—especially Solitaire on her tablet—and she absolutely loved to go shopping. Over years past, she also very much enjoyed gardening. Above all else though, Penny loved her family

and friends, and she took great joy in the many family gatherings that were held over the years.

Penny lived a long, rich, and fulfilling life. For that her family is undoubtedly grateful, but she will be dearly missed.

Visitation will take place on Sunday, May 1, from 3 - 8 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral service will take place on Monday, May 2, at 11:00 a.m. (10:00 visitation) at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 202 E. 5th Street, Royal Oak. Interment will follow at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery in Troy.

Memorial contributions can be directed to the Salvation Army.

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# Cemetery Details

## White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road  
Troy, MI 48098

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
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<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
202 E. Fifth Street  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ I have many fond memories of the Jackson family from 30 + years ago. Mrs Jackson was always gracious when I visited. ❤️ I'm sorry I didn't see this notice sooner, I would have loved to pay my respect to the family in person. Peace, comfort, and love to everyone.

Bob Stewart - May 03, 2022 at 12:01 PM

JK

“ Gail and Pam, so sorry for your loss. She was good people. John Keith

John Keith - May 02, 2022 at 06:00 PM

SA

“ I'm sending my condolences to the family of Penny. I know it is a very hurtful and sad time in your lives right now. In time it will pass because we all have our special memories of Penny. She will be greatly missed. I was introduced to Penny and Gail several years ago, and immediately feel in love with them. The both are so sweet and kind. Both are great friends and I took to Penny as another daughter. She always made me feel that way. I will always miss her, but will always cherish the times we were able to enjoy so much when we were together. I'm sure we will be able to see each other again in the future. Rest in peace for now Penny. I love you.  
Shelly A

Shelly A - May 02, 2022 at 10:15 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Leona "Penny" Jackson.*



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May 01, 2022 at 12:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leona "Penny" Jackson.*



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May 01, 2022 at 09:04 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Leona "Penny" Jackson.*



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April 30, 2022 at 10:04 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Leona "Penny" Jackson.*



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April 30, 2022 at 06:31 PM

JH

“ *Judi Hart lit a candle in memory of Leona "Penny" Jackson*



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**Judi Hart** - April 30, 2022 at 02:29 PM

KG

“ *Dear Gail,  
My family and I are so very sorry for the loss of your dear mother. You were as close as a mother and daughter could be, and Penny could always count on you to be at her side.  
The obituary mentioned that Penny loved to shop--I do remember that well, because as you know, my own mother was one of her loyal shopping partners. They really had a splendid time together. Your mom will be greatly missed by many people--she was truly a precious and special woman. God blessed you with a long and joyful life together, and I know He will comfort you now with only good memories of your beloved mother, who was also your dear friend. God bless you and your family.  
With love and deep sympathy,  
Karen George and Family*

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**Karen M George** - April 30, 2022 at 12:48 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Leona "Penny" Jackson.*



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April 30, 2022 at 10:59 AM