



## Joyce E. Penrose

May 6, 1937 - May 12, 2022

Joyce Ellen Penrose, aged 85, died on May 12, 2022. Joyce is survived by her son, Mark, his wife, Ellen, and their two children Isabelle and Olivia, and by her son Matt, his wife Patty, and their two children William and Kaitlyn. She is also survived by her loving partner, George Boyle and by her sister, Arlene, and brother-in-law Tom, and their children Holly, April, and Tammy.

An early adopter of the nurse practitioner role, Joyce received a post-master's nurse practitioner certificate from the University of Virginia in 1973 and spent the majority of her 50-year nursing career working as a nurse practitioner and teaching nursing at Louisiana State University, the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, and the University of Pittsburgh. She also coordinated the Clarion, Edinboro, and Slippery Rock Universities Family Nurse Practitioner Program.

Joyce's career in nursing began with a diploma in nursing from Muhlenberg Hospital School of Nursing in Plainfield, NJ. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Louisiana State University, a Master's in Public Health from Tulane University and a Doctor of Public Health from the University of Pittsburgh.

There will be no religious service and burial will be private

# Cemetery Details

## **Penn Forest Cemetery**

121 Colorado Street  
Verona, PA 15147

# Tribute Wall



“ Nashat and I were so sad to hear about Joyce’s passing. I was looking her up because her Christmas card was returned and now I know why.

*Joyce was so kind to Nashat during his doctoral program. and we were glad to keep in touch over the years and hear about you boys and your children as you were growing. We are sorry to have not kept in touch as much as we ought, as life got busy with our own kids growing.*

*Joyce is forever in our hearts as a good person who did well for people, and by people. We are grateful to have known her, and this earth should be grateful to have had her. The nursing profession has been enriched by her.*

*Much love, Cathy Dugan and Nashat Zuraikat*

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**Catherine Dugan** - February 08, 2025 at 01:05 PM



“ *Joyce E. Penrose*

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October 09, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *Joyce E. Penrose*

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October 06, 2023 at 11:36 AM

EM

“Joyce was a classmate of mine in nursing school in N.J. Over 60 years ago. As recently as last month (April 2022) she and I talked on the phone. This comes as such a shock to me because she sounded so strong - I do not know how to contact Mark or Matt and not sure how to leave contact info for me. I plan to contact this funeral home and ask them to share my contact info with the family. I am so sorry for your loss. Joyce was an amazing person - I truly valued her friendship.

*With deepest sympathy. Eileen Metzgar. Mansfield Ct.*

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**eileen. metzgar** - May 23, 2022 at 03:23 PM



“Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Joyce E. Penrose.



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May 17, 2022 at 10:44 AM

HM

“I am so incredibly saddened by this news & filled with so many memories beginning with Josh & Matt walking to Colfax together. Joyce's friendship & kindness will always have a special place in my heart. Wishing all of you strength.

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**Harold Marcus** - May 14, 2022 at 10:26 AM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss Mark, Matt and families. Joyce was always so kind to me and my family. I'll always remember our shared connection of Slippery Rock. I was so touched when our first child was born that Joyce got him a SRU onesie to wear. She will be missed! You're in our prayers.

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**Denise Dahlberg** - May 13, 2022 at 07:08 PM

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*Matt, Patty, Mark, Ellen, and your families, i am so sorry for your loss. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for sharing your mother with me. She was a dear friend, bonus mom, and so much more. I will miss her very much. You all will be in my prayers*

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**Ronda Walker Houston** - May 16, 2022 at 11:26 PM

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*We are sorry to hear of your loss. Dr. Penrose was a great supporter of the Functional Literacy Ministry of Haiti (FLM Haiti) She will be greatly missed. Russell Bynum, Board Member FLM Haiti.*

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**Russell** - May 19, 2022 at 11:40 AM