



Penny Ellen Earl

April 14, 1971 - March 29, 2026

Penny Ellen (Conklin) Earl, 54, passed away on March 29, 2026. She was born on April 14, 1971.

A celebration of life will be held on Tuesday, April 7th at 2pm at All Faiths Funeral Home with Dan Naranjo officiating. Family requests everyone wear casual clothing or something Penny made for you. Memorials suggested to the family for later designation. Condolences can be left at www.gjalfaiths.com.

Penny was united in marriage to her beloved husband, Jeff Earl of Alda, on November 20, 1992. Together, they built a life centered on love, family, and unwavering support for one another.

She is survived by her husband, Jeff Earl of Alda; her mother, Kathy Schutt of Alda; her children, Nathan (Stephanie) Earl of Wood River and Elizabeth (Billy) Whitehead of Alda; and her cherished grandchildren, Robin Jones, Landon Jones, and Mykell Earl. Penny is also lovingly remembered by many dear friends whose lives she touched deeply.

In addition to her immediate family, Penny held a special place in her heart for her honorary children: Shar and Mike Thornton, Rochelle and DeWayne Johnson, Josh and Hannah Neargarder, Sami and Josh Lambertus, and

Charlie and Miranda Gleason. She was also blessed with honorary grandchildren, Liam Johnson, Peyton Johnson, Abel Nearing, and Malcolm Nearing, each of whom brought her immense joy.

She was preceded in death by her father, Doug Conklin, and her stepfather, Duane Schutt.

Penny dedicated much of her life to her work at MNIS in Grand Island, where she was deeply committed to caring for individuals with special needs. Her compassion, patience, and genuine kindness made a lasting impact on those she served and worked alongside.

Penny will be remembered for her boundless kindness, her deep and steady love, and her unwavering support for everyone in her life. She had a natural way of showing up for others—always ready to lend a hand, offer comfort, or simply be present. Whether family, friends, or those in her care, Penny gave of herself selflessly, leaving each person feeling valued, supported, and never alone.

Penny will be remembered for her generous spirit, her fierce love for her family, and her ability to make others feel seen, valued, and cared for. Her presence will be deeply missed, but her legacy of love and compassion will continue to live on in all who knew her.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
2929 S Locust St
Grand Island, NE 68801
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<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Penny Ellen Earl.*



April 07 at 01:10 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Penny Ellen Earl.*



April 06 at 12:31 PM



“ *McCain Foods purchased the Angel's Embrace Bouquet for the family of Penny Ellen Earl.*



McCain Foods - April 05 at 09:25 PM

TJ

“ I met Penny when I started at the Post Office in Alda. We became very good friends from the start. She always brightened my mornings. I now have lost a piece of my heart. I moved to a different post office and haven't seen her for quite a while. RIP my dear friend. Love you always 💕
Terri Journey

Terri Journey - April 05 at 08:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Penny Ellen Earl.

April 05 at 01:23 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Penny Ellen Earl.



April 05 at 01:23 PM

AM

“ Ashley and Sheldon Mills purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of Penny Ellen Earl.



Ashley and Sheldon Mills - April 03 at 06:47 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Penny Ellen Earl.*



April 03 at 04:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Penny Ellen Earl.

April 03 at 04:30 PM



“ Victoria R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Penny Ellen Earl.

Victoria R. - April 03 at 02:44 PM



“ Penny always came in to Walmart with her people and had a smile for those of us who knew her, she will be greatly missed!! So very sorry for your loss!!!

Ann Kalvelage - April 02 at 11:48 AM



“ Kati Huppert & Megan Kielty purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Penny Ellen Earl.



Kati Huppert & Megan Kielty - April 02 at 09:32 AM

EF

“ *Eilers Trucking, Inc and Family purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of Penny Ellen Earl.*



Eilers Trucking, Inc and Family - April 01 at 01:12 PM

MF

“ *Mike & LeAnn Trompke and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Penny Ellen Earl.*



Mike & LeAnn Trompke and family - April 01 at 11:33 AM

SH

“ *We are so heartbroken to hear of Penny's passing. She has meant so much to our family over the past several years through the incredible care she provided to my sister, Kelly. We are deeply grateful for the love and genuine compassion she showed to Kelly and her roommates—it will never be forgotten.*

We are forever thankful for the way she gave of herself to others. May you find comfort in knowing that she truly lived out her calling on this earth, caring for others in a way that few are blessed to do. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Sarah (Eiberger) Haag

Sarah Haag - April 01 at 11:05 AM

LZ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Penny was a wonderful addition to our MNIS family for the past almost 5 years. She was so dedicated to her ladies. Just Friday she stopped by their new house to help set up their tv's, arrange furniture and put together beds. She wasn't even supposed to be working but wanted to make sure things would be just right for them when they got home from work that evening. She was a strong advocate and never held back when it came to her ladies. She will be greatly missed. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers. Laurie Z

Laurie Zimbelman - March 31 at 04:49 PM