



## Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy

August 6, 1952 - February 19, 2015

Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy, age 62 years, a resident of Vienna, passed away Thursday morning, February 19, 2015, at 4:45 AM at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale, Illinois.

Gwen was born August 6, 1952 in St. Louis Missouri. She was the daughter of Dudley Daniel & Dolores (Inger) Daniel.

Gwen had been united in marriage to her soulmate, Ricky Wayne Kennedy, with whom she was recently re-united.

Additionally, Gwen is survived by her loving children - Ann (Shawn) Tripp of Goreville, Kara (Shane) Elms of Tunnel Hill; Tammy Caraker and friend Dallas H. Harner of Vienna, Donna (Michael) Sadler of Anna, Drake (Nancy) Kennedy of Vienna, and Falon (Sean) Whitnel of Belknap; grandchildren – Taylor, Blake, Nathan, Kayla, Shayna, Ariana, Zacharia, Joshua, Logan, Parker, Skyler, Karly, Jayley, Ethan, Cassidy, Izabelle, Noah, Jonah, Livingston, Owen, Paycee, Shiloh and Cash; 3 great grandchildren – Elliahna, Lana, and Leela; 2 sisters – Karren Phinney and Debbie Daniel both of Belleville; and 2 brothers – Gary Daniel and Michael (Yvonne) Parr of Bloomsdale, Missouri. Gwen was also anticipating the birth of 2 additional grandchildren this summer.

In addition to her parents, Gwen was preceded in death by a brother – Dennis Daniel.

Gwen was a devoted homemaker. She enjoyed gardening, raising flowers, and taking care of her animals. Gwen had a very compassionate, loving, giving, and considerate spirit. Her home and her table were always open to everyone. She willingly gave of herself to meet both the physical as well as the spiritual needs of many who sought her care. Gwen is fondly remembered by her family as “The World’s Best Mom” and a true example of a Proverbs 31 Mother.

Gwen was a devoted and faithful Christian. She worshiped at the New Burnside Community Church and spent many private hours in Bible reading and also participated in a Women’s Bible Study.

Gwen was also an avid St. Louis Cardinals Baseball fan.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon, February 22, 2015, at 2 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Tim Blankenship and Pastor Jeff Van Cleve officiated. Burial was in the New Burnside Cemetery.

Visitation was from 11 AM – 2 PM Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Heather Harper Treat Memorial Fund, PO Box 98, Vienna, IL 62995 or to the family to assist with expenses.

# Cemetery Details

## New Burnside Cemetery

New Burnside, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **22**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home  
705 North First Street  
PO Box 695  
Vienna, IL 62995  
(618) 658-2311  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *So sorry to see you have lost your mother and grandmother. We hadn't heard she had passed away and didn't see the obituary till Sunday night. Wish we could have been there to give out some hugs. You all are in our prayers. Russ and Karla Hale*



**Karla Hale** - February 22, 2015 at 09:31 PM



“ *Charles Harner lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy*



**charles harner** - February 21, 2015 at 08:07 PM



“ *Mike And Nancy Solomon lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy*



**Mike and Nancy Solomon** - February 21, 2015 at 03:40 PM

MS

*Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you now. So sorry for your loss may God give you comfort at this time.*

**Mike and Nancy Solomon** - February 21, 2015 at 03:41 PM

CS

*“ I was 9 years old when my parents divorced and my mom moved us to Cahokia to be near her best friend and sister in law, Aunt Delores. Times were tough and after a while we moved in with her family and lived with them for a while. I remember feeling so scared and not understanding what was going on but Gwen (and Karren) took us under their wings and treated us like just one of the family. I remember thinking how pretty Gwen was and I would sometimes just sit and stare at her but she never once said, "Get outta here kid" Lol. She was just as pretty inside as out and the memories of the incredible love in that whole family have stayed with me and will stay with me forever. Rest in Peace Gwen, you were one of God's beautiful creations! Love you and miss you!*

**Carole Shuaib** - February 21, 2015 at 03:16 PM

JR

*“ James & Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy*



**James & Diane Rainbolt** - February 21, 2015 at 01:09 PM

JP

*“ I'm so sorry for your loss and I hope you'll be comforted by your good memories of her. I was lucky to have known Gwen. Thinking of the whole family during this difficult time!*

**Julie Phinney** - February 21, 2015 at 12:18 PM

NG

“ Sorry girls for your loss it not a easy thing to go through but praise God you all have him to lean on and know she's wonderful now.

nita gullely - February 21, 2015 at 09:30 AM

CB

“ Christi Buie lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy



Christi Buie - February 20, 2015 at 02:15 PM

SB

“ Susan Botarf lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy



susan botarf - February 20, 2015 at 01:45 PM

EK

“ Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy



Elizabeth Kerley - February 20, 2015 at 10:31 AM

HD

“ We are so sorry to hear of Gwens passing but we know that she is not suffering no more. Thank you for thinking of others during this time.

Heather Treat Memorial Directors - February 20, 2015 at 10:06 AM

RH

“ Our hearts go out to our friends and our neighbors...Love to you all.

Robin Harper-Whitehead - February 20, 2015 at 10:04 AM

CH

“ Cyndi Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy



Cyndi Hoffman - February 20, 2015 at 05:14 AM

TM

“ I remember her incredible love of animals, all animals. She was a sweet, caring, loving and funny girl/women. I remember living with the family for a while as a teenager and even though times were not always good she could always make me laugh. Wish I could have spent more time with her and will miss her. I love you Gwen, rest in peace.

Terri Smith Mercer/cousin - February 20, 2015 at 12:31 AM


KM

“ *Kara Mcgee lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy*



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**Kara mcgee** - February 20, 2015 at 12:08 AM

 Sarah Hicks

“ *I will never forget how Gwen loved me enough to be strict on me too when me&Tammy would pull our stunts. She gave the best advice that to this day I still follow. Her biggest testimony of her life resonates in her children,grandchildren&even great grandchildren. She raised loving,compassionate,but most importantly she raised multiple generations of family after Gods own heart. Her testimony of her life will forever live on through her amazing family.*



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**Sarah Hicks** - February 19, 2015 at 11:35 PM

BW

“ *Bill And Barb Warmack lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy*



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**Bill and Barb Warmack** - February 19, 2015 at 10:07 PM

JW

“ *Jill Walquist sent a virtual gift in memory of Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy*



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**Jill Walquist** - February 19, 2015 at 09:27 PM

Michelle Hester-Johns

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**Michelle Hester-Johns** - February 19, 2015 at 09:01 PM

SH

“ *Scott And Misty Harris lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy*



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**Scott and Misty Harris** - February 19, 2015 at 08:55 PM

JK

“ *Jason&Sarah King lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy*



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**Jason&Sarah King** - February 19, 2015 at 08:50 PM



“ *Gwen was such a sweet loving kind Christian women...God has gained another beautiful Angel!!!!Prayers to the family!!!*



Michelle Hester-Johns - February 19, 2015 at 08:28 PM



“ *Janet Shepherd Klover lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy*



Janet Shepherd Klover - February 19, 2015 at 08:03 PM



“ *Love and prayers.  
Lee and Carolyn Woolverton*



Carolyn Woolverton - February 19, 2015 at 07:51 PM



“ *Caleb, Callie, And Addison Baird lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy*



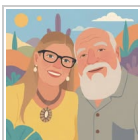
Caleb, Callie, and Addison Baird - February 19, 2015 at 07:35 PM

GE

“ *Ginger Endrizzi lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy*



**Ginger Endrizzi** - February 19, 2015 at 07:22 PM



“ *Teresa Ray Pearl lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy*



**Teresa Ray Pearl** - February 19, 2015 at 07:07 PM



*Sending hugs and prayers to your family.*

**Teresa Ray Pearl** - February 19, 2015 at 07:09 PM

CG

“ *Christina Gagon lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy*



**Christina Gagon** - February 19, 2015 at 04:30 PM

TB

“ Sending prayers to Gwen's family. She was an amazing lady. She will be missed dearly my many. Pastor Tim family



Tim & Donnie Blankenship - February 19, 2015 at 03:30 PM

SG

“ I met Gwen 1985 I was just 23 lord she left a long time impression on me that how strong women can be! She was a great mother get up and go took care if her babies with all her love and heart I will never forget her RIP Gwen

Suzanne Gaskins - February 19, 2015 at 01:10 PM

SG

“ Suzanne Gaskins lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy



Suzanne Gaskins - February 19, 2015 at 01:05 PM

SW

“ Sean Whitnel lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy



Sean whitnel - February 19, 2015 at 10:51 AM

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TK

“ Tammy King lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy



Tammy king - February 19, 2015 at 09:04 AM

CQ

“ Chris, Kim, Addison, Dallas And Quinnton lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy



Chris, Kim, Addison, Dallas and Quinnton - February 19, 2015 at 08:39 AM

CH

“ Charlie And Cindy Harner lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy



Charlie and Cindy Harner - February 19, 2015 at 08:36 AM

DK

“ *Dallas, Charlene And Krissy lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy*



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**Dallas, Charlene and Krissy** - February 19, 2015 at 08:35 AM

KB

“ *Karen And Rich Brumley lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Joyce Kennedy*



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**Karen and Rich Brumley** - February 19, 2015 at 08:27 AM